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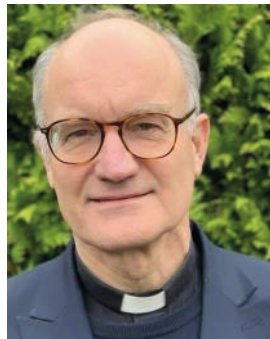
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DEAR GRAYSHOTT - JEREMY HASWELL

Dear Grayshott,

If you were able to get away, or just stay in the heat back here, I hope that you were able to slow down, and recharge, spend time with family and friends, and arrive at September with renewed energy. With the academic new year, and Children and parents knuckling down to new timetables, new equipment, and settling in to a new term, everyone is focused on targets and events, and oiling the wheels of the machine of life to start going. We have new programmes starting at St Luke's too, including our Last Night of the Proms free fundraiser with live entertainment with the Albert Hall streamed to the screens in the Church for the second half.



The cycles and seasons of life are such that they demand different things at different times. Obviously harvesting requires different tools and priorities from the Autumn, each has its own activities to be done, so we have to learn to adapt and respond differently in each season. Some of us are in different seasons of life, let alone the year, so we all have to match our energy with our demand. Starting again is a skill we spend our lives learning, having to let go, build up momentum, and sustain the effort. It is usually comforting to hold on to those familiar milestones and traditions, but whether we are heading for the finish line, or starting a new venture, embracing the reality of new things is a fact of life. The fact that everyone is more or less in a similar boat helps.

Over the Summer you may have been thinking about your spiritual side of life, and it may have occurred to you to explore faith, or even to come to church, in which case I personally invite you to come and visit us. We have a range of services from traditional to relaxed, but you would be most welcome to 'taste and see', and we are doing an enquirers' course (Alpha) starting with a gathering to find out about the course. The invitation is open to all.

Some of you know that I have started some treatment which may mean I can't attend certain events as my immunity will be compromised, I hope that you will understand. I will be working, but being careful.

Blessings to you all,

With love from Jeremy and Claire.

HELP GRAYSHOTT SHINE THIS AUTUMN!

This autumn, we're inviting everyone in the village to roll up their sleeves and join us for the Autumn Great Grayshott Tidy Up — a friendly, feel-good event where we come together to care for our beautiful village.

Our Spring Tidy Up was a great success, with around 50 volunteers helping to clear litter and spruce up the village centre gardens. It was a brilliant community effort — and now we're aiming even higher!

We're on the lookout for volunteers of all ages and abilities to take part — whether you prefer picking up litter or getting stuck into some light gardening, we need you. In particular, we'd love to see more people join the gardening team, helping with weeding, trimming, and planting. No experience is needed — just come along with a can-do attitude and we'll show you the rest.

If litter-picking is more your thing, we've got plenty of grabbers and bin bags ready to go. Every bit of help makes a real difference.

The date and time will be confirmed shortly, so keep an eye on local noticeboards and the Grayshott Village Facebook page.

Let's come together once again to keep Grayshott clean, green, and welcoming. Bring your friends, bring your neighbours — and let's make this our biggest Tidy Up yet!



Serena Thompson

GOING WILD (OR NOT)

Those of you who took time out to spend an afternoon in Grayshott's Hidden Gardens in May would have delighted in the efforts of so many garden owners. Some of these gardens would easily be candidates for inclusion in the glossiest of garden magazines. Clearly an appeal to the orderliness of environments and high standards of horticulture. And yet this approach is now in conflict with the growing trend for wildness or, shall we say, a call for disorder.



There is clearly a battle going on between the environmental cause and the purist gardening argument. You don't have to look far to find plenty of advice on rewilding and how to "let nature back into the garden" but this often amounts to a token corner given over to various constructs to attract wildlife. It is noticeable from the televised RHS annual shows that this tension exists between the perfectly manicured and precise to the examples of wildness demonstrated by a mayhem of plants interspersed with old sheds or redundant building materials and machinery. All this tends to make me feel confused about what we should be designing into (or out of) our public landscapes. Is it all too tidy and precise and should we be more relaxed about allowing things to grow unchecked? It seems to me we are naturally conflicted when it comes to just how ordered we want our environment to be. I might be readily critical of an unkempt garden or scruffy public green and yet concede that it may make a genuine contribution to sustaining wildlife. I might equally curse as a stray bramble catches me unawares but having identified itself points me to the fruits it could well offer me when I come back in September to collect.

It's not that I don't appreciate order and have real admiration for the efforts of all who keep their gardens looking great and that of the volunteers whose hard work keeps Grayshott village greens both tidy and colourful but across the parish is there the right balance between order and disorder? The more we push towards order we move towards a more urban environment and that's something I think we should resist. I shall be interested to see how the Parish Council's view on this is reflected in its bid for Village of the Year in 2026.

John Frankcom

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LOCAL ARTIST JAN BEBBINGTON

Many centuries ago, when I was deciding what GCE's to take, my art master suggested art. "What, for 'O' level?" I asked in surprise - "No", he replied, "Go for 'A' level." So I did and much to my surprise, I passed at the age of 16.

I had wanted to be a nurse since I was a child, so amongst others, I needed an 'O' level in anatomy and physiology for my chosen career. To save having to do much actual writing about the workings of the heart and other organs, I became immersed in very intricate drawings showing the four chambers and the vessels attached, which would have taken much longer in any essay. Surprisingly, I passed that exam.

