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At the Temple of the Four Winds Hindhead Common

DEAR GRAYSHOTT - JEREMY HASWELL

The autumn is marching on, and the pace of events has increased, the balmy hot days seem long gone. The clocks go back at the end of the month (Sunday 25th) so the evenings draw in quicker. Gardeners have a lot to get on with clearing up after the Summer, preparing winter crops, collecting seeds from hardy perennials, planning ahead planting spring bulbs for colour next year. And this month we celebrate St Luke's Saint's day as our Patronal festival on 18th. To keep an eternal perspective and avoid letting our circumstances drag us down, St Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5 encourages us with the simple words 'In everything give thanks'. Here I celebrate our village life.



We are very grateful to all our contributors, Helen our editor has to select pieces from those offered. In this edition there is a piece by Gordon about his beautiful garden being so affected by the drought, and an interview about his life. There is a very powerful piece on how stammering was overcome by another Helen, one about phone security and our younger writers Ryder and Mihai also contribute.

As I reflect on the extraordinary range of activities happening in the village, I see multiple hubs with many gifted people contributing to village life, linking people together. There are all the clubs: gardening, dramatic, artistic, musical, and educational, encouraging both appreciation and active participation. Grayshott Concerts brings world class music to St Luke's and then there are our council led activities, as well as our business owners and restaurants strengthening the community. St Luke's Church, Grayshott Village Hall, the Fox and Pelican, Social Club and British Legion, and the Kindness Café all provide opportunities to gather. Grayshott Pottery's influence goes far and wide. Our schools, Scouts and St Luke's youth club care for children, care homes care for the elderly and the Surgery and Fire service look after us all. I am always impressed by the quality of leadership and enterprise across all of this activity. Thank you to everyone working so hard, enriching our lives.

As the evenings get darker, please don't feel cut off or lonely. This magazine is full of information on how to connect, do pick up your phone and enquire! For your spiritual needs St Luke's is here. With so much available, just do it. As ever, a very warm welcome awaits you at any of our services. Just come!

With love from Jeremy and Claire.

GRAYSHOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Community Consultation – Thank You

Grayshott Parish Council would like to thank everyone who took part in the recent consultation on the proposed acquisition of several community assets from East Hampshire District Council, including the three village car parks and the public conveniences. Your feedback is vital in helping the Council understand the community's priorities and concerns.

All responses are now being carefully analysed, and a detailed report will be presented to Full Council on **18 October**, where councillors will consider whether to proceed with the acquisition. East Hampshire District Council will also need to make a formal decision on its side before any transfer can take place.

We will continue to keep residents informed as this work progresses. To receive updates directly, please sign up to our online newsletter at: www.grayshott-pc.gov.uk/sign-up

Response to September's Letter: Road Safety in Grayshott

We would also like to respond to the letter published in the September edition of this magazine regarding pedestrian safety in the village centre.

Grayshott Parish Council shares residents' concerns about road safety and is actively working to influence improvements. Our Traffic Calming Working Group regularly considers ways in which the Council can support safer roads, including both advocacy and direct implementation where appropriate.

Following the removal of the build out near the Village Hall last summer, the Working Group recently met with Hampshire Highways and our County Councillor, Cllr Curnow Ford, to discuss further measures that could help reduce vehicle speeds and improve pedestrian safety. Hampshire Highways has agreed to take forward the ideas raised and assess their feasibility and affordability.

We hope to provide more concrete updates in the near future and remain committed to working with partners to make Grayshott's roads safer for all.

Serena Thompson
Parish Clerk & RFO



TIME TO HEAL

Twenty years ago, I received a telephone call from a former colleague at a previous employer. She was passing on a message that a relative was in a local hospital and was seriously ill. It turned out to be the brother I had grown up with but not been in touch with for the previous eight years. It was a breakdown in a relationship which, whilst not being especially close, did have some affection and respect attached to it.



I am drawn back to this history by the ongoing estrangement of the two princes, William and Harry, and the latter's more recent return to the UK. No doubt such breakdowns are common in families and many will have had or are currently experiencing one. For William and Harry, of course, theirs is being played out in public and, as such, the subject of both intrigue and comment. It seems inevitable now that the stakes are being raised in this display of disunity in the Royal Family and increased media attention likely to damage the institution further. None of the ensuing public discourse is likely to be helpful in providing a basis for even the beginnings of a reconciliation. A meaningful start can only be made by the behaviours of both sides that indicate a willingness to engage in a healing process. We should not expect that process to be a short one.

In my case it took eight years before a reconciliation of sorts was achieved and only in the last hours of my brother's life. We never got to any discussion of how we managed to allow a misunderstanding between us to keep us apart for that time. Not being able to work through those differences and re-establish a relationship is a source of eternal regret. Too late for me then but not for William and Harry.

John Frankcom

GRAYSHOTT HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Major Milestone Reached Ahead of Schedule

Trustees and staff of Grayshott & District Housing Association were delighted to visit the Beech Hanger Road development site, where three new affordable homes are currently being built.

The project is being self-funded by the Housing Association through a substantial loan, supported by two grants for soft landscaping from local county councillor Cllr Curnow-Ford and Hidden Gardens of Grayshott.

Construction began last autumn and, thanks in part to the fine weather this summer, work is progressing ahead of schedule. This week, trustees celebrated the completion of the roofs, which incorporate both solar panels and specially designed bat roosting tiles to support local wildlife.

Traditionally, reaching this stage of construction was marked by a "topping out" ceremony, in which greenery was placed in a chimney to ward off evil spirits and bring good fortune. While modern homes rarely feature chimneys, the occasion still represents an important milestone in the building process.

