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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Proposals for the traffic calming of Crossways Road and the Surrey section of Headley Road are well advanced and a consultation / exhibition will be taking place at Grayshott Village Hall on Friday 26th February between 1pm and 7pm, continuing on Saturday 27th February between 10am and 12 noon. Crossways Road residents and those living in its offshoots will receive a letter reminding them of the date and location – ALL members of the public are urged to attend and give their views. Details will also appear on the Parish Council section of the village website (www.grayshott.com) and on the notice boards. Work on the scheme was initially intended to be completed this year, ahead of the A3 tunnel opening the following summer, however there is now an option to delay the work until after the tunnel has been open for a year, allowing traffic patterns to be observed before determining the best scheme.

At the time of writing, the Parish Council is awaiting the results of a further consultation on the sporting and recreational needs of the village, based on the sports field. As expected, the initial survey pointed to the state of the pavilion, which is near the end of its useful life.

The Parish Council values the views of residents and in order to represent them and provide, where possible, the requested facilities a Community Plan is being initiated and a small group of volunteers along with our

newly appointed Councillor, Julie Bevis will be finding ways to consult with residents on their ideas for the future of the village. If anyone would like to be part of this valuable process they would be most welcome and should contact Julie via the Council office (details on the back page).

I am pleased to say that the Grayshott Square Group and the Parish Council have the necessary funding in place to enable the refurbishment project to commence in April. This has been a long and arduous journey, and I thank all those who gave their time and effort towards the design details, the selection of materials and layout, and the many activities on The Square that the Group organised to raise funds. In this endeavour we have been fortunate to have access to experts from Hampshire County Council who produced drawings of the options determined from the consultation process, managed the contract details and organised the tender process. They are also providing a Site Manager to oversee the project to completion.

In addition the County Council have allocated a considerable sum from their Country Towns Initiative, for which we are extremely grateful.

Just before Christmas I hosted an informal reception in the Village Hall for representatives of the many voluntary organisations that help towards making Grayshott an "Award Winning Village".

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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY Grayshott Village Hall

Friday 26th March 2010
Starting at 8pm

An opportunity for you to meet and talk to your local government representatives
Annual Parish Council Report

Guest Speaker: Mr A Drake, Chair of N.E. Hampshire Magistrates Bench

Tea and Coffee will be provided by the ladies of Arthritis Care from 7:30pm

Only those who are included on the electoral role for Grayshott may vote



CHAIRMANS REPORT, CONT'D

This was initiated as a means of showing the Parish Council's appreciation of the commitment and hard work that these groups undertake for our local residents. About 50 attended, despite the arrival of the first of the winter's snow, and were able to network with other representatives to their mutual benefit.

Many residents were snowed in during January and a group of volunteers, supported by the Parish Council and the Buy in Grayshott organisation has been set up to deal with any future incidents of this nature. More details of this welcome body of community spirited individuals known as the Emergency Group Grayshott are available from Gordon Sanderson on 01428 605819 or email grondo@metronet.co.uk

Finally I would like to thank all my colleagues on the Parish Council for their support over the year,

and in particular, to our Clerk, Liz Pennick, and our new Assistant Clerk, Emma Sleigh, both of whom work extremely hard coping with an ever-increasing workload.

Central Government seems able to find more and more ingenious ways to create extra paperwork, regulations and consultations processes for us to cope with. The result is that staff hours have increased from 25 a week to 35 a week over the last 5 years – a rise of 20%!! Despite these extra demands I am pleased to say that we have been able to hold the Precept increase for 2010/11 to 0.6% over 2009/10. This equates to about 33 pence for each household for the year.

*Council Chairman: Clive Slaughter
(01428 605897)*

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

As the present financial year draws to a close at the end of March, the Policy and Resources Committee of the Parish Council have been considering how the 2009/10 budget has worked out, and are pleased to report that our spending is likely to be very close to the levels predicted in our budget. Final audited accounts will not be available for a few months yet, but there seem to have been no unpleasant surprises. That has set the background for our discussions on the precept to set for 2010/11. We were very conscious that the continuing economic situation makes it very difficult to justify any significant increase. Our reserves are currently above the level advised by our auditor and therefore we have proposed a budget only 0.6% higher than last year, confident that any unexpected price increases can be covered. Grayshott Parish Council precept will therefore rise to £59530 from £59170 last year, an increase of £360. This is the second year running that we have been able to agree to such a tiny increase, but it seems unlikely that we will be able to manage a third.

Another major item this year has been the project to refurbish The Square, and I am pleased to be able to report that Swannick Civil Engineering has now been appointed to undertake the work. The bulk of the materials has now been ordered and is due for delivery in mid April. We have a meeting on site with the contractors on 10th March to finalise start and completion dates, and all should be complete by early July. The benches, ornamental trees, electrical and water supplies have been ordered. Grayshott Pottery plaques representing the various village organisations and some representing the various funding agencies have also been ordered.