Many years later, career sorted and children in secondary education, I felt the urge to do some painting again as I was getting bored with sorting the sock drawer and building businesses with my husband John. I was working from home long before it became fashionable. By this time I lived in Grayshott and joined an art class at the Village Hall where we painted the obligatory still life - three apples and a pear in a fruit bowl. I progressed to more complicated subjects; glass, silver, empty bottle, half-full bottle, old porcelain, fabric and shadows and reflections. But then with a beautiful garden full of flowers and Ludshott Common within walking distance, I was drawn into nature - no pun intended.

By now I had joined and left several art classes and clubs, entered exhibitions and sold some of my work - which was very exciting. I particularly enjoyed painting the common through the seasons or finding a beautiful black poppy in the garden which would only last a day, meaning I would have to pick it and paint it straight away in my home studio.

Most of my work is in watercolour, because it is sympathetic to the structure and colours of petals and leaves, although I do occasionally work in pastel, which gives John the opportunity to quip "Are you off with your crayons today, dear?"

Last year, I was invited to exhibit some paintings at the Church for the St Luke's festival where I was amazed by all the different arts and crafts on display. I am not the first to say it, but a couple of hours with a paintbrush in the hand is better than any therapy.



Black Poppy

LOCAL ARTIST JAN BEBBINGTON



Scilly Isles



Ludshott Common

LOCAL ARTIST JAN BEBBINGTON



Welsh Poppies



Tulip



Ludshott Common

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Doing some sketches on holiday

Jan Bebbington

1985-2025 THE ARTS SOCIETY GRAYSHOTT CELEBRATES ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

More than 80 members of the Society enjoyed a delicious champagne tea reception in the lovely 17thC Long Hall at Ramster Hall near Chiddingfold on 22nd July to mark their 40th Anniversary. Special guests Hampshire and Isle of Wight Area Arts Society Chair, Charles Harris and his wife Marilyn accompanied Society Chair, Jackie Bearman and President, Derek Linney in welcoming members.



Through talks from world class lecturers, visits, social events and tours in the UK or overseas, the Society enables members to expand and share their interest in the arts and our heritage. Subjects cover a wide range from archaeology to architecture, museums to music, painting to pottery, sculpture to sewing, textiles to theatre. We also support the arts locally, especially for young people at, for example, Grayshott Primary School, Undershaw and the Hindhead Music Centre. We have over 170 members from Grayshott, Headley, Hindhead, Liphook, and surrounding villages.

The Society started when our sister Society in Haslemere had a long waiting list. A steering group was formed and Sheila Sheath volunteered to take the lead in setting up the new Society, becoming our first Chairman and later President. Now in her 90s but still a member, Sheila describes how the national Arts Society, to which we are affiliated, gave her a modest grant of £50 to help, with the proviso that a trial lecture was held to establish if there was sufficient demand.

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She and her husband still had to put up some of their own money initially, to pay for the lecturer and hire of the village hall. Sheila recalls how she engaged the best lecturer on the Arts Society's panel and was delighted when over 80 people turned up. She and her colleagues then put together a full programme of monthly lectures for 1985. The Society was up and running!



The Society's founder Chairman Sheila Sheath [left] with Libby Mason, also a founder member

Membership grew rapidly and the first outings were also held that year – a visit to the magical Huguenot House in Spitalfields and a very special tour and candlelit dinner at the National Trust's stately home at Uppark. Tours in the UK and Europe followed.



Jackie Bearman with Derek Linney President [right] and Charles Harris

At this stage the Society was called the Grayshott Decorative and Fine Arts Society. But in 2018 we changed our name to The Arts Society Grayshott, following a national change. This partly reflected a widening in the scope of the Society's talks, which have included subjects as varied as Stonehenge, the design history of London's Underground, and even Pub Signs.



One of the eight tables

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Members enjoying a glass of champagne

We aim to be friendly and welcoming. So our social side is also important: we do like to meet and chat over tea and biscuits after our lectures, on visits and tours, at social events, such as coffee mornings and our Christmas lunch and fundraising events such as quiz nights and bridge drives.

A great strength of the Society is our affiliation to the national Arts Society. This gives us access to a large panel of world class lecturers (e.g. Joanna Hardy and Mark Hill

from the *Antiques Road Show*) all knowledgeable in their field and able to entertain as well as inform. Often a talk that might seem of minority interest turns out to be one of the best. Formerly known as the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies, The Arts Society is a leading arts education charity with a global network of over 360 local Societies with a shared curiosity for the arts.

Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Thursday 2nd October when Analia Talent will talk on the *Great and Small: Writers and their Pets and Other Animals*. New members are most welcome or try us out as a guest for £7. More details at www.theartsocietygrayshott.org or call Niamh on 07984 379925.



Charles Harris with his wife Marilyn [left] and TASG Chair Jackie Bearman

DRUM ROLL – HIDDEN GARDENS OF GRAYSHOTT FUNDRAISING

The Hidden Gardens of Grayshott team is delighted to announce that this year's event raised £16,500, with over 1,400 visitors exploring more than 35 gardens and attractions over the 2-day event. Thank you to all the garden owners, attractions, sponsors, volunteers, and visitors for their support.

A fairy-themed competition encouraged shops to decorate their windows in the run up to the event, and Lauren at Younique Beauty won the "best dressed window" prize hamper donated by First Advanced Landscapes.

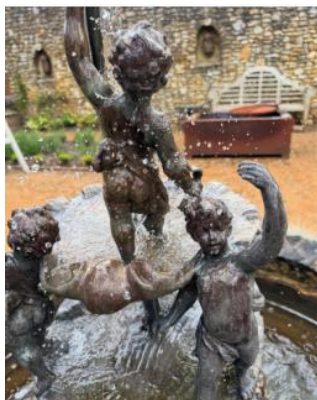


Charlie Willis was the winner for the junior competition, Connan explains "It's very brave to shoot such a tight crop on this, but it works. It's really brought the whole scene alive and the sharpness of the droplets along with the tight crop, really makes the image dance."