The three family homes will each provide three bedrooms and will be equipped with air-source heat pumps and electric vehicle charging points. They will be let at affordable rents to local people in housing need.

Grayshott & District Housing Association believes these high-quality, energy-efficient homes will be a valuable and much-needed addition to the village, helping to support local families for years to come.

Contact admin@grayshotthousing.co.uk for any queries.



Katie Weir

STAMMERING, MY ROAD TO FREEDOM

Approximately 1% of the world's population stammer - that's approximately 80 million people - and I am one of those 80 million.

For a high proportion of that number, stammering will have a profound effect on them, as it most certainly did on me. It



would influence everything I did, from whether I ordered a cup of tea rather than my preferred decaffeinated coffee, because tea was so much easier to say, to not allowing my voice to be heard because the fear of stammering was so great that staying quiet was preferable to someone seeing me stammer.

My stammer manifested itself when I was about 6 years old. I remember quite clearly that for about 18 months or so, it would come and go and then, at around the age of 8, it came - and never left. I remember waiting for it to go..... and it just didn't.

School was a particularly difficult time for me. Waiting for the register to be called and having to say 'present' with the fear building up and enveloping me and then the struggle of not being able to say what I was expected to say. And my head teacher, Mr McFarlane, and my form teacher, Mr Cox (I can still picture them so clearly, seventy something years on!!) who were bullies who delighted in making me stand up in class and read aloud for what seemed an eternity, watching while I struggled to get the words out, and presumably getting a kick out of seeing my pain and embarrassment. Interestingly, although I was bullied by my teachers, who should have been there to protect me, I was never bullied by my classmates. They seemed to instinctively know that what was happening to me was cruel, and it was in fact the mother of one of my friends who told my mother what was going on, as I was too ashamed to tell even my parents.

STAMMERING, MY ROAD TO FREEDOM

Although my secondary school was infinitely kinder, those formative years had a profound effect on me and determined how I would live my life. I stayed in the shadows, never putting myself forward, preferring to be invisible. I felt a failure and didn't do anything to disabuse that feeling. I became what is known as a covert stammerer, changing and substituting my chosen words for what I would call lesser words, or staying silent when I had a contribution to make, because the fear of stammering was so great, and the shame I felt in people seeing me stammer compelled me to stay silent, fueling my feelings of loss of self which resulted in me feeling diminished as a person.

My stammer was never mentioned at home and my perception as a child was that my parents were ashamed of me. It was only many years later, in fact not that long before my mother died, that I told her how I felt and she was visibly shaken. She told me the reason they never mentioned it was because they didn't want to draw attention to it. As an adult, that made absolute sense but as child, I didn't have that perception and that feeling of shame and all those associated emotions was something that never left me, and nor did the fear of reading out loud, until.....

It's funny how things happen. In February 2000, I was sitting at the kitchen table, having breakfast, and reading G2 of The Guardian. I turned the page and facing me, on page 3, was an article by a woman of a similar age, who lived in Middlesbrough (a town I had lived in for 18 years) and whose story was very similar to mine. She spoke about The McGuire Programme, which was founded in 1994 by Dave McGuire, himself a long-time stammerer, and a small group of people who shared his vision of creating a supportive and effective programme for people who stammer. And reading her story, I somehow knew this was going to work for me as well.

STAMMERING, MY ROAD TO FREEDOM

And so, on June 14, 2000, at the age of 54, and after stammering for pretty much most of my life, I attended my first course. The programme was very different from any other form of speech therapy. Everyone on the programme stammered, and that included the course instructors and the coaches, who had all been through the programme and had successfully learned how to manage their stammer.

We had to learn a whole new way of breathing, through the costal diaphragm rather than the crural diaphragm, which is how most people speak. There was non avoidance of words and situations and for me, the hardest of all was owning my stammer, which involved self acceptance and not shying away from letting people know and see me stammer. To go against what had become my survival instinct was all consuming and terrifying - but I did it!!

And slowly, with a lot of hard work and commitment, and the support of this amazing programme (and my wonderful family) I overcame my stammer. And suddenly my world opened up. My fear of stammering, of someone seeing me stammer, slowly disappeared and I became the real me. And things I had shied away from because how could I possibly be effective and successful with a stammer, became not only a possibility, but a reality. And even now, twenty six years on from my first course, it gives me such a thrill to do things others take for granted.

But one thing never left me, and that was the fear of reading aloud to strangers (and sometimes even family). And then, about three years ago, I joined a poetry group, the format of which was that each member of the group would pick two poems which they would read to the other members of the group. It was daunting at first, doing the one thing I had avoided since those early traumatic schooldays, but I love poetry and nothing was going to stop me, and anyway, I was no longer that frightened child who was at the mercy of those two monsters, and it was there that I finally put my demons to rest.

Helen Vyner

Another Happy Client Taken to Haslemere Hospital

90 year old Barbara says " I live at Manormead Supported Housing in Hindhead. We at Manormead are so very grateful to Grayshott Community Care because without them we would be absolutely stranded. We enjoy meeting people who come and take us to local medical care; the Doctors Surgery or the hospitals. It helps when you're going for a consultation to have a friend, a person sitting by you in the car when you're going".

Tony, a Grayshott local and her driver that day, much enjoys his voluntary work taking the elderly or disabled to their medical and dental appointments. He has been driving for them for over five years and gets great satisfaction helping his local community and meeting people who have often led interesting lives.

If you might consider helping your local community with Grayshott Community Care as a driver or coordinator please contact us at grayshottcare@gmail.com for more details.