Due to the agreed tender price being less than that for which we had budgeted, we are now able to add some items that we had assumed would have to wait until further sums had been raised. We hope to order decorative lights for the four permanent trees, new lights for the annual Christmas tree, and loudspeakers for use at events.

Subject to agreement by the Co-op, we also hope to have some money towards new decorative window displays on some of the Co-op windows using photographs from the Village Archive.

A new larger notice board will also be installed adjacent to Keats side wall, but free standing.

Clearly there will be some disruption whilst all this work is undertaken, but the contractor has agreed to keep this to a minimum and to ensure access to the shops is maintained at all times. During construction we may also lose some car parking spaces from time to time. Within the next few weeks we will need to move the bench, provided by The Women's Institute, to a new home on Lyndon Green, and remove notice boards and plaques whilst awaiting their replacement. The plants in the flower beds will need to be removed, and the roses in particular will be available for new homes. Pam Lee is the person to approach if you want some roses! Grayshott Gardeners have been asked to prepare a planting plan for the new beds.

Lastly may I pay tribute to those villagers who helped out during the recent heavy snow interlude. Particularly to Charlotte who stayed in local accommodation to ensure that the Pharmacy could remain open and provided a prescription delivery service with the help of Graham Taylor and his 4-wheel drive truck! Also thanks to those villagers who turned out to help clear snow away on the Saturday morning. We have now established Emergency Group Grayshott to tackle any future such emergencies. Chaired by Gordon Sanderson and jointly funded by Buy In Grayshott, and the Parish Council, a group of volunteers is trying to prepare for future events. Gordon is preparing a list of volunteers who would be prepared to help, and would like to hear of any villagers who might need help in any future such emergency.

*P&R Chairman: Colin Thompson
(01428 607309)*

PLANNING & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Planning and Conservation Committee currently meets on the first Thursday of each month and welcomes the attendance of members of the public who may register their views on matters that are scheduled to be discussed by the Committee.

These representations are taken prior to any decisions and recommendations for approval or rejection being made at the meeting and submitted back to East Hampshire District Council.

It is also desirable, if you are not attending one of our monthly meetings, that any comments you may have are communicated to the Parish Clerk by letter, e-mail or telephone. Our consideration of plans need both adverse and positive comments to enable us to consider all shades of opinion before we reach our decisions and appropriate comments communicated to EHDC, so your involvement will be appreciated.

The Committee takes the protection of Grayshott's environment and the need to ensure adherence to the Village Design Statement extremely seriously. Plans that come to the Parish Council are subjected to detailed scrutiny with on-site visits, and where necessary, discussions with the owners of the properties.

You may all be assured that we will, wherever possible and the law allows, ensure that planning decisions are in the best interests of Grayshott residents as a whole.

Since our report last Autumn, the Committee have responded to EHDC on applications for works to properties and woodland sites in Grayshott and has had the benefit of additional input from the Grayshott Society who regularly attend our meetings and contribute to our deliberations on planning applications

We have been pleased to see members of the public attend some of our meetings, who on occasions have voiced considerable concerns about the effects some applications have to spoil our woodland settings with perceived inappropriate developments.

There have recently been two particular developments applied for along Stoney Bottom and the access from there up to Hill Road which, although they are within the Settlement Policy Boundary, are regarded as being out of keeping with other properties in the area and cause unnecessary overlooking of adjoining properties.

The national requirement for more housing developments and changes in planning law by this Government have meant that the Committee have had to reach some difficult decisions, while trying to ensure that the natural environment of affected residents is protected as best as possible. Any objections we may have to these applications where justified in terms of planning law, are vigorously pursued by our committee.

We will attend and lobby, when necessary, the EHDC North Area Planning Committee's meetings in Alton where our opinions are heard by all the Local District Councillors assembled there. It should be borne in mind that if there are more than 5 recorded objections submitted to EHDC in total, the plans are submitted to the North Area Committee, who have the Planning Officers in attendance, for review and final decision. Any 1 nominated objector may address the Committee for 3 minutes to voice their opinion, as can 1 supporter. The meetings are open to the public.

Finally, I wish to thank the Planning Department at EHDC and our County and District Councillors for their involvement in addressing the planning issues we bring to their attention, and to all of my Committee members, for the time and commitment they make to this most important and varied part of Parish Council business.

*P&C Chairman: Chris Jones
(01428 604449)*

**VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN
Saturday 27th March at 10am**

**Meet at the
Headley Road Car Park
Please come for an hour or so and help tidy up Grayshott**

Equipment supplied

Refreshments after at the Fox & Pelican



RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Due to the difficult weather we suffered at the beginning of January, the Xmas tree in the square was not taken down until the 17th of January. This will be the last tree to be placed in the middle of the Square as the redevelopment of the Square is due to start in April. The Xmas tree for next year will be positioned at the front of the Square.

The extreme weather conditions and several pipe laying exercises have degraded our roads badly in several places. Highways have been informed and have promised to take appropriate action in due course.

The bus shelters at Lyndon Green and the Waggoners bend have been refurbished, and now match the condition and appearance of the shelter that was replaced last year.