In October grants will open to fund gardening projects in the village, so look out for our announcement in next month's magazine.

Jane Hartley

Our Photography competition was sponsored by WPR and judged by Connan at Portraits by Pear Tree. The winner for the adult entries was Halina Lemare, Connan says "Just beautifully captured, composed perfectly with the bee slightly off to the left drawing your eye straight to the bee, framed beautifully with the red leaves, beautiful depth of field on this picture too, creating gorgeous textures."



ON IT'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY, WHAT DID LPC EVER DO FOR US?

In the scurrilously delightful movie 'The Life of Brian', John Cleese famously proposed the rhetorical question,

"What did the Romans ever do for us?"

LPC is the abbreviation for 'Ludshott Photographic Club' and the question is

"What did the LPC ever do for us?"



The answer is quite a lot for many of its members and a great deal for me personally. The club celebrated its 30th anniversary this year, 2025 and its 2025-26 season starts in September.

In a leather bound notebook dating from about 1984 are recorded details of every photograph I have ever submitted for a competition. It shows for each image entered, the date, the club where the image was judged, the name of the judge [and my opinion of the judge] whether the images were projected onto a screen or shown as a print, the title of the image, where it was taken, the score the photograph was given in the competition and the judge's comments.

Being by nature a 'Luddite' and a technological dinosaur, changing from film to a digital camera came late to me.



The Masked Weaver Bird Gordon Rae

ON IT'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY, WHAT DID LPC EVER DO FOR US?

The late Dr. David Barrett was a founder member of LPC. We had competed against each other in friendly photographic competitions in ICI at Fernhurst where we both worked. David kept on at [bullied] me to join LPC and I declined.

However, another colleague persuaded me to buy his digital camera when he upgraded his model. It was at this point I realised that I did not even know which way up to hold a digital camera so I contacted David and said I would like to join his club.

I was in dire need of a lot of help.

What did the LPC do for me?

In short, pretty well everything.



Restful Banded Demoiselle Robert Ayto



Lisbon Tram Suzy Courtnage

ON IT'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY, WHAT DID LPC EVER DO FOR US?

The manual for my digital camera was assiduously studied page by page to understand the functions of the many buttons, levers, knobs and whistles this new camera had to offer me. Fortunately there was always someone in LPC to help me through this maze of instructions.

When it came to entering the first competition, the late Jim Henson, another founder member of LPC, was there to take me through the procedure. Jim introduced me to the wonders of 'Photoshop' and taught me how to cut and mount prints for competitions. When I got stuck, Phil Peddy, also an LPC founder member but no longer with us, spent time getting me out of trouble.



Gladioli Brian Bond

LPC was welcoming and friendly, wanted new members to succeed and the experienced workers were always there to help the 'newbies'. They helped us progress, season by season, from entry level, through intermediate to the Advanced Level.

As time passed, we were asked, on occasions, to give an illustrated talk to the members which presented a whole new set of problems and expertise in the digital age. With 35mm slides, a carousel and a 'steam driven' projector, a presentation was easy. Preparing a digital 'Power Point Presentation' [PPP] was beyond both me and my pay grade.

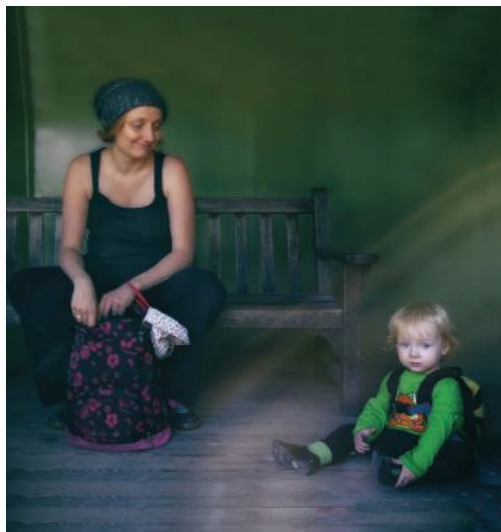
However, 'no worries' LPC was there to help. In my case Kathleen Bird came to my rescue. Kathleen has turned my random group of digital images into a PPP for every presentation I have made at LPC and a few outside the club in Grayshott.

There are a host of other activities available for members, such as Kathleen Bird's audio visual classes for beginners, Ian Rae's 'Roll Up' evenings, outside competitions, exhibitions, visits and social events.

ON IT'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY, WHAT DID LPC EVER DO FOR US?



Charterhouse Wedding John Wilson



Mummy's Ange John Dumble

In answer to the question,

"What has the LPC ever done for us [me]" the answer is very clear, like the Romans, a great deal.

If you want to know which way round to hold your camera, which button to press or how to take better photographs using your mobile phone, come and join us at Ludshott Photographic Club. You will be made very welcome and, in my experience, will find LPC can do a lot for you and for your photography.

Our first meeting of the 2025-26 season is on Monday 1st September, at Headley Village Hall, a talk on 'Landscape The Art of Seeing' by Slawek Staszuzuk. We look forward to seeing you.

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Gordon Rae VMH

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Dr Bill Webster

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Jeni Putland

THE RYDER CORIN INTERVIEW

This summer I heard that one of my favourite Beaver's scout leaders, Alice Murphy, was getting a new role in the Church, so I went to meet her and ask all about it (and other things)!

R: I first met you when I was in Beavers. What is your new role?

A: My new role is a Children's and Families Worker for the church. We don't know quite what that role looks like yet as we have not had one before so it will evolve. You'll have to watch this space!

R: What is it like? Is it similar to beavers?

A: As much as I'm dealing with children and their families yes, but Beavers and Scouts tell us what to do so we follow their structure but this I get to decide.

R: What do you do for your new role?

A: Initially I need to create a programme of things for children to do from babies right up until the base, which is secondary school. So, I have to make plans to engage children all the way through. Your age group is our deficit – there's nothing for kids your age and that's the gap!

R: What are you most excited about this role?

A: I am excited about watching children come through because I get so excited when my Beavers turn up at the Base, but I've missed that time in the middle. I'm so excited to see these kids come through, and now I actually get to see the journey.

R: Are you still a Beavers scout leader? What's your favourite thing about scouts?

A: Yes, I am, and my favourite thing is the skills we teach are traditional, like building fires, knot tying and camps. It's not evolved into can you take a selfie and how to make a coffee, it's still outdoor skills, resilience and to keep trying. Skills for life!

R: I know two things you said there; I know how to tie a reef know, but I also know how to make coffee!

A: Then you've got every skill you need for life!

R: But there's one thing I'm still working on, riding a bike.

A: That's a challenge, and what's frustrating is some kids just do it and for others it's much harder work.

R: I was actually quite proud because when the guy was helping me, he told me to look straight, and I cycled for about 3 seconds and then I put my brakes on.

A: You just have to keep going

R: Both roles are working with children. Is there a difference working with children and adults?

A: Yes absolutely, kids are so much easier to engage with and work with. If children don't like what they're doing, they'll tell you. If they're bored they'll tell you, and that kind of direct feedback is much easier to deal with.

THE RYDER CORIN INTERVIEW

R: So if we don't like something we might go 'this is boring'

A: Yes, not many children are quite that direct, but it's a breath of fresh air when they are. You know where you stand with children.

R: And adults?

A: Adults are harder. But maybe I've not had enough practice, and I'm just a massive kid!

R: If you could do this job anywhere in the world where would it be?

A: Grayshott!

R: Except Grayshott!

A: Haha, I've got a convoluted answer for this one, because actually I am called to do this job here, as this is my community and this is about being here. So I don't have a fantasy tropical destination because this job is for me to do here.

R: So you don't want to do this job in the Amazon Rainforest?

A: I'm not sure how many families we have got in the Amazon Rainforest but there are families there, I guess.

R: If you could do any job in the world, what would it be? (Except this job!)

A: You've foiled me because it would be this job. It would be the thing that is in front of me at this point in time which is a need for me to do, is the job I need to do. I want to make a difference to the people around me, to my community, the world. If I make a difference to this little piece I've made a difference.

R: I think I have a recommendation for you; counsellor, because you work with children.

A: Maybe this is your scoop Ryder, that that's my next move!

R: What did you want to be when you were a child?

A: I wanted to be an undertaker, a funeral director, for a long time. Again that was about looking after my community, and people, at a point of need. I always fancied washing the ducks or birds when there were oil leaks in the sea. When you saw people washing sea birds in fairy liquid, I always wanted to do that!



Ryder and Alice

THE RYDER CORIN INTERVIEW

R: What is your favourite childhood memory?

A: Our garden. Where we grew up we had a big garden with a great big pond. As an only child I would just amuse myself outside, fishing tadpoles out the pond, camping at the bottom of the garden in a scout tent all summer.

R: When you were growing up what was your favourite book?

A: It was Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass. And obviously everyone thought I liked them because my name is Alice, but I thought they were fabulous!

R: How about if your favourite book was Alice and the Interviewer?

A: What would happen in this book? Would we go on adventures?

R: In the church?

A: That's always an adventure!

R: If you could be an animal, what would you be?

A: A dragonfly. Because dragonflies pre-date dinosaurs. So, whatever destroyed dinosaurs, they managed to evolve around and were resilient to be able to survive. They're the ultimate symbol of survival and being delicate. Unlike cockroaches, they're resilient without armour.

R: Do you have a hero?

A: Women are my heroes. All women! I've got friends that have dealt with more in half a lifetime that anyone should ever have to. It's back to resilience; they get up and do everything in spite of all the other stuff. So women are my heroes.

R: I actually have 4 heroes; David Attenborough, Steve Backshall, Chris Packham and Greta Thunberg

A: I like your list, that's a good list.

R: What is your favourite thing about Grayshott?

A: My St Lukes family. I grew up here, my family grew up here, my dad grew up here. So it's the roots and the community. But for now it's my St Lukes family.

R: My four favourite things are Forest School, Scouts, visiting the fire station and Waggoners Wells

R: The environment is very important to me. What advice to you have for everyone to protect our planet for us children?

A: That everybody should do what they can do. There's a tendency to say what difference can I make, but it's back to the theory that if I make this much difference and my neighbour makes as much difference as they can do, then across the world that's a massive difference. So do what you can do and don't feel bad about what you can't.

R: I usually like to pick up litter, and my mum does something as well as we don't use palm oil at home.

A: That's the one that impacts on the rain forest and the orangutang's impact. I like to use reusable things, so anything that can be substituted by fabric and washed that's something I do.

R: Thanks Alice, I've really enjoyed this interview, it's been one of my favourites!



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IT'S (NOT) ALL GREEK TO ME!

Back at the start of 2025, Chris Grocock offered to teach anyone who was interested the rudiments of New Testament Greek. The course was offered to anyone who was curious – not just church members – as a way of exploring the New Testament documents and keeping grey matter going. That was one of the aims Chris had in mind for himself as well as for the people taking part – he's been a student of and a teacher of Greek in its Classical and New Testament forms for over 40 years, and as the saying goes, you 'use it or lose it.' And so, with Classical Greek dropped from the curriculum at the school where he works, he thought it would be something helpful for everyone.