Barbara from Manormead

Tony Rice

DROUGHT AND DEVASTATION

"Excuse me" the visitor to our garden politely asked, "how many years have you been here?"

"Nearly fifty" [at the time], I replied.

"May I ask what planting have you done in the garden?"

I had to admit that nobody had ever asked me that question before. I thought carefully and took my time before answering. Still thinking, I finally replied, "Other than those four pine trees which are about 100 years old and the etiolated oaks in the bottom woodland, there is not a plant, a shrub, a tree, a blade of grass, a brick, a path or a wall that my wife and I have not put into this garden since we took it on as a new build wilderness nearly 50 years ago."

"It is a haven of tranquillity", the visitor added, for which I thanked him for his kind remarks.

The garden has in fact, been our long term project as both my wife and I have been keen gardeners and plantsmen. [persons!]

The garden is the reason we have continued to bury our heads in the sand and have not sensibly moved and downsized. We have loved our garden until this year [2026].



Front Garden in May and in August

Last year during the summer dry spell we selectively watered the garden. It is between one half to three quarters of an acre, cultivated and planted from top to bottom from the garden at the front to formal and informal and woodland areas, down 50 feet and 40 [not 39] steps from south to north. This year, before the drought, we decided that we should restrict our use of water to an absolute minimum and not water anything but pots. Our lawn was already a lost cause compared to previous years and the perennials, shrubs and trees would have to take their chance.

We were ill prepared for the extreme drought and devastation to follow during the summer of 2026.

As usual the lawn, always a problem in Grayshott, was the first to show signs of stress.

DROUGHT AND DEVASTATION



***Back
Garden in
May and in
August***



As the weeks without rain and five "heat waves" followed, more and more plants became so stressed we finally weakened and selectively watered the more special plants and shrubs. As it was not possible to water all of the garden the drought took its toll.

The herbaceous perennials gradually wilted and died back completely. There is a collection of about 100 different ferns in the garden and I suspect that 75% of those that have died back may not recover. Treasures such as the Japanese Painted Fern and the New Zealand Ray Water Fern have probably been lost.

One genus of ferns does seem to be drought tolerant or even resistant, so make a note, it is *Polystichum*, the Shield Fern.

The foxes, particularly the cubs, have taken to chewing up and pulling out labels and then digging up and scattering the snowdrop bulbs from my collection, devastating each clump as they clawed away.

DROUGHT AND DEVASTATION

We have two beds of what we call "specialist" plants from China, Japan and the Americas, such as Arisaemas, the Giant Himalayan Lily, Podophyllums, Trilliums and some orchids which have thrived, flowered, seeded and multiplied over the years. They have withered, dried up and disappeared without trace.



Dead Hart's Tongue Fern , due to drought

Of the five new Ilex crenata "balls" at £30 pounds a pop, three have died in the drought, even with watering.

After 50 years of effort to create and maintain our garden, the devastation caused by this year's drought is heartbreaking.

That said, there are some plants which have not only survived, but flourished in the dry season and are worthwhile noting for the future if our wetter, warmer winters and dry summers are to continue. These are the "drought busters".

Amongst the perennials, Perovskia, Nepeta, Coreopsis, Epimediums, Dryopteris erythrosora [fern] Alliums, and Lavender have survived.



Dead Ilex crenata

Of the shrubs, Sarcococca, Eleagnus, Choisya, Indigofera and Buddleia have pulled through.

There has been one bright spot this year, but it has been indoors not outdoors. I have seven cacti on a south facing window sill, with four different genera. They have thrived during the sun drenched days and heatwaves, although they have been watered weekly. Three have flowered, one for the first time after several years' care, and two have produced seed pods. Small, but some compensation for the devastation outdoors.

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Astrophytum myriostigma [Cactus] yellow flowers



Drought buster Indigofera



Thelocactus bicolor va parras [Cactus]



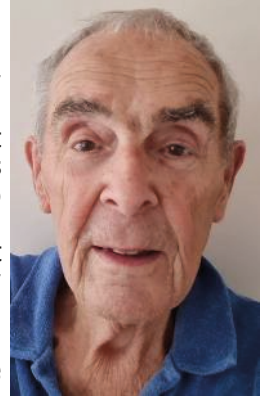
Melocactus 'Turk's Cap' cactus with seed pods

If last and this year's climate have been an unwelcome portent for the future, coupled with our advancing years, interesting and unusual species from the Orient and other places which have been lost, will not be replaced Our gardening and garden will move towards just "care and maintenance" an unwelcome development brought forward by this year's drought and devastation.

Gordon Rae VMH

MOBILE PHONE SECURITY AND HOW TO STAY SAFE

Years ago, a mobile phone was just that, a very useful communications device, and nothing more. Today, it has metamorphosed into an almost unbelievably powerful computer that has revolutionised the way we live. It has become so used for secure tasks such as banking, card payments, NHS patient services, email etc., that it is now for most people, the hub of their daily lives. It is now rightly known as a Smartphone.



Prized and valued possessions and savings are usually kept in secure places, such as banks and vaults. This is impossible with something you use every day, but it is now possible to have very good security with the right settings on your smartphone.

A few months ago, I was standing in a long queue in Boots in Guildford waiting to pay. It was a busy, crowded and hot Saturday morning. Someone bumped into me - I turned. It was an attractive young woman. She smiled and apologised, and I thought nothing of it. It was only when it was my turn to pay that I discovered **my smartphone with my credit cards had been taken from my hip pocket**. Realising that it had been stolen, I anxiously looked around for the woman, but she'd vanished - I was told later that I had been the victim of what is known as the distraction technique.