We will soon have the use of Speed Limit Recorders as part of a share scheme with Headley and Kingsley. These will be placed in the village at suitable points for part of the time as a reminder to drivers to keep within the speed limits. In the previous trial we had several thousand 'hits' showing that many vehicles were exceeding the speed limits!

In December, the Grayshott Sports and Recreation committee produced a consultation leaflet for every resident explaining the ideas and options being considered for the future of sports and recreation in Grayshott. A number of responses have been received from residents expressing some reservations about the plans, but there have also been several constructive ideas and all these concerns and ideas have all been duly considered in the preparations for a public exhibition and consultation being held on the 27th of February at the Grayshott Social Club.

Allotments, it seems, are getting popular. We have a waiting list of twelve people who have declared their interest, therefore the Parish Council will be preparing ten new allotments at Beech. In addition, the Parish Council will be consulting with neighbours and plot holders on the subject of allowing Bee Keeping on an area close to the Beech allotments.

Litter continues to gather around the village from time to time and if it was not for the voluntary efforts of BIG in their regular litter pick we would have a major problem. Why do people scatter litter without thought when there are adequate waste bins around the village?

All the children's play areas remain in good order, however the litter bin in the Lyndon Green play area required replacing. A member of our community made a donation to cover the extra cost of installing a novelty litter bin, in the shape of a bear, to encourage youngsters in the habit of disposing of their litter thoughtfully.

The Skate Park is also in good order, but from time to time litter accumulates despite a regular cleaning operation and two litter bins being close by! To try and reduce the problem, we have moved one of the bins into the Skate park compound.

As the A3 tunnel project continues towards its 2011 completion, the various traffic authorities continue to explore traffic calming. At the time of writing Hampshire have proposed two options for Crossways Road (a third option is to not install traffic calming) and are holding a public consultation at Grayshott Village Hall on the 26th and 27th of February. We have recently been informed that the funding can now be ring-fenced, allowing traffic flow to be studied for up to a year after the tunnel has opened before installing any scheme. Apart from the roundabout at the old A3 junction, we still do not know what is being proposed by the highways department for Surrey for the Surrey part of the Headley Road.

Meetings of the R&A committee are held bimonthly and are open to members of the public as is usual with all council meetings.

*R & A Chairman: Roy Fudge
(01428 609264)*



Who?
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**Keep up to date with all the latest
Grayshott Parish Council news on
www.grayshott.com**

Emergency Group Grayshott

The Emergency Grayshott Group or EGG are looking for volunteers to help maintain access to key facilities in Grayshott during extreme weather.

EGG will source and provide snow clearing equipment and salt grit for volunteers to use. EGG volunteers equipped with 4x4's will also be available to help vulnerable and elderly residents who can't get out to get food supplies, etc

If you would like to volunteer or need help in a time of crisis please contact EGG co-ordinator:

Gordon Sanderson 01428 605819

EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

It's been a remarkable 6 months for me since the previous issue of Grayshott Scene! For anyone who has missed the news, I am no longer the Leader of the District Council. I am, however, still the ward Councillor for Grayshott and I'm using a substantial amount of my new free time on village projects, some of which I summarise below.

One of the biggest District Council activities over the past six months has been the publication of the draft Core Strategy of the Local Development Framework. This tongue twisting and arcane title refers to the District Council's strategic plan for housing development across the District up to 2026. It's an important document and I have urged everyone to get involved with it in my web newsletters and the previous issue of Grayshott Scene.

I hired the Church Rooms on 4th January and held a village meeting to discuss the proposals for Grayshott. The meeting was extremely well attended and there was a superb debate, followed by some excellent representations to the Council. Grayshott has provided overwhelmingly the largest number of responses to the draft document, so thank you very much for your efforts on this controversial subject.

Whilst the snow was a dreadful inconvenience (and worse) to many people, it certainly revived the sense of community with most of us walking everywhere because we couldn't drive and being rewarded with lots of lovely conversations! Even more than that, the efforts of many to help others in difficulty has led to the creation of Emergency Group Grayshott, (EGG).

EGG had its inspiration from the great work done by Will Lanham-New, of the locally based Rezurgence organisation, who organised four wheel drive help for those who needed assistance, and from the contact group that I set up to put owners of four wheel drive vehicles in touch with people who were stranded. EGG, headed up by Gordon Sanderson, intends to establish a similar scheme on a permanent basis so that it is ready to roll into action when needed. BIG and the Parish Council have already provided support by providing a grant to purchase snow clearing equipment and a push-along gritter.

The person who promoted the idea, Anna Lubelska, has followed this up with another suggestion, which is to co-ordinate and target assistance from local charities, volunteer groups and organisations to those in our village who are the most needy. I am helping Anna to launch the concept, (called Grayshott Support Network) in April and following that meeting there should be a lot more to tell.

Surprisingly, given the recession, there have been quite a few planning applications in Grayshott. As a general rule we rarely suffer from a notably bad planning decision, (although I admit there are a couple in the village that still rankle with me!!!).