Other reasons for having a go at studying Greek include the insights it gives into our own language, and the links and derivations which many English words have. Chris remembers once in hospital raising a concern about a large lump he had on his arm. The registrar who looked at it said it was nothing to worry about – it was a 'subcutaneous haematoma.' He shouldn't have said it to a Classics teacher. Two Latin words and two Greek ones translate as 'under-skin blood-lump.' A nasty bruise, in other words. There are many English words – specially part of the 'churchy' vocabulary – which owe their origins to Greek.



It was cold when we started in January!

IT'S (NOT) ALL GREEK TO ME!

The New Testament documents – the four Gospels and Acts, the Letters, the Book of Revelation – were all written in the basic Greek used as a common language all over the eastern Mediterranean in the first century AD. The different writers in the New Testament have different styles: Luke's Greek is polished and erudite (he was a doctor) while Mark's gospel is racy, fast-paced, sometimes breathless. The writers wanted above all to communicate. Even very simple steps in learning Greek can shed fresh light on the context and background of the New Testament. In addition, there was already a Greek translation of the Old Testament (originally composed in Hebrew with a tiny bit of Aramaic) called the *Septuagint*, composed according to tradition in Alexandria by a team of seventy scholars. The New Testament writers made a lot of use of that as they were writing their accounts of Jesus and penning letters to the churches which were just beginning to be established in the Mediterranean world.

The course kicked off with some introductory material and background, and the first challenge – learning to recognize the Greek alphabet (useful on holiday – it hasn't changed).



Chris at the old-fashioned flipchart

IT'S (NOT) ALL GREEK TO ME!

Seventeen brave folks met in the first meeting, a number which gradually whittled itself down to seven, for a variety of reasons – not always because learning a language is very challenging! From the period from January to June we met nineteen times and made our way to the end of chapter 13 of Wenham's *Elements of New Testament Greek*. We covered the alphabet, the present tense, all five of the cases with some prepositions and had a look at the strange way that NT Greek adds prefixes, augments and endings to verbs to create the imperfect tense – a challenge for us, but something which must have been second nature if you grew up with it! We made sure that there was plenty of class participation and a shared effort, especially when it came to writing sentences in English *back into Greek*.



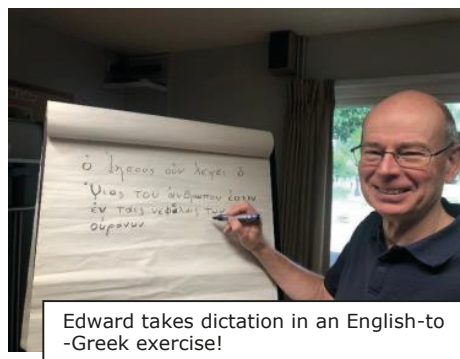
The 'Magnificent Seven' in our last lesson!

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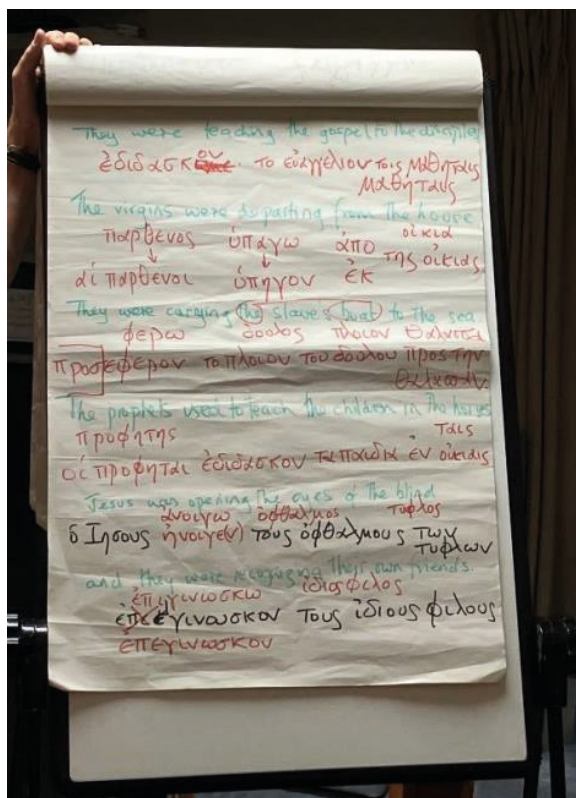
No matter how much of the course they did, those who came found it fun as well as a challenge, and kept Chris on his toes as well. 'Expands the mind' and 'Uses parts of the brain I haven't exercised for years' were two comments in this vein; Chris was also flattered to get some compliments about making it fun even while introducing some of the oddities of New Testament Greek (the language 'works' in a very different way to the English we use) and being honest and upfront when something particularly challenging comes along.

We plan to resume in September, and it will be intriguing to see how much revision we need to do before we press on with more grammar and vocabulary. Our textbook has reassured us that 'we have now met over half of all the words in the New Testament,' which is something! If there is interest from anyone who hasn't been able to join in this time we could do it again and then join both groups together after Christmas 2025, or even try to fit two groups into the schedule, though that is complicated. In addition, Chris is planning to offer tuition in Latin, Greek and Classical Civilization to 'A' Level under the title 'Dr Classics' from September, but that is a wholly different exercise!

Chris Grocock, July 2025



Edward takes dictation in an English-to-Greek exercise!



An annotated text – use of colour helps understanding

GRAYSHOTT'S WARTIME MEMORIES

At the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, anyone who was an adult at the time will now have at least 98 years to their credit. It will soon pass beyond living memory. Events of the last few years are a reminder that the ideals our forebears fought for - freedom and democracy - are hard won, and that even in the 21st century Europe is not immune to battle and bloodshed on its soil.