Recent surveys show that phone theft is widespread, particularly in urban areas. In London alone, over 116,000 phones were stolen in 2024, equating to around 320 phones per day. This translates to roughly 9,600–10,000 phones per month. In Grayshott, the threat of having your phone stolen may not be so great, but losing it, or having it targeted by cyber hacking is just as great wherever you are. Scary isn't it.

I had learnt a lesson - fortunately, I cancelled my cards quickly and apart from the cost of a new phone, I escaped further loss. But the experience made me realise just how vital smartphones are to everyday living.

Today, I use mine for card payment, WhatsApp, email and messaging, plus a plethora of functions including photography; controlling my hearing aids, and central heating, listening to audio books and a host of other applications. Because of the Boots incident I decided to investigate methods of how to protect my smartphone from theft, and to ensure that the information on it was well protected against cybercrime.

MOBILE PHONE SECURITY AND HOW TO STAY SAFE

After the Boots saga the police told me there were five key things to remember to prevent theft.

In crowded areas or public transport, keep your smartphone out of sight

Avoid using it near roads –
thieves on bikes target
distracted users

**Use zipped pockets or anti-theft
bags**

**If using it in a public area, to
prevent it being snatched,
attach a lanyard or a wrist
loop to it.**

**Never ever leave your phone on
a table unattended**



They also told me that every mobile has a unique identification number just like a car chassis number. It's called an IMEA number (International Mobile Equipment Identity). Look this up in your phone's settings and make a note of it. This will help to trace it if stolen. So here are some essential security steps you should take to keep your personal information and data safe:

Police UK is a website that has very useful information on how to protect yourself from mobile phone theft, and how to set your phone up to avoid further loss if it's stolen, and so I won't go into too much detail here. However, here are some useful tips.

Set up secure access to your phone. This is a vital prerequisite, and if you use a pin, don't just use a four digit pin, but full 6 digits - and if possible use your finger print or facial recognition facility to give additional security.

MOBILE PHONE SECURITY AND HOW TO STAY SAFE

Set up tracking on your device. If you have just misplaced your phone, which is often the case with me, a tracking facility in its setup function helps you find it. For email accounts, banking, card payment, and other applications you should use additional security access. You can set your phone up to have application level 'locks' - some require biometric identification or a key security code.

I use a security application on my mobile now. It blocks malicious websites, protects personal information and enables me to do a security check on my passwords to see if they might have been hacked.

When it comes to choosing a secure mobile, three brands dominate:

Apple devices are widely regarded as the most secure because they have:

- Strong encryption
- Regular software updates
- Features like Face ID, Find My iPhone, and Activation Lock

These features make stolen iPhones harder to resell or reuse.

Google's Pixel phones are considered one of the most secure non Apple devices. Samsung's high-end smartphones are also very secure with defence-grade protection.

Smartphone security is no longer optional—it is essential. In a world where your phone is effectively your wallet, stuffed with your ID, and personal archive, protecting it means protecting your entire digital life.

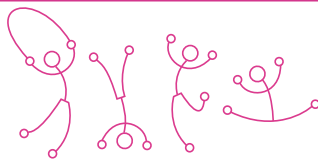
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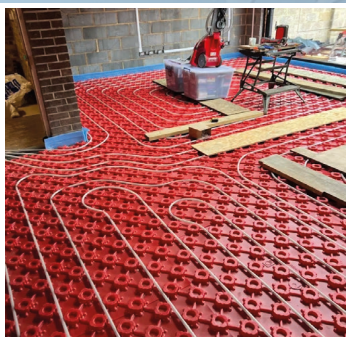
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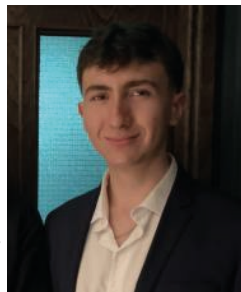
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LIFE IN A ROMANIAN VILLAGE

It's late afternoon in Vedeia and I'm writing out on the patio, the house and the grapevine providing comforting shade in the 32 degrees. In front is a good piece of land that my great-grandfather used to work which now nourishes weeds. My grandmother's cousin lives on the other side in a lovely pink house. His wife Steluța visits us nearly every day, it seems to be a custom to share home-baked treats with your neighbours if they know you've made something. Here nature roams freer, buzzing muscas distract while sly țânțari bite and cats, feeling weary, doggedly avoid me. In my green chair I smell the warm air, sometimes scented with manure, and listen to the cucurigus of the rooster, the chirping of birds and the gentle swaying of leaves in the breeze.



Walking around, I'm glad to see that not much has changed in the last few years, the houses are a bit more worn and so are the people but they have maintained their charming character. They continue to huddle up on benches outside their house to gossip and I join them like in days of old. They still look curiously at anything that moves, they are bronze from hard work until late though they're well past retirement age and even their joints are thick with muscle. Each day looks about the same for them, wake up, eat, work, as do mine now, except for more TV with Granny. I could try describe their general character but it wouldn't do them justice, you'd have to meet them yourself, and soon, because their way of life is disappearing.

Old folk ask you "Whose are ya dear?" and you're surprised that they know your grandmother by her maiden name. Those who can tend to their houses and gardens while others are either ill, dead or have children who've left to work in Germany. Dust rises when a car passes by and there's nowhere to hide from the sun. Beyond Vedeia there's not a human soul for miles in any direction just rolling fields of crops, dry earth and snakes, without water you'll be food for the birds.



At night the crickets lull me into a well-deserved sweet sleep, until the infernal țânțari strike again. Another day has passed without me noticing.

