

The Greywell Gazette

Winter 2021

Welcome to Greywell's inaugural newsletter. The intention is to publish it four times a year with a different person responsible for assembling the material on every occasion. Each issue will be circulated by the village email manager. Suggestions for material for the Spring 2022 edition should be sent to the next guest editors who will be Richard and Anita Cole. Even better, if you want to contribute an article, please contact them but that will not necessarily escape editing or ensure publication! Finally, if you want to advertise services or goods, you may do so for a modest fee.

What it is and what it isn't. The Gazette will contain news and other information which is of relevance only or principally to Greywell villagers. It will complement other publications like The Villager which is distributed monthly to all villagers within the Parish but it will not cover, for example, planning applications for areas which do not directly affect Greywell, likewise local school issues, road schemes etc. The guiding principle is: if you don't live in Greywell, you are unlikely to want to read it!

The content and format of each publication will depend entirely on the guest editor but is expected to carry contributions from the Parish Council, the Village Hall and the Church, announce arrivals to and departures from the village and notify upcoming village events. Articles about aspects of Greywell may occasionally feature (e.g. village history, footpaths, the SSSI), short contributions from guest officialdom (e.g. district or county councillors) will sometimes be made and there may be village pub and club items. There may even be a Letters to the Editor section. With that introduction here goes!

Nick and Joy MacAndrew
Guest Editors

PARISH COUNCIL

Current issues on the Parish Council agenda include planning applications for the Solar Farm at Chosley and a Wellness Centre at the Old Dairy buildings in White Lane. The PC has registered its objections to both developments. Hart District Council has yet to decide on either, although Chosley is on the Planning Committee agenda for its meeting on 10th November. There are currently four proposals on the table for massive solar farms in the Hook area alone. This is a worrying trend and the PC is actively engaging with CPRE, the countryside charity, and other interest groups to protect our cherished rural landscape.

The PC, as a statutory consultee, continues to submit comments to Hart on proposals by Greywellians for home improvements; our stance is usually supportive unless there are adverse effects on neighbours or the general village scene. It is separately looking into the possible extension of ultra-fast broadband to the rest of the village, after Deptford Lane houses received 'fibre to the premises' (FTTP) connections a couple of years ago. It looks as if there are sufficient numbers to enable Greywell to take advantage of a government-sponsored scheme to extend gigabit speeds to rural communities at no cost to individual households.

After a dormant period due to Covid, the regular village clean-up initiative started again in September. Alongside the work undertaken by the County Lengthsman, much was achieved in improving the appearance of the village and thanks are due to everyone who took part, especially Caroline Boyle who organised the event.

The current members of the PC are myself as Chairman, Mike Barter, James Malmesbury and Henri Mogg. Sue O'Neill stood down as a Parish Councillor in the summer. Her contribution over the past five years is much appreciated. As well as being an active Councillor, she led the installation

of the defibrillator, established VETS (Village Emergency Telephone Scheme) and coordinated the response to supporting residents affected by Covid restrictions. The PC co-opted John Pocock as a member at its recent meeting; we are confident that he will be a highly effective Parish Councillor and we welcome him on board. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th December in the Village Hall.

David Millard
Chairman



VILLAGE HALL

After the ravages of Covid-19, the Village Hall Committee is pleased to announce the rekindling of some of our favourite events starting of course with the village bonfire, fireworks display and BBQ for which we would like to thank all those involved in arranging it. Events such as this do take an enormous effort behind the scenes, ranging from contributions of wood, equipment and volunteer time to the provision of the field. I think it is important to reflect that it is through events such as this that the village can once again come together in the spirit of increasing community cohesion and of course enjoying ourselves.

You will be aware that a number of folk have moved out of the village, some were long-term residents and some shorter, but we wish them all the best of luck in their future and thank them for their contributions in the past to village events and village life.

Of course the corollary of this is that we now have a number of new residents to whom we extend the warmest of welcomes - should you live next door to a new neighbour, please do encourage them to come to our events and ask them to forward their email address to Karen McCaffrey (karengreywellvillage@gmail.com) for inclusion in the village email distribution list.

During lockdown the Committee took advantage of the lull to have the Village Hall redecorated. It was looking rather tired and those who have been inside will, I am sure, agree that a sterling job was accomplished. We are delighted to have been able to restart the regular film nights which take place on the third Saturday of each month and I would like to extend my thanks to the other members of the organising committee for their help with this. Those who have attended will attest to their enjoyment of the event, including the opportunity to enjoy some time over a drink with friends after the film finishes. Looking forward, we have a number of events planned which are set out below and which we hope you will attend:

2021

November

Sat 6th Bonfire, fireworks display and BBQ
Gates open 5.00 p.m.
Sat 20th Film Night: Dream Horse

December

Sun 5th 6.00 – 8.00 p.m. Christmas drinks
Sat 18th Film Night: The Nutcracker

2022

January

Sat 22nd 7.00 -11.00 p.m. Quiz Night

February

Sat 26th 8.00 – 10.00 p.m. Curry Night

Did you know that, as well as booking the Hall for your own events, you can also hire items such as cups, glasses, plates etc? Please contact me or Mike O'Neill for bookings.

Finally, I am delighted to welcome Madeleine Kear as a member of the Committee. Should you like to get involved we are always keen to welcome new members so do get in touch. The current members comprise myself as Chairman, Caroline Boyle, Caroline Clark, Nick Cross, Madeleine Kear, Julie Large, Karen McCaffrey and Mike O'Neill as Treasurer.

Paul Brennan-Benson
Chairman

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Thank you so much to all who took part in the Harvest Festival, including those who decorated the Church, which looked splendid, and to those who made donations to The Mead, a children's home in Odiham, and The Odiham Foodbank who were so grateful. In addition to this over £170 was raised for the Church.



Every five years the fabric of St Mary's is inspected by an architect who highlights work which might be needed and keeps track of the general state of repair. Last time round, many renovations were required - you may remember the scaffolding on the tower when a lot of flint and brickwork were made good and pipework was repaired. Internally the ceilings were cleaned and the walls decorated. We must thank our wonderful builder Simon Wells for all his efforts and all who donated to the Church and Friends. We would also like to thank all who help in the churchyard tidy-ups, the cleaning of the Church and flower arranging, it is much appreciated by villagers and visitors alