

BUY IN GRAYSHOTT CAMPAIGN

**Business Meeting held Tues 19th October 2010 at the Fox & Pelican
Meeting commenced 6.08pm**

IN ATTENDANCE

Vivien Harrison (Grayshott Concerts), Brian Archer (Absolute Power Electrical Services), Sue Hinchcliffe (Pilgrims of Hindhead), Clive Slaughter (Grayshott Parish Council), Kim & Mark Bibby (Fox & Pelican), Myles Hill (Coop), Ken Williams & Paul Roberts (Grayshott Cricket Club), Carol Wass (Grayshott Therapies), Gillian Rawcliffe (Columbine B+B & FROGS), Graham Page & Janet O'Conner (Golden Valley Poultry & Log Station), Ruth Greenfield (Ruth Greenfield Cards), Phil Bates (Grayshott Pottery), Diana & Colin Milner-Walker (Pets on Tops), Gordon Sanderson (Scouts & St Luke's Church), Nick Chilton (Create a Star), Jonathan Tippett (Morley Tippett), Pat & Vic Hargreaves (Hargreaves Consultants Ltd), Ann Myers (Parish Council), Chris Wheeler (Lewis Wheeler Solicitors), Peter Hatch (Grayshott.com + Firkinfest), Charlotte Purcell (Lloyds Pharmacy), Aziz-Kazim (Frankies Fish & Chips), Nick Keith (Life in Haslemere), Susannah Wilson (Suzie Songtime), Rachel Coates (Grayshott Children's Theatre & PK), James George (My Little Princess), Iain Looms (Tri-Golf) and Julie Stevens (Grayshott Books).

APOLOGIES

Kemal Babur, Francis Gottesman, Mani Rai, Richard Millard, John & Julie Bevis, Barbie McSean, Anthony Daykin, Will Benson, Ian Boxall, Kevin & Caroline Kaighin, Noel & Michelle Reidy, Peter Harrison, Peter Norman, Amanda O'Brien, Bryan Buck, Sarah Evans, Moray Thomas, Jean Colvin, Ken & Janis Davey, Kerry Whistlecroft, David Philips, Samantha Lamberly, Chris Sanderson, Glen Myers, Mark Hall & Robert de Pury.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

New members welcomed to BIG included Kazi from the new Frankies Fish & Chip Shop, Susannah Wilson of Suzie Songtime and Gill Keitch of Fit for Life.

Members were reminded that the second judging of the Best Dressed Shop would be carried out within the next two months, and the Awards Dinner was planned to be at the Gurkha Durbar on Sunday 30th January, 2011.

The 6-side cricket match organised by Grayshott Cricket Club had been great fun with BIG missing out again on winning. It was pleasing to welcome their chairman, Paul Roberts, to the meeting, complete with the many trophies the club had won during the season. The meeting then went on to increase BIG's donation to them from £150 to £250.

The BIG Charity Golf Day successfully raised £860, of which £500 was donated to St Luke's Church and the balance to be set aside for Christmas Events. Thanks were received from Moray Thomas for the St Luke's donation. The official opening of the Square would be done on Saturday 4th December, with Santa arriving in his grotto that would be sited in the Square. It was hoped to get a celebrity along for the opening. Although there would be no market this year, it was hoped to have other attractions in the Square. PiG was thanked for their input and it was hoped they may come up with ideas for the added attractions. Although the opening will be around lunchtime, the definitive time was still to be finalised.

Rachel Coates was then congratulated for successfully launching a "Children's Theatre Group" during the year. Their first show in the Village Hall had been a sell-out.

Details were given regarding the closure of Headley Rd from Waggoners Way to the 5-ways cross-roads for 2/3 days from 25th October, and the F&P agreed that BIG's certificate of insurance could be displayed in the pub.

Hot of the press was the news that Grayshott had won another Village of the Year Award, which BIG had entered the village in, resulting in the Parish Council receiving a cheque for £250.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Caroline Kaighin submitted a report showing the following balances: General Fund £5,179 EGG £500
Lights Fund £1,023 Charity Golf Fund £615 Grayshott in Bloom Fund £58 TOTAL FUNDS £7,375

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Peter Hatch reported that he was now actively exploring ways, using new **content management systems**, which will enable the day to day submission of news, events and maintenance of directory pages for businesses and organisations on the Grayshott web site to be made online, and so directly into the hands of the many users.

The virtual tour of Grayshott was going reasonably well, offering local businesses the opportunity to become “hotspots” on the site. Anyone interested could get full details logging on to www.grayshott.com/virtual. Once again members were asked to check that their entry on the BIG Directory was accurate.

GRAYSHOTT CONCERTS

Vivian Harrison reported that Beethoven “Emperor” Piano Concerto held last month was another great success and went on to remind members that the world’s most renowned living composer, Karl Jenkins, will be coming to Grayshott to conduct his Christmas work (a rare event), on Friday 26th November. He will be conducting the work he released last year, “Stella Natalis”. He has also agreed to switch on the Christmas Lights for BIG prior to the performance.

She then went on to announce that the concert to be held on 12th March next year, The Lark Ascends, with the renowned violinist Tasmin Little, has had a major boost. Tasmin has planned to record The Beethoven Triple Concerto next year with pianist Howard Shelley and cellist Tim Hugh, but before doing so wanted a venue to play it live. It appears that Howard Shelley said lets do it at Grayshott. The upshot is that all three are coming down to Grayshott for the cost of one! A real major coup for Grayshott. Roll on next March.