Mihai Rosca

Mihai grew up in Grayshott before leaving home to study at Bristol University

GORDON RAE VMH - PROFILE FOR GRAYSHOTT'S GREATEST SERIES

Gordon Rae has always been interested in plants. The former Director General of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has lived in Grayshott village for over 50 years, but was born in the much-bombed Second World War industrial target of Coventry, which was not an inspiring start for a life in horticulture.



He wanted to be a farmer from an early age, but his father pointed out that without any money in the family, Gordon was unlikely to ever own a farm. As a young boy, he spent a lot of time in their neighbour's garden, where he learned how to look after greenhouse plants and grow and prepare chrysanthemums for showing.

At 17, he had to make up his mind about studying agriculture or horticulture. He chose agriculture, fearing that wage levels in horticulture were so low at the time that he might never eat!

He spent a year working on a farm in Dorset to gain practical experience before going to Wye College in Kent, the rural arm of London University, to gain his degree. There he developed an interest in tropical and temperate agriculture. "I was particularly interested in Brazil and Kenya and after graduating, joined what was then the HM Colonial Service. They sent me to Cambridge University to study agricultural botany, animal nutrition, statistics and field experimentation, followed by a year at Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture in Trinidad to study tropical crops," says Gordon.

**Barry Pickthall, the writer
behind 'Grayshott's Greatest'
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Much to his delight, he was then posted to Kenya, working as an Agricultural Officer in [Kitale](#), Trans Nzoia, the last area of European farming, 250 miles north of Nairobi.

He returned to the UK 3 years later and in 1965, married Judith after a 5-year courtship conducted mainly by writing letters to each other. They celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary last year, but Gordon gained more than a bride, for Judith's Father became a great mentor and had a huge impact on his later career within ICI

Gordon joined ICI's Agricultural division and over the next 27 years worked in the technical and development areas first as a sales rep, then in market research, product and project management, and later in general management, spending 4-years in Brazil along the way. One better-known product he helped to bring to the UK that everyone should have in their garden shed is 'Miracle Gro', which does for us amateur gardeners exactly what it says on the box.

At 55, Gordon was looking for fresh challenges, and in 1993 was offered the post of Director General of the Royal Horticultural Society. Sometimes in life it's who you know as much as what you know. While the RHS was scouting for a new boss, the Society's incoming President met with Sir Ronnie Hampel, then Chairman of ICI, and asked if he knew of a Gordon Rae. "Know him" replied Sir Ronnie, "I recruited him!"

GORDON RAE VMH - PROFILE FOR GRAYSHOTT'S GREATEST SERIES

Out of curiosity, I asked Gordon about the row that has followed the RHS's decision this year to ban peat fertilisers in the displays, which led some exhibitors to boycott this year's Show. "Garden centres sell peat-free composts these days," he explains, adding, "But commercial growers, especially those across Europe, still use traditional peat-based composts to start their plants before selling them on to the retail garden centres who just can't guarantee what compost the plants are growing in. There is little doubt that peat-based compost is a reliable and consistent growing medium, but is being phased out to protect fragile wetland ecosystems and stop carbon release. The peat-free composts tend to be less consistent, and the watering regime needs more careful management."

After leaving the RHS in 1999, Gordon joined Squires Garden Centre as their non-executive director in the family-owned business.

In retirement, Gordon had his arm twisted by local gardener Vanessa Thompson to join the committee of Grayshott Gardeners' Club, which meets in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of every month for interesting talks by experts. Since then, the committee has increased membership from some 40 to 220 today.

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Gordon's pastimes keep him busy. A keen photographer of flora and wildlife, he has set up camera traps in his woodland garden to capture the activities of mice and a vixen and her cubs. It's not all been 'Oohs and Aars'. Like children, the cubs get up to all sorts of mischief, digging up Gordon's snowdrop bulbs! He has over 150 varieties in the garden and has now replicated this bulb collection in a new location at Gravetye Manor near East Grinstead.

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Not so the ferns, they remain a wide collection from across the world that grow in abundance in their giant pine-spiked sloping garden. That said, the recent drought has taken a heavy toll on them and other specialist plants in their garden.

But galanthus and vascular plants aside, Gordon's highest achievement is the RHS Victoria Medal of Honour, the top award within the world of horticulture. Established in 1897 to mark Queen Victoria's 63-year reign, the medal is limited to that many living recipients, including Monty Don, Alan Titchmarsh, David Austin, and King Charles III -Quite an honour!

The VMH may be Gordon's highest achievement, but what is he most proud off? His family! His three children, their spouses and seven grandchildren who have or are making a positive contribution to society. "And who has held all this together for the past 60 years?

The answer, Gordon says – "my wife Judy!"



Barry Pickthall

SOUTH DOWNS YOUTH ACTION

"We're young, we're involved, and we're making a big difference!"
South Downs Youth Action volunteers are helping shape the future of conservation

Think young people don't get up at the weekend? Think again.

Across the South Downs National Park, young volunteers aged 16–25 are swapping lie-ins for loppers, scythes and teamwork as part of **South Downs Youth Action** – a hands-on conservation group making a real difference to the landscape.

Every month, volunteers give up their weekends to take part in practical conservation projects that help protect and enhance the National Park. Depending on the season, they might be restoring wildlife habitats, managing chalk grassland, tackling invasive species, building accessible paths or supporting nature recovery projects with partner organisations.

South Downs Youth Action runs across the National Park, with opportunities to volunteer:

- Monthly at Seven Sisters Country Park with Ranger Lozza.
- At a variety of locations across the South Downs, often alongside partner organisations including the RSPB and Sussex Wildlife Trust for example.