Decisions taken by EHDC over the past few months have consistently respected our rural nature and the principles of the Village Design Statement. However it is always difficult to resist small development in the built up area of the village because the law presumes that development will be permitted. As a result there has to be a convincing case that the development will actually harm the village if approved and this is hard to do. In the countryside away from the built up area, the balance of proof is the other way around. Having said all that, I have been successful in reducing the scale of most of the larger proposals for the built up area of Grayshott so that their impact is reduced. I'm working on increasing the quantity of homes that have special protection from infill development, often called "garden grabbing", because it's that kind of development that causes the most upset.

Back in August we welcomed our new Police Constable, (called a Beat Manager these days), Kirsty Langridge at a village centre event I organised just by The Square. Kirsty joins PCSO Jim Leggat to help reduce crime and the fear of crime locally and in Grayshott we are lucky to benefit from this level of resourcing at a time when Police finances are seriously stretched. You can always meet Jim or Kirsty in the Police Office in the Headley Road car park on the days displayed on the door or on the village website.

I'm very excited to have varying degrees of involvement in many Grayshott projects such as The Square, the Traffic Calming project and the Sports and Recreation Study and I know these are written up by the leaders of those projects in this newsletter.

It never ceases to amaze me how vibrant is our village, how many people are willing to come forward as volunteers and how many great ideas just keep on coming forward. The volunteers I have mentioned here and numerous others who are unsung heroes, (not to forget our excellent Parish Council), really form the heart muscle that pumps life into our fabulous village. Fortunately we are a village that is very good at saying "thank you" to them and I'm sure this dynamic is what makes Grayshott so successful year after year.

As ever, if you have any queries, please contact me

Cllr. Ferris Cowper
EHDC District Councillor for the Ward of Grayshott
(01428 609858 or email: fcowper@aol.com)



COMMUNITY NOTICES

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A monthly drop-in surgery is held at the Headley Road car park office, when I will be available to give help or advice on any police related issues. The next four dates are **March 11th, April 8th, May 6th and June 1st, from 2pm-3pm.**

If you have any concerns please contact PC Kirsty Langridge or PCSO Jim Leggat at Whitehill Police Station, Petersfield Road, Whitehill, GU35 9BX.

You can report incidents of vandalism, anti-social behaviour or other non-urgent matters to the police by dialling **101**. In emergencies you should still call **999** and ask for the **POLICE**

Jim Leggat, PCSO 12223

Tel 02380 426019 or 07963 146720 (please do not leave a message if you get answer service), or e-mail james.leggat@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

GRAYSHOTT LIBRARY

Grayshott is one of the very few villages in the country that has a permanent library. Situated to the left of the Village Hall in Headley Road, Grayshott Library is open to all members of the public who live, work or study in Hampshire and Surrey.

Not only can you borrow books for free, you can also borrow DVDs, videos and CDs for a very small charge. You can even book a session on the computers and use the internet.

The Library is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am - 1pm then 2pm - 5pm and on Fridays from 2pm to 7pm.

THE GRAYSHOTT SOCIETY

Grayshott Society is on a number of village committees and organisations such as The Square Committee, the Save the Undershaw team and BIG. We attend meetings of the Parish Council, Recreation and Amenities committee and Planning and Conservation committee. We comment on those planning issues, which caused us and our members concern.

We continue to support the Parish Council in its efforts to enlarge the Conservation Area and take an active interest in the issue of traffic calming and pedestrian safety.

And finally – If you are not already a member to consider joining The Grayshott Society, it is a great way to support the village with as much or as little involvement as you wish.

If you are not yet a member please contact Membership secretary Mary Seabourne, Firlands, Crossways Road, Grayshott GU26 6HL email maryseabourne@aol.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Grayshott Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was set up in November 1988. Since then it has gone on from strength to strength, contributing to Grayshott having one of the lowest crime rates in the country.

The aim of the scheme is to encourage neighbours to support each other by the circulation of information on criminal activity within the local area.

We are currently looking for volunteers prepared to become co-ordinators in the Village and surrounding area. If you think you can help in this important community role, please contact us.

Contact Geoffrey G Lee

(01428 604947 or

Email legeoffrey@birches77.freeserve.co.uk)

GRAYSHOTT SCENE

Published by the Grayshott Parish Council every six months, Grayshott Scene is intended to inform residents of the civil parish of what is happening in the community, and to stimulate discussion.

The On-Line version of Grayshott Scene can be accessed via the village website: www.grayshott.com. Printed copies of Grayshott Scene are available from The Post Office, Grayshott Books, The Library, Applegarth Farm, The Fox & Pelican, The Social Club and the Pottery.

Deliveries of printed copies can be arranged for those people who make a specific request to the Parish Council by: a) Phoning us on 01428 606510, b) Writing or c) Emailing grayshottpc@btconnect.com

You may also email subscriptions@grayshott.com to request a weekly What's On email bulletin which will include a link to the Grayshott Scene twice a year

Grayshott Scene is non-political, and the editor welcomes articles from 'not-for-profit' local organisations for publication. Societies, clubs and organisations that reinvest income in facilities, etc., 'for the benefit of their members' are usually considered 'not-for-profit'.