Vivian added that all this was only made possible by the various grants and business sponsorships they got, and was very appreciative of two recent new sponsors....Chocolate Frog Furniture Company and Blue Hair & Face. Best wishes were extended to Peter Harrison for a speedy return to normal following his hip replacement. It appeared that he failed to get a grant towards the cost of it so will consider any sponsorship deal!!

GRAYSHOTT IN BLOOM

All the baskets had now been taken down following a much better display this year. It was noted that there was now very little left in the kitty, so costs would have to be carefully worked out next year with the aim of making it affordable for local businesses.

PARTY IN GRAYSHOTT (PiG)

Brian Archer reported another “Village Fun Day” was being planned for next year. It was likely to be a Sunday in June. It was hoped to make it a little more family friendly. With that in mind, any suggestions of alternative attractions would be welcomed.

Members were reminded of the Firkenfest event later this month at the Village Hall. As there was a limit on numbers, it was recommended that tickets be bought in advance. They were available at Grayshott Books.

LITTER PICK

The litter pick would be taking place on Saturday 6th November, the venue being Leete’s car park at 10.00am, finishing at 10.45am with a beverage at the Fox & Pelican. ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME. Reminders for volunteers would be sent out.

St. LUKE’S CHURCH & SCOUT GROUP

Gordon Sanderson reported that the weather for the Boundary Walk held earlier in the month had been dreadful. However, 53 people braved the elements and completed the walk. He then informed members that Grayshott Scouts were celebrating their centenary next year, having been going in Grayshott for 100 years. They were hoping to celebrate it with a special event. There was also an appeal for more helpers if anyone had a little time to contribute.

He then reported that St Luke’s were putting on a Christmas Concert, “Christmas is coming”, on Sunday 5th December and invited a business to volunteer to sponsor it. Admission on the day would be by way of a £10 donation.

The church would also be doing stamps for Christmas Card local deliveries, which would soon be available at Grayshott Books. They would also be delivering a “Church Times” to 1,400 households and would be willing to include up to eight inserts for a small fee. Any business interested to contact Gordon Sanderson directly.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Christmas Lights It was intended to switch the lights on around 5.15pm on Friday 26th November. Due to several strings of lights in need of repair with many bulbs to be replaced, it will be necessary to hire a cherry picker to carry out the work at a cost of around £500.

Carols in the Square It was reported that everything is in hand for the traditional carol singing in the Square on Christmas Eve. Following discussion it was agreed to bring the start time forward by half an hour this year, to 6.30pm, subject to the availability of our vicar.

Create a Star. Nick Chilton gave a brief account of this initiative that is currently being rolled out in Haslemere with the hope of bringing it to Grayshott next year. Full details will be circulated in due course.

Meeting Dates 2011 Jan 18th, April 19th, July 19th and Oct 18th.

A note of thanks from Grayshott Day Centre was read out saying how the donation made by BIG had enabled the group to have a special day out, enjoying a two hour lunchtime cruise on a specially adapted narrow-boat on the canal in Chichester.

Peter Hatch informed the meeting that the function room at the Social Club **was free during the day most weekdays** and was available for various functions. **It was also bookable in the evenings for fund-raising events FOC by arrangement.** He felt there was a good opportunity for groups to put on fund raising events.

Graham Page then reported that he was setting up a log station alongside Golden Valley Poultry and was now taking orders.

Clive Slaughter announced that the Parish Council would be losing three members next year and were looking for candidates to take their place. He also added that the Parish Scene would be distributed in the near future.

Meeting finished at 7.00pm with thanks to Kim & Mark
for the use of the Fox & Pelican restaurant.

**Next meeting will be
6.00pm Tuesday 18th January 2011, at the Fox & Pelican.**

In order to try and create a tidier Village, the BIG Campaign organise Litter picking sessions in the Village, and would ask anyone available to join in on the following date.

Saturday 6th November 2010

Why not put this date in your diary NOW (It's only for 45 minutes!)

Meet at Leete's car park at 10.00am

Finish in Fox & Pelican at 10.45am for a complimentary beverage.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**FIRKINFEST – Friday 29th & Saturday 30th October
at Grayshott Village Hall**

**LITTER PICK - Saturday 6th November
10.00am at Leetes Car Park**

**Christmas Light Switch on – Friday 26th November
5.15pm at Village Green**

**Stella Natalis conducted by Karl Jenkins
7.30pm Friday 26th November at St Luke's Church**

**Official Opening of the new Village Square
and arrival of Father Christmas
Lunchtime Saturday 4th December at The Square**

**“Christmas is coming” Concert
Sunday 5th December at St Luke's Church**

**Carols in the Square
6.30pm Christmas Eve**

**Grayshott Awards Dinner – Sunday 30th January 2011
Gurkha Durbar Nepalese Restaurant**

**MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE MINIMISE
THE ON-STREET PARKING OF THEIR VEHICLES
DURING THE DAY**

**THIS LEAVES AVAILABLE STREET PARKING
FOR CUSTOMERS & VISITORS PASSING THROUGH**

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**THE AGENDA WILL NORMALLY FOLLOW THE SAME FORMAT AS
PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND WILL BE ISSUED BY E-MAIL A COUPLE
OF DAYS BEFOREHAND or/and HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING.**

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NOT got your e-mail address.**

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please e-mail it to me.**

**You will then join the band
being first with the BIG news**

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