In the western part of the National Park with Heathlands Reunited Engagement Ranger Kirsty Murray.

Kirsty has seen first-hand the enthusiasm and determination that young volunteers bring.

"One day that really stands out was when a small group of volunteers had to change tasks completely after a large silver birch tree came down across a public footpath during high winds. We only had bow saws, but they got stuck in, worked their way through the whole tree and reopened the path for everyone to use again. They had great fun doing it too!"



SOUTH DOWNS YOUTH ACTION

Kirsty Murray, Heathlands Reunited SAMM Project Engagement Ranger

To make volunteering as accessible as possible, reasonable travel expenses and lunch are provided. It's an investment in the next generation of conservationists.

Young people are essential to the future of the National Park. Their ideas, enthusiasm and perspectives will help shape how conservation is delivered for years to come.

Volunteer Fraser Smith says the experience has already made a difference to his studies and confidence.

"I had a really good day learning how to make a new path. It was quite hard work but great fun to have the opportunity to learn a new skill. Coming out with the Youth Action group is really helping me develop my range of skills as I am studying conservation at college. I really appreciate these opportunities and the chance to meet and work alongside new people."

For staff and rangers, the rewards go beyond the practical work.

Listening to young volunteers talk about their ambitions, motivations and experiences reveals a common theme. Many join to improve their wellbeing, connect with nature and make a positive difference to the environment. Spending time outdoors, learning practical skills and working as part of a team has proven benefits for mental wellbeing, while every task completed benefits the landscape too – a win for both people and nature.

Volunteer Bea explains:

"I initially started looking for volunteering opportunities for college, but also for my own personal interest and to give something back to the local countryside and environment. I have developed lots of useful new skills and knowledge from my time volunteering, and it's been wonderful getting to know other young people with similar interests."



Pulborough Brooks riverbank – overgrown Himalayan Balsam removed by hand – a good day letting the wildlife back in.



SOUTH DOWNS YOUTH ACTION

Whether it's clearing invasive Himalayan balsam from riverbanks, restoring habitats, repairing footpaths or tackling unexpected challenges, every volunteering day leaves a lasting impact.

Just as importantly, it builds friendships, confidence and teamwork. Even if volunteers arrive not knowing anyone, they leave having achieved something together and with a real sense of pride in what they've accomplished.

Skills, knowledge and experience are shared throughout the day, creating opportunities for young people to grow while helping care for one of Britain's most treasured landscapes.

The South Downs National Park is always looking to welcome new members to the Youth Action programme.

Ready to get involved?

Visit [South Downs Youth Action events](#) to book your place



Paula da Luz

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CHARITY DONATION FROM SALE OF BOOK

Grayshott Pottery to date are well on the way towards achieving their goal of raising £3,000 for the Asthma and Lung UK Charity from the sale of Phil Bates' book 'Three Potteries & Three Villages'. The book has been well received and much positive feedback had. Helen Williams Editor of Grayshott Today magazine who reviewed the book said, 'Three Potteries and Three villages is part autobiography and part local history. It makes a compelling read for anyone interested in Grayshott history and the forces and personalities that have shaped it over the past few decades. Some serious questions are tackled including some that have so far remained unanswered, like How exactly did the 1982 Pottery fire start? Phil's story will raise a few eyebrows!'



Phil Bates fettling base of an urn at Kingwood Pottery in 1962

His book is a beautiful and honest celebration of community life. Phil has put his whole heart and soul into writing it as indeed he has done into participating in and contributing to community life here in Grayshott.

The book is also on sale at Haslemere Museum and Watts Gallery Compton. Phil Bates donated 50 books to each of them to help raise funds .

The title of the book relates to Compton, Kingwood, and Grayshott Potteries and the three villages the author has lived in since childhood, Thursley, Milford and Grayshott. It explores to the ability of different groups and businesses within a community to live harmoniously and work together for a positive future and outcomes.

He makes no apologies for writing about what Grayshott Pottery and its staff have contributed both to the community of Grayshott and the wider one, which will not be known to a lot of folks today and perhaps forgotten, as time passes, by others.

It also recognises the tens of thousands of small - medium-size businesses like the Pottery that are the backbone of the UK economy and the growth needed or indeed expected for future prosperity of the UK.

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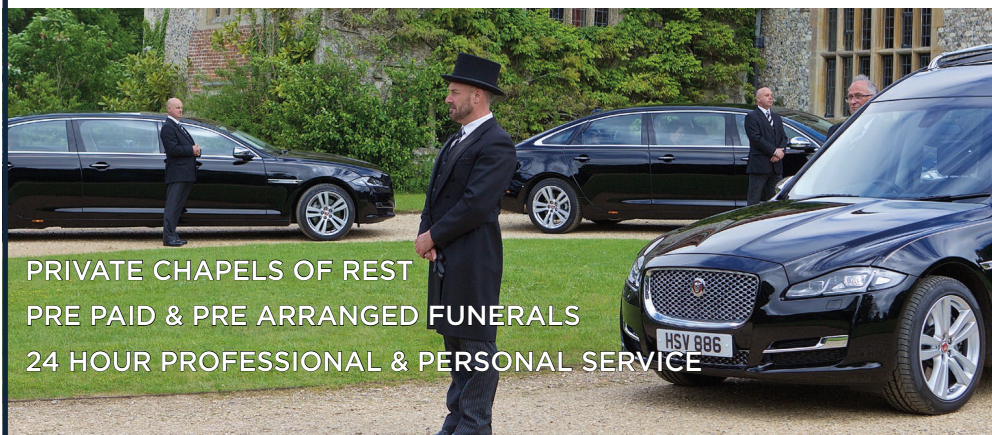
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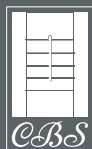
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THE RYDER CORIN INTERVIEW

Over the summer holidays I saw my cousin Erryn Morrison. She recently spent time on a Sea Shepherd boat getting to do amazing conservation the sea around Mexico. Conservation is so important to me that I was so excited to hear about her experience.