Articles submitted for publication will be subject to approval from the Chairman of the Parish Council to ensure that they are suitable for publication. Entries may be edited for length.

Please forward contributions for publication to:

Steve Georgii, Editor, Grayshott Scene at email: steve.georgii@harlequinhouse.com or

Mrs Liz Pennick, Clerk to the Parish Council, The Village Hall, Headley Road, Grayshott, GU26 6TZ (email: grayshottpc@btconnect.com)

**Articles for the Autumn 2010 issue
should be submitted by
14th September 2010**

GRAYSHOTT VILLAGE HALL

In the last edition of Grayshott Scene I reported that we had just taken delivery of a magnificent set of new crockery, kindly donated by Grayshott Pottery. Since September we have also replaced all of our wine and beer glasses and have invested in a number of large colanders, thereby completing the kitchen refurbishment project that we started in 2008.

Thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council we have embarked on a number of energy saving projects. In January the loft areas of the Village Hall were insulated and users of the upstairs rooms have already commented on how much warmer they feel. As I write we are in the process of having a new, high efficiency, boiler fitted to heat the upstairs area. It is hoped that this will produce considerable cost savings, as well as better comfort levels for users, as it will no longer be necessary to run the large main boilers when only the upstairs rooms are in use. For the future we are investigating programmable thermostats for the main and small halls so that the temperature can be automatically varied at different times of the day depending on the usage of the halls.

The Management Committee has been aware for some time that the disabled toilet facilities at the Village Hall are far from satisfactory, as the area has to double as storage space for tables and chairs. Thanks to local architect, John Campbell-Claus, we now have detailed plans drawn-up to remodel the whole toilet area to create more appropriate disabled toilet facilities and segregate the storage space. The Management Committee is currently exploring grants and hopes to move ahead as soon as funding is available.

Finally, while well used, the Village Hall continues to have some slots free in its diary and is an ideal venue for wedding receptions and other family events as well as providing facilities for many clubs and societies. Full details are on our website (www.grayshottvillagehall.co.uk) or can be obtained from our booking secretary, Graham Pullen (01428 712296).

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Booking Secretary, Graham Pullen (01428 712296)
www.grayshottvillagehall.com*

GRAYSHOTT VILLAGE ARCHIVE

The Archive was set up by volunteers in 2002 to celebrate the centenaries of Grayshott Parish Council and Grayshott Village Hall with the express purpose of researching and recording (in appropriate media) the story of the growth of this remarkable village of Grayshott - be it photos, maps, property deeds, personal memories, anecdotes, records - in fact anything which brings the story to life for present and succeeding generations.

The work of the Archive continues and to date we have over 200 files of information. A number of these have been summarised in articles that are readily accessible via our web-site www.grayshott-archive.org.uk.

The most recent article covers the history of the Band of Mercy in Grayshott. This national movement was founded in the late 1890's and dedicated to the care of animals, especially domestic and working animals. This work has been researched by Committee member Brian Tapp whose main source of information was copies of the Grayshott Parish Magazine from those times. A selection of other Archive items may also be viewed on a dedicated computer terminal in Grayshott Village Library.

Occasionally we receive a number of requests from people living outside Grayshott for information and/or help in matters of research. One very recent enquiry came from two different people (one in England and one in Canada) about Margaret Sarah Whitefoot who had been resident in Grayshott. It was discovered that she was born in Alton and died in Grayshott Nursing Home, Boundary Road (now Holmes Court) in 1983. Further investigation revealed that she had a stage and film career under the name of "Margie Morris" and in her day was very popular in the Netherlands. There is an article dedicated to her on the internet,

via Google and although in Dutch Google does provide a translation facility. This item is ongoing at the present.

Perhaps many of you saw the display of past photographs, designed and mounted by Richard Peskett and Brian Tapp, in the windows of Keats in The Square at Christmas time. This engendered considerable interest, not to mention surprise, for some. We must express our thanks to Andrew Meehan for making his windows available to us.

Brian Tapp heads up the 'Friends of Grayshott Archive', which now has over 40 members and has enjoyed some interesting meetings on various topics related to the work of the Archive. The next meeting is scheduled for late spring. Look out for the date which will be published on our web-site and around the Village. Do contact Brian if you wish to become a Friend of the Archive (01428 606548).

Our AGM will also take place probably in May when there will be reports on the year's work and the presentation of accounts.

The Archive is in immediate need of a Registrar to take charge of maintaining our records. If you feel you have the time to help us in this post, please contact our Secretary Dr David Barrett for more details on 01428 606201 (or E-mail dwatrish2.barrett@btinternet.com). After nearly 8 years as Secretary, David will retire at the next AGM and we shall need to replace him. Again we hope that an appropriate person will volunteer to come forward so that the work of the Archive can continue

*Dennis Lusby, Chairman, Grayshott Village Archive
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www.grayshott-archive.org.uk*



ARTHRITIS CARE

Singing 'Carols in the Square' on Christmas Eve has always been a joyful occasion for folks in and around Grayshott. B.I.G. chose Arthritis Care to be one of the two charities to benefit from everyone's generosity at the 2009 gathering. The money will be used towards paying for our monthly speakers/entertainers and the cost of transport. We wish to thank everyone who donated and particularly the B.I.G. team for considering us and for their work in organising the event, collecting the money and counting all the loose change!!