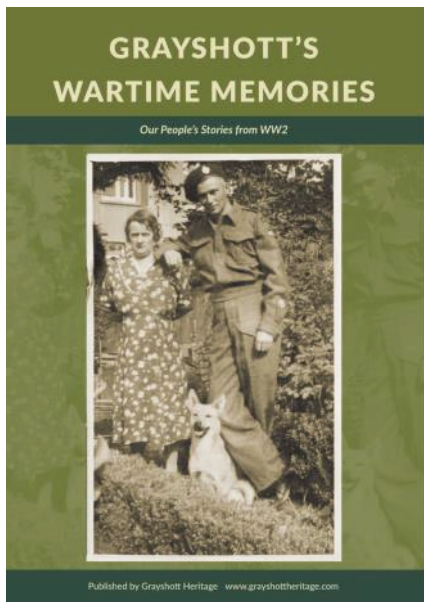
Since the end of National Service in 1963 none of our citizens have been conscripted into the armed services.

Those who volunteer to serve currently make up less than half of 1% of our population. A miniscule proportion of our civilians have ever heard shots fired in anger, let alone had bombs fall on their homes. We are the lucky generations.

Now seems like a good time to review Grayshott's experience of WW2, whilst we can still talk to some of our village's eyewitnesses to one of modern history's greatest events. Our new book is to some extent a survey of Grayshott during the war, and we hope to convey at least a sense of how it was to live here. But we also record today's villagers' recollections of their war, wherever it was, as well as the stories and family legends of younger generations. Some of us baby-boomers were perhaps indelibly imprinted with war yarns by our parents or grandparents. Others sometimes have no inkling, and have to winkle out dormant memories or rediscover them from family papers. Experiences which we find extra-ordinary were, to those of the time, so completely ordinary as to barely register, and have to be sought out. They all add to the richness of Grayshott's memory bank.

For some people the war demanded acts of courage or sacrifice which to many of us are unimaginable. Others, whether in uniform, factories or fields, were small but cumulatively vital cogs in the big machine. For most perhaps it was just a case of enduring what came along and enjoying it when they could. There are stories of each in the book.

Thanks to generous grants from East Hampshire District Council and Hampshire Archives Trust we are able to make the book available to villagers at no charge. It was released on 15th August, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, and copies can be obtained from Business Connections, the Community Library and other outlets around the village. A pdf copy is available on our website for those further afield.



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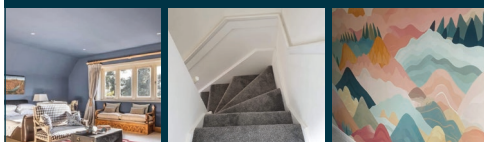
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GRAYSHOTT TEA PARTY

Ruth reminded us of the legacy of Romania's president, the dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu, whose natalist policies led to the abandonment of children in underfunded state run orphanages, where young children were left in cribs 24 hours a day with no stimulation or interaction, with only the most basic care and no physical contact apart from cleaning and feeding provided. Dr Nathan Fox studied the effect of the neglect on the development of the children. He found delayed cognitive function, motor development, language and emotional behaviour. He found the rooms eerily quiet as the children had learned that crying brought no response. The children had smaller brains, with less grey and white matter. However, those children who were fortunate enough to be removed before their 2nd birthday and adopted regained normal brain function.

There has been little research into tactile impairment yet we know that touch releases endorphins, reduces stress, helps the immune system and lowers blood pressure.

Reminiscing is a sign of mental health and objects create focus, they are powerful stimulants with an emotional pull so Ruth likes to provide artifacts in her museum work for visitors to touch and she brought some with her for us to explore, which stimulated memories, laughter and conversation amongst us.

We meet next month on 2nd September for our Summer Outing. This year we are going to Polesden Lacey.

New members welcome. For more information phone Jo on 07890 062462.



Chris Vardy

THE CHILDREN'S PIANO CONCERT

Grayshott Village came together for an uplifting afternoon of music and community giving.

Grayshott Village Hall was filled with music, pride, and applause on Saturday 21st June as 15 young pianists, aged just 6 to 18, took to the stage for the inaugural Children's Piano Concert—a new community initiative celebrating youth, music, and charitable giving.

The concert, attended by an audience of around 100—including families, neighbours, and music lovers—offered a vibrant and heartwarming experience. A local resident remarked, “We found out about the event through Grayshott Today and were blown away—it was something completely different for our village, and truly special.”

From classical favourites to film music and jazz, the young performers demonstrated remarkable musical ability and stage presence. The concert was the brainchild of Dr D Sogbesan, a Grayshott resident and local GP, and organised by The Children's Piano Concert, a non-profit group supporting young musicians and raising funds for local causes.

Thanks to the Councillor Community Grant Scheme from East Hampshire District Council, a Yamaha C3 grand piano was hired specially for the event. Cllr Tom Hanrahan, who attended and offered opening remarks, was thanked warmly for his support in helping bring the vision to life.

Volunteers played a key role, setting up the venue, greeting guests, and providing refreshments. Their efforts created a welcoming, professional atmosphere that made the concert feel like something far beyond a local hall event.

Proceeds from ticket sales online and on the day raised £250 for Grayshott Scouts, the long-standing youth charity supporting more than 60 children and teens in the village through Cubs, Beavers, and Scouts.

The organisers confirmed that the Children's Piano Concert will return next year, with even more community involvement expected.

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He spent another eight years training with a concert technician in London, which included extensive international training with renowned manufacturers such as Kawai in Japan, Fazioli in Italy, and Bluthner in Germany. His expertise led to an invitation to care for the 64 pianos at the Yehudi Menuhin School. Settling in Haslemere, Martin continues to travel to London to maintain Bluthner London's instruments.