R: You've just spent 2 months on the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society boat protecting our oceans. Tell me about your days on the boat.

E: *We worked quite long days, and it was very hot. We'd wake up pretty early to beat the sun. The main task on the boat was maintenance. It's an old boat and it's out on the water a lot of the time. We did a lot of deck work, cleaning the salt of the boat, maintaining the tenders, that sort of thing. Also, if there was a call out from the Navy, then we would assist them stopping illegal fishermen.*

R: Like poachers who shoot whales with harpoons? Do you shoot them with a big water gun?

E: *Some Sea Shepherd boats do have those, but they don't have harpoons in Mexico, they just have illegal huge nets that are kilometres long that trap all the sea life and they just scrape the whole ocean floor.*

R: Where did you sleep?

E: *There were a couple of cabins on board. In my cabin there were 6 people. We would sleep three bunks on top of each other, and I was on the top bunk, so I had to climb up people's bunks, which was so hard. All those people in my cabin are now my close friends though.*

R: What is the name of the boat and what was it like?

E: *It is called The Seahorse and is a 65m boat. It's pretty old, but it's a very cool boat, with a big strong hard hull that can break through ice. It has a big crane on the back to help with lifting tenders and fishing nets we remove.*



THE RYDER CORIN INTERVIEW

R: What animals did you get to work with?

E: The main reason we were there was to protect the vaquita, a very small porpoise. There's only 10 of them left in the world. It's the most critically endangered marine mammal in the world at the moment. I didn't get to see it myself as they're super shy. They come up for a breath of air and then disappear again. There was also a sea lion campaign whilst I was onboard. You know the plastic in the sea sometimes goes around the necks of the sealions? We would catch the ones with plastic round their necks, sedate them, and then remove it so they could breathe and not be in pain. I also worked with pelicans. They also get caught up in plastic and fishing lines.

R: What was the saddest thing you've ever seen?

E: On the Sea Shepherd we were doing a survey on sea lions. This pelican kept swimming to the boat and couldn't fly. We took a closer look, and it had a hook stuck down its throat. It was trying to paddle towards the boat all day, seemingly asking for help. After a long time, it let us catch it. Me and the scientists on board had to try and get the hook out of its neck. I saw two other pelicans with a fishing lure hooked into them both. Thankfully we managed to remove all the hooks.



R: What is the hardest thing about the time on the boat?

E: Probably the night watch. You always have to be driving the boat – it never stops for 2 months straight. There always has to be someone up at any time, 2 or 3 in the morning, just staring at a screen just to make sure you're not going to crash. To stay awake at that time is very hard!

THE RYDER CORIN INTERVIEW

R: I am passionate about saving the planet. Can you tell me what made you join the Sea Shepherd boat?

E: I just love nature. I grew up in Limpopo, South Africa, surrounded by animals. After school I took a career on the sea working on yachts. I fell in love with the ocean. I love everything about the ocean. It's so important for our world, for people every single day. The more time I spent on it the more time I realised how incredible it was and how much we need to protect it.

R: You have travelled all over the world with your job. Where is the most amazing place you have been to and why?

E: Raja Ampat, close to Indonesia. It's a marine protected area, and there's just wild life everywhere. Manta rays and whale sharks everywhere and the water is so clear.

R: If I want to get into conservation, do you have any advice?

E: I think there are so many conservation opportunities everywhere. Just get involved wherever you can. Join groups and societies, anything like that. Sea Shepherd was my first step into conservation, and I've met so many connections and learned so much about conservation and what I can do.

R: I heard you try to encourage all the boats you go on to be more ecological. Can you give me some tips I can share with everyone?

E: The first thing I start with is waste. Try and recycle and separate everything. We make so much waste especially on boats. Try and be more aware of how much you use and where it goes. People throw away enormous amounts of food and if you try and cut down on that it makes a huge difference. Spread the word to other people and make them more aware.

Thank you so much Erryn for telling me about your amazing experience. I can't wait to hear more stories next time I see you.



Ryder Corin

GRAYSHOTT GARDENERS

Grayshott Gardeners - 14th October - Grayshott Village Hall, 8.00 pm, '

Reimagining Royal Roots: A sustainable makeover for Hampton Court's Great Fountain Garden', by Ann-Marie Powell

Grayshott Gardeners is truly delighted to welcome back Ann-Marie Powell as our Keynote Speaker this month. Ann-Marie Powell is an award-winning garden designer, author, journalist and presenter. She started her design practice in 1998, just down the road in Petersfield, and has built an impressive portfolio of gardens designed to combine the best of contemporary design in a naturalist style and is well known for her exuberant use of colour. A fabulous and inspiring presenter and definitely one for the diary.

Hall doors open at 7.15pm.

**Members free, Inter-village clubs £5, Other visitors £8 (Keynote Lecture).
More details can be found at www.grayshottgardeners.net**



GRAYSHOTT GARDENERS
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Ann-Marie Powell

Reimagining Royal Roots:
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THE ARTS SOCIETY

David Wilkie Painter of Everyday Country Folk by Felicity Harding

Lecturer Felicity Harding took us through the life and works of Sir David Wilkie, a Scottish painter born in Pitlessie, Fife, in 1785. From an early age, he showed a strong interest and talent in art. Although his father was reluctant to support his ambitions, Wilkie attended the Trustees Academy in Edinburgh, where he spent five years developing his artistic skills. During this time, he became particularly skilled at observing and portraying people, expressions, everyday activities and small details.



One of Wilkie's best-known early paintings was *Pitlessie Fair*, (1804) presenting a lively and humorous view of village life. It includes 104 people, as well as dogs, demonstrating Wilkie's ability to capture many characters within one busy scene. His interest in ordinary country people continued in works such as *Village Politicians* (1806), which was exhibited at the Royal Academy in London after he moved there in 1805.

Wilkie developed his "genre" with *The Blind Fiddler* (1807), which received considerable critical and public praise. He followed this with *The Card Players* and *Rent Day* (1808) again showing ordinary people involved in familiar activities. His growing reputation led to his election as a full Academician to the Royal Academy in 1811.

Wilkie worked hard at his art, using family members as models and creating miniature sets in boxes in order to study how light affected faces, furniture and surroundings. He gained increasing acclaim selling his action packed "Blind Man's Buff" (1813) to the Prince Regent for 500 guineas.

However, Wilkie's style changed after travelling through France, Italy and Spain between 1825 and 1828. He began painting more historical subjects, moving away from the everyday country scenes that had made him so famous. This change was criticised. So to this day, it is his early genre paintings that are most appreciated and remain an important record of rural and everyday life.

Liz Beecheno

Our next lecture on Thursday 1st October at Grayshott Village Hall starting at 2pm is "The Art of the Cartoonist" where Harry Venning will trace its history from Cruikshank and Hogarth to Giles and Schulz and beyond. More information at www.theartsocietygrayshott.org or phone Niamh on 07984379925.

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GRAYSHOTT TEA PARTY

At our September meeting we were entertained to a talk by Susan Howe entitled: Running Fawltly Towers and cooking for the rich and famous. Susan started her working life as a poorly experienced chef in a super yacht, which would be chartered by an extremely wealthy guest for two weeks at a time. In her first fortnight the seamen on the yacht boycotted her food and cooked for themselves. The heiress who had hired the yacht complained bitterly about the food so an experienced chef was hired to help her. Amazingly she survived that first summer and the final charterer was Gunter Sachs, Brigitte Bardot's ex, who preferred posing for sundowners in harbour rather than actually sailing. He invited her to cook for him at his ski chalet in St Moritz for the winter season, where she remembers observing games of Bingo with Rolex watches for prizes.



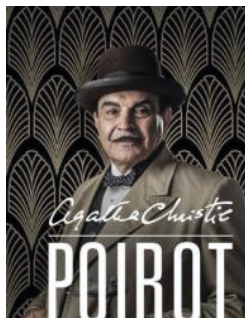
She then went to London and trained to be a London Tourist guide. At Westminster Abbey she met her husband, a highly skilled chef and she never had to cook again.

She and her husband went on to own an award winning country house hotel. They were blackmailed by a farmer into taking on a kitten that would otherwise have been drowned. Stubbles proved an excellent mouser but caused screams from the bridal suite when a rather mangled mouse was spotted disappearing under the bed. Susan was also unimpressed with him when he vomited on the carpet as she was greeting Colin Powell, the American statesman. He probably thought she was very eccentric as she managed to combine

a curtsy with a scooping up of the vomit in her skirt whilst proffering her other hand to him!

They had a narrow escape when an escaped convict who'd manage to steal a suit, car and money ran up a huge bar bill, left without paying, held up a garage and went on to shoot someone.

On another occasion a young man asked them to hide an engagement ring in his girlfriend's dessert so he could propose to her. They did so and she accepted. They went on to spend their honeymoon night at the hotel but had a rude awakening when the water came pouring onto them through the light fitting from the shower in the room above.



Susan's very amusing stories didn't hide the reality that running a country hotel must have been a very tiring undertaking.

At our next meeting on 6th October we will have a fun quiz.

New members are always welcome.

For more information phone Jo Phillips on 07890 062462

Chris Vardy

COMMUNITY ORCHARD



Monthly Maintenance Working Party

Saturday 3rd October, 10am-12 noon

In July, our Orchardeer volunteers collected and carefully stored yellow rattle seeds. September activities included strimming the wildflower beds, allowing seed to settle on the soil. The October working party will be scarifying the beds, broadcasting seeds and trampling them in to improve germination. We will also be planting more wild daffodil bulbs. Children love to get involved in these activities, so why not bring them along to help? You don't have to stay for the full two hours; please come for as long as you are able. We know that many people have busy lives but we'd love to meet you!

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This month: Pied Wagtail, *Motacilla alba*

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Ruth Holden

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Do please come and meet us all. It is a chance to be useful, have fun, and make new friends,

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Local Women's Group

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Tuesdays at 10:30 Manna Study group

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Second Tuesday (13th Oct) 7pm - 8pm. Monthly Prayer Meeting.

Third Tuesday (20th Oct) 2pm for 2:30pm. Local Women's Group. Contact Helen Viner 07973 800475 or Anne Gale-Jones 07885 239157

Fourth Tuesday (27th Oct) Afternoon Tea. 2:30 – 4:30pm, church hall.

Wednesdays 10:30am Fun with Beginners Greek. Contact the office for info. Restarts 16th Sept.

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Thursdays 10:30am Lunch Club in the church hall, booking ahead essential. Please contact Angela Haine 01428 604703.

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Second Friday (9th Oct) Coffee Morning 10:30 - 12:30. All welcome

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