Arthritis Care is open to everyone. Our meetings are meant to be happy occasions with interesting speakers on a variety of subjects, but seldom medical or serious. We meet at 2.00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at Grayshott Village Hall, except in June and December, when we gather at 12 noon and enjoy a home produced meal followed by live entertainment. Our subscription is £14 per year (£21 for a couple) and we also raise money from our monthly raffles and sales table. Transport can be provided from the Headley and Liphook areas as well as here in Grayshott. Visitors are always welcome, except for the meals which are sold by ticket and strictly for members only.

So, call in and see if you could benefit from an afternoon away from home but in good company, for a talk/slideshow/entertainment lasting about an hour and the chance to meet and chat over a cup of tea, sandwich and cake.

*For more information call
Sybil Saunders (01428 605002)*

MOVIES IN GRAYSHOTT

Movies in Grayshott has enjoyed somewhat of a renaissance since moving to a bi-monthly wednesday evening slot. The size of the audiences at Grayshott Village Hall has steadily risen, with many ticket sales on the door.

Unfortunately the showing of Creation in January had to be cancelled due to the heavy snow, but the weather should be much better for **Morris, A Life with Bells On**, which is being screened on 17th March at Grayshott Village Hall.

Movies in Grayshott is a not for profit organisation that was set up to bring the cinema into the village. Films are projected onto a cinema quality wide screen using a digital, high definition, light processor. The audio is handled by a four speaker sound system and broadcast through a hearing aid loop system.

Refreshments and a bar are available before the performance and during the interval, allowing the audience to relax and watch a film with a glass of wine, cup of tea, or the traditional tub of ice cream.

*For more information, please contact:
Barbie McSean 01428 606922
(email: barbie@moviesingrayshott.com)*

GRAYSHOTT GARDENERS

Despite the snowy start to the New Year Grayshott Gardeners are embracing another action packed gardening year ahead.

Of particular interest, the G.G's are delighted to be hosting two prestigious key note lectures starting with Pippa Greenwood on 12th May. Pippa is best known for her expertise on Garden Pest and Diseases, on which she will speak, and is a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4 Gardeners Question Time, arguably the best gardening information broadcast available.

The second key note lecture will be given by Jekka McVicar on 8th September. Jekka is 'Queen of Herbs' being the UK's leading organic Herb Grower and holder of 62 RHS Gold Medals.

Both of these events will take place in Grayshott Village Hall. Doors opening at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start and visitors are warmly welcome at a charge of £5.00 per person per event. There will be no charge for members. Places are limited so please call Karen Flood on 01428 605032 to reserve your place.

The G.G.'s are your local gardening club, founded in 1905, and is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society. It aims to encourage the practice of gardening and offers a range of social and formal activities to those interested in gardening. Members receive a discount card for use at local gardening suppliers which means that the £10 membership fee is quickly redeemed.

In addition to the seven talks this year members will also partake in practical workshops on garden techniques, the first being in March on Propagating Perennials. There are also trips to gardens of interest with a coach outing to Pashley Manor and Merriments gardens in Sussex on 6th July. Anyone wishing to book onto these events should contact Karen Flood for further details.

The G.G.'s are keen to contribute to the life of the village and its community. Currently we maintain the War Memorial Garden, encourage the participation in gardening of the children at Grayshott Primary School and are responsible for the planting of pots that you may see dotted about the village. We are delighted to have been invited by the Grayshott Square Group to put forward a planting plan for the new beds that will be incorporated into the Square redevelopment, soon to be started, and along with other community groups have contributed to a commemorative tile for the Square.

So if your garden is looking somewhat cold and dejected following all the miserable weather we have been having recently, why not come along to Grayshott Gardeners next event on Wednesday 10th March at the Village Hall at 7.30pm for a talk on 'Unusual Hardy Perennials'. We guarantee you a warm welcome.

*For more information contact:
Anne Waddell, Membership Secretary
(01428 604714)*

GRAYSHOTT DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

Grayshott DFAS meets on the first Thursday of each month, between September and June, at 2pm in the Village Hall. The lectures cover a wide range of subjects from individual artists to architecture and from literature to music. Being a member of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies, gives access to an unrivalled selection of specialist speakers.

After the summer break members enjoyed a stimulating lecture by Charles Beauclerk in which he probed the true identity of Shakespeare. Discussions continued long after he had presented his theory on the identity of the playwright and there is already a lot of interest in his book, on the subject, due out in April. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is one of the best known Greek myths and Lois Oliver's lecture on this story of love and loss proved impressive and wonderfully entertaining.