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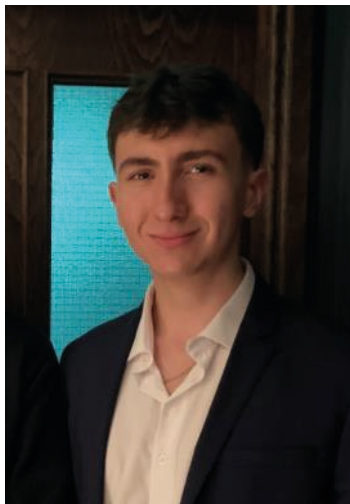
Henry



Martin

LEAVING GRAYSHOTT FOR UNI

The hideous phrase “back to school” is back again in shop windows and very soon you or someone you know will be starting an exciting new chapter. My name is Mihai and I’m going into my third and final year of Philosophy and Politics at the University of Bristol. I’m also a proud Grayshottian, having moved into the village at the age of 10 and attended Grayshott Primary, and later, Bohunt School and Sixth Form. Knowing that the move to uni can be pretty daunting, I thought I’d pass some words of wisdom down to any who will soon swap the quiet village life for a busy one in the city.



What I’ve learnt (and you’ve probably heard it all before) is that you should expect and embrace challenges. Things will go wrong. You will go to uni and things that you didn’t even think to consider will go wrong. Maybe in November your room will get really really cold and the heater won’t work and you’ll freeze for a while until it’s fixed/replaced- that’s not entirely impossible. Something which I’m still grappling with is that you can’t control or prepare for everything.

Before leaving home I really wanted to know exactly what uni life was going to be like so that I could thrive in my new environment. I watched all the Youtube videos I could find of people talking about uni accom, student nightlife, societies, lectures, Bristol, transport, taking notes, socialising, budgeting etc. But that was the wrong approach! Thinking I could know everything made me feel comfortable but when I faced difficulties I was out of my comfort zone and unprepared and struggled to understand how, because I had relied too much on being ready.

I’m not saying don’t inform yourself but don’t try to predict how things should be because you’ll be surprised. Simply accept that you’ll be challenged and that the challenges will be hard and not something you can prepare for, because no challenge ever isn’t as otherwise it wouldn’t be a challenge. That difference in thinking will be more beneficial to you.

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These last two years have probably been the toughest yet and have really tested my faith, my hope, my positivity and my resilience. And admittedly I haven't always made the best decisions. But that's okay because lately I'm learning to care less. How many times have you and I faced amazing difficulties that we believed would be the end of us and come out okay? I think it's funny how everytime something is not the end of us, some time goes by, we face another problem, we forget we made it though okay the last time or we tell ourselves this one is actually more important than the one before and we start worrying all over again.

Maybe it really is bigger but it won't be the end of you now will it. There is so much hope in remembering that there's a tomorrow and that you're going to live to see it and it's that hope which will help you face the night and see the sunrise. Maybe then as you're basking in the glory of the new sun, you'll reflect on everything that has happened and be thankful because you wouldn't be here without it. That's what the last two years have taught me and that's what I'll try to remember when I meet the next big thing.

On a lighter note I don't need to tell anyone how fun and exciting coming to uni can be so good luck to all the new students, even if you're just moving schools!



Mihai Rosca

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UKRAINIANS IN GRAYSHOTT

Many thanks to the several people who came forward with offers of work for our Ukrainian residents. These offers have nearly all been taken up and we would be very happy to receive some more. People are mainly looking for domestic or cleaning work but there is also interest in working in local shops and businesses.

Helen Williams

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A LETTER FROM BRIAN

Dear Grayshott Solvers.

It is with genuine regret That I have to close my crossword setting for another period of time. Like all of us I am not getting any younger and this is impacting on me at my stage of life. Incidentally, my intent, when setting the July crossword, was to give each of you: beginner perhaps or champion: a chance to complete the whole grid with answers.



Regular solvers may have noticed: cryptic clues were not always included. All clues in the July edition may be solved using “general knowledge” or everyday nous perhaps? Whatever: I am sure you were all able to complete the grid one way or another?

I do so hope you have enjoyed the grids set over the past three years as much as I have when compiling them. So! It's au-revoir rather than finito perhaps? What a puzzle?

Best Wishes to you all.

Brian J Skinner

The Magazine team are very grateful to Brian for his steadfast contributions to Grayshott Today. We wish him well and hope that he may be persuaded to return later this year.

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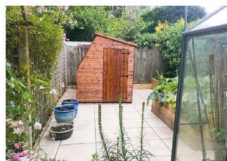
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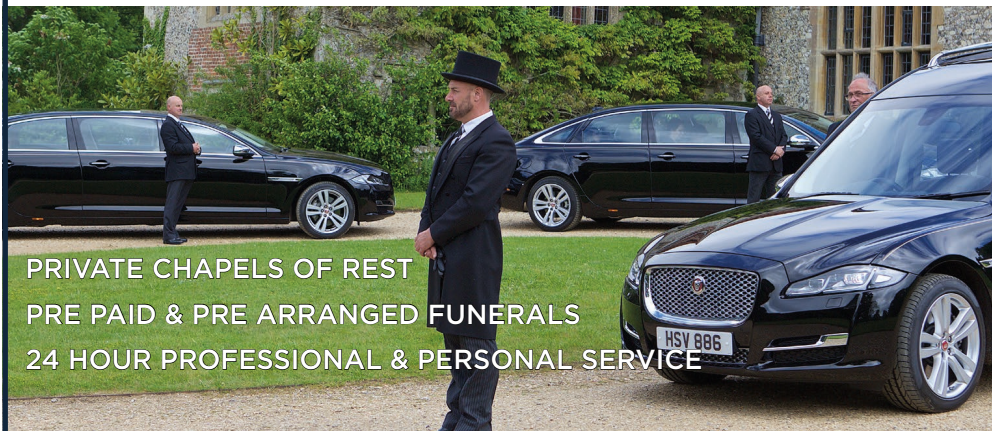
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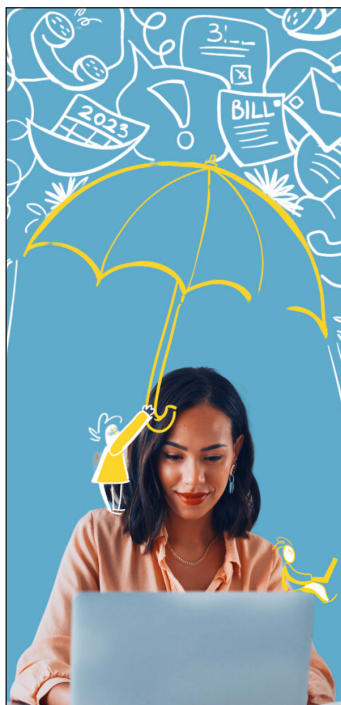
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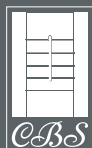


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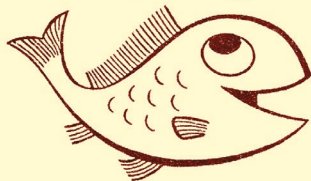
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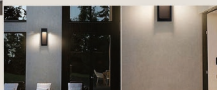
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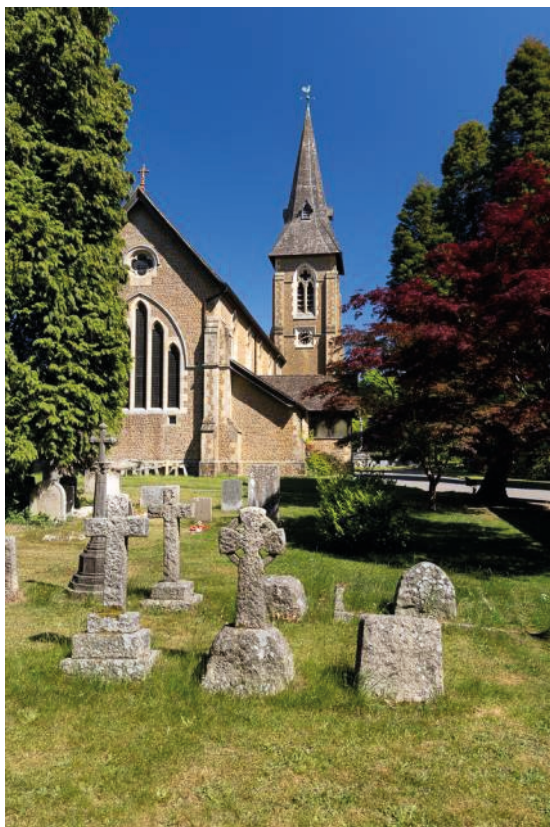
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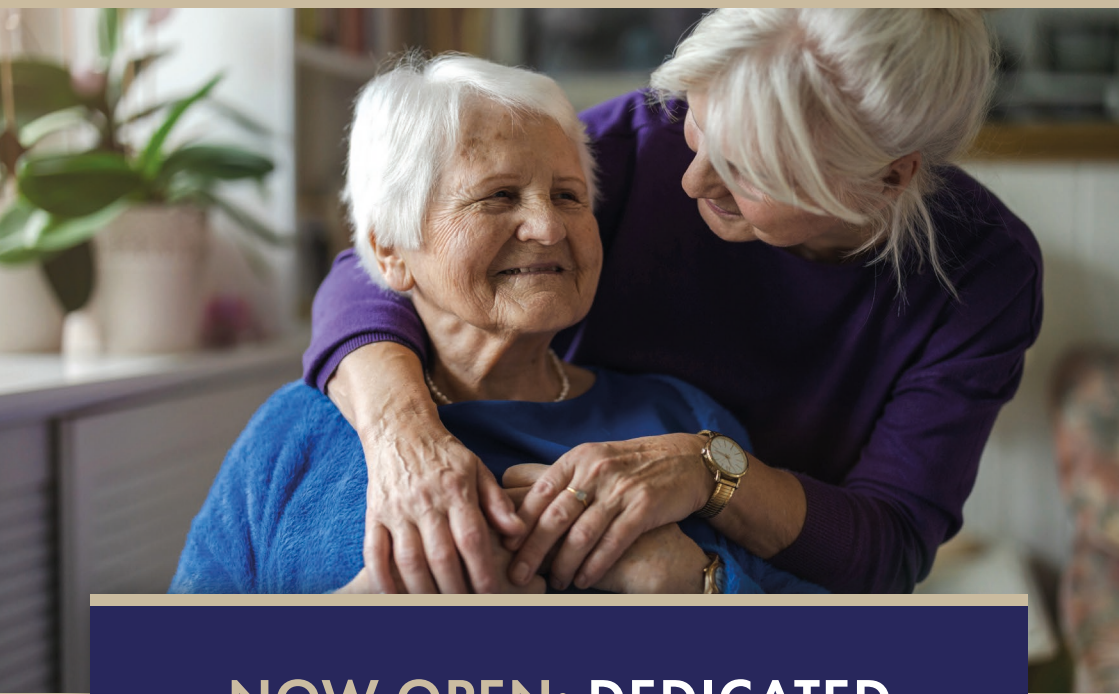
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