In recognition of the Fortieth Anniversary of NADFS, Grayshott DFAS adopted a Marianne North painting, as part of the restoration scheme for the gallery at Kew Gardens. In conjunction with this and in preparation for a visit to the Gallery, the society welcomed the renowned expert on Marianne North, The Hon. Laura Ponsonby, who gave a fascinating lecture on this unique artist, botanist and globetrotter.

As ever, the programme for the forthcoming months offers an eclectic mix - ranging from 'Theatrical Personalities of the 20th century' to 'Botticelli - 500 Years' and from 'Stonehenge and the British Stone Circle' to 'The Landscapes of Gustav Mahler'.

The Society organises several visits during the year and members enjoyed special tours of Winchester

College and Cathedral, as well as a very interesting and memorable visit to Lancing College and Firle Place.

In 2010, as well as a visit to the Marianne North Gallery and Kew Gardens, a guided walk along the Thames and a visit to the Towner gallery and Farley Farm, home of the Surrealists, are planned. These visits are in conjunction with a Study Day and a lecture respectively.

The highlight of this year promises to be our coach tour to Derbyshire. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see some of our greatest houses, enjoy the landscape and share in the celebration of Grayshott DFAS's Twentyfifth Anniversary, with a gala Dinner planned on the final evening.

Study Days are always a popular element in our programme. Members welcomed the local input to a very informative Study Day on 'The History of English Furniture'. The Study Day on 'Church Textiles, Vestments and Linen, postponed from earlier in the year, proved well worth the wait. This year, the Study Day on "Old Father Thames" by Andrew Davies, as forerunner to the visit is eagerly anticipated. As is the Watercolour Workshop, when our Young Art Representative, Hester Whittle, will show how everyone can learn to paint!

If you are interested in finding out more about Grayshott DFAS, then please come along to one of our meetings as a visitor. You will find details on our website www.nadfasatgrayshott.org.uk, the village website and on various village notice boards.

For further information please contact Mrs Jan Gale (01428 604711)

THE GRAYSHOTT STAGERS

The The Grayshott Stagers Spring production is the rock musical Little Shop of Horrors.

Written by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, it tells the story of a hapless shop worker, Seymour – played by Will Forde, who raises a plant that feeds on human blood. The musical is based on the low budget 1960's black comedy film directed by Roger Corman.

The music is composed by Menken in the style of early 1960's rock and roll, doo-wop and early Motown, and includes several show-stoppers including 'Skid Row (Downtown)', 'Somewhere That's Green' and 'Suddenly, Seymour', as well as the title song.

We extend a warm welcome to Simon Law as director. Although it is Simon's first outing with the Stagers he has directed for a number of other groups both locally and nationally as well as being a professional musician. Tony McIntee takes on the role of Musical Director.

The cast includes many new faces: Claire Rivers (Audrey), Paul Bailey (Orin), The Voice (David Chant),

Linnet Onslow and Amy Turner (Urchins) together with the familiar faces of Bob Fells (Mushnick), Laura Musco (Urchin) and Adam Coyte (The Plant).

Performances, at Grayshott Village Hall, are on April 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th April 2010 and tickets cost £10.00.

Once again, the Nepalese restaurant, The Gurkha Durbar, has joined forces with The Grayshott Stagers to offer a £5.00 discount to those buying tickets in advance on a meal for two at this highly rated Nepalese restaurant on the Headley Road in Grayshott.

Those wishing to take part in this offer can purchase tickets from Grayshott Books (01428 60 4798) from 22nd March. Tickets are always available on the door, but theatregoers will not be able to benefit from this offer unless the tickets are purchased in advance.

Peter Budd, Grayshott Stagers (01428 605464) or Tony Legatt (email: tony@grayshottstagers.co.uk)



GRAYSHOTT FLOWER CLUB

The programme for Grayshott Flower Club is booked for the next twelve months and should appeal to existing, new members and visitors alike. We try to move with the times and this is reflected in our choice of demonstrators. With a mixture of traditional and new innovative ideas in the flower arranging world, it is always good to welcome new demonstrators to the club but we also look forward to the return of 'old favourites' who we have enjoyed in the past. We also run inhouse workshops which are always fun and a good way of meeting other members of the Club.

We still continue to arrange flowers for Church Festivals, Concerts and local weddings, both at the church and reception venues.

Why not check out our full programme on the Grayshott web site, in the library or outside the Village Hall?

We meet the first Wednesday in the month in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7.15pm. for a 7.45p.m. start. For a small charge you can come along as a visitor to see if you enjoy the evening before you join as a member. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd March when Katie Baxter will be giving her demonstration 'Bring me Sunshine'. Our AGM is on the 7th April.

For further information please contact Mrs Sue Byrne (01428 608562 or email: sandabyrne@talktalk.net)

HASLEMERE RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

If you enjoy listening to classical music and talking with like-minded people in a friendly and relaxing environment, why not come along to a meeting of the Haslemere Recorded Music Society?

The Society meets on alternate Fridays (September to May) at Shottermill Hall, in the grounds of Holy Cross Hospital, Hindhead Road, Haslemere.

Our meetings run from 7.45 pm to 10.00 pm, when we listen to programmes of recorded classical music with occasional forays into jazz and light music. There is a break in the proceedings for coffee and biscuits and a chance to chat in the warm and convivial location which has excellent adjacent parking facilities.

Last season, we enjoyed a very successful annual reunion with other music societies from Guildford, Godalming and Bookham at Grayshott Village Hall on 2nd May, organised by the Haslemere RMS featuring a splendid lunch followed by a recital given by the Dolmetsch Ensemble. Tea was followed with a special cake to celebrate our Society's Golden Anniversary.

Details of the new season's programme is available from Grayshott Library and St Luke's Church, Grayshott.

Our subscription is currently £20 per annum.

For further information, please contact Roger Saunders H&DRMS Chairman (01428 605002).

GRAYSHOTT SOCIAL CLUB

Grayshott Social Club, which celebrated its Centenary in 2005, has always been a central point of the local Grayshott community. It is a non-profit making establishment, owned by the members for the benefit of the members, and as such offers exceptional value as a meeting place for all manner of sociable occasions.


The extensive facilities that the club offers include; the main bar, a snooker room containing two full sized snooker tables, a pool room, and the outside seating area.

In addition, there is a large function room which regularly hosts a variety of entertainments for members and their guests (it can additionally be hired by members for private parties).

The main bar and function room both have large screen TVs showing Sky Sports, enabling the screening of popular sporting events, Premiership Football, International Rugby, Golf, etc. There are plans to install a High Definition digital video projector and large screen in the function room for special sporting events.

If you wish to visit the club to find out more, please take the opportunity to pop in and acquaint yourself with 'Hampshire Village of the Year's Best Kept Secret'. The club premises are situated half-way down Hill Road on the left hand side.

Grayshott Social Club (01428 604041)



**Who?
What?
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The definitive guide to news, events, businesses and organisations in Grayshott

Grayshott.com is the one-stop-shop for information on what is happening in and around Grayshott.

Featuring local organisations and businesses, with links to their own websites, the website provides an on-line diary of local events, Parish Council notices and minutes, local news, photographs and much more. You can even subscribe to the free weekly e-newsletter to make sure you don't miss anything.

If you run a local business, organisation, club or society, or if you are planning an event, and would like to be included on your local website, please submit your details on-line at www.grayshott.com, or email Peter (info@grayshott.com)

www.grayshott.com



Handel's Messiah

*Performed by Excelsis
20th March*

Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto

*Performed by Martin Smith
15th May*

Beethoven's Emperor Piano Concerto

*Performed by Howard Shelley
11th September*

*All performances are held at
St Lukes Church, Grayshott*

More information from
Vivien Harrison 01428 606666
www.grayshottconcerts.com

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Grayshott Gardeners

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from BBC Radio 4's 'Gardeners Question Time'

Wednesday 12th May

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Holder of 62 RHS Gold Medals.

Wednesday 9th December

*All lectures at Grayshott Village Hall
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*Members – Free, Visitors £5.00
Annual Membership £10*

*Membership Secretary
Mrs Anne Waddell, 01428 604714*



**Sunday 20th June 2010 from
12:00 noon to 7:00pm**

**PiG are pleased to announce the
return of Grayshott's Midsummer
celebrations**

**Carnival Procession, Live Music,
Entertainment,
Fun Fair, and Food and Drink stalls**

**The Sunday Funday is free, but please give
generously when the buckets come round**



YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Government in this parish is exercised at three levels:

PARISH COUNCIL:

Clerk to the Council: Liz Pennick
 Assistant Clerk: Emma Sleigh
 Address: The Council Office, The Village Hall, Headley Road, Grayshott, GU26 6TZ
 Telephone: 01428 606510 (email: grayshottpc@btconnect.com)
 Opening Hours: 10am to 12 noon on Tuesday and Thursday
 (at other times please telephone and leave a message, the Council will call back).
 Council meetings: Second Monday of each alternate month beginning in January (Jan/Mar/May/Jul/Sep/Nov) in the Council Office at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified.
 Committee meetings: As notified on the Parish Council Notice Board at the Village Hall and on the public notice board in Headley Road on the side wall of 9 The Square. These meetings commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified.
 Council and Committee meetings are open to the public for observation and listening. However, participation in discussion is by invitation only.

DISTRICT COUNCIL:

East Hampshire District Council, Penns Place, Durford Road, Petersfield (Tel: 01730 266551).
 District Councillor: Cllr. Ferris Cowper, 79 Kingswood Firs, Grayshott, Hants. GU26 6EX
 (email: fcowper@aol.com Tel: 01428 609858)

COUNTY COUNCIL:

Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester (Tel: 01962 841841) www.easthants.gov.uk
 County Councillor: Cllr. Sam James, Yew House, Rectory Lane, Bramshott, Liphook Hants GU30 7SJ
 (email: sam.james@hants.gov.uk Tel: 01428 723002)

THE GRAYSHOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mr C A Slaughter, 9 St Austins, Crossways Road, Grayshott Tel: 01428 605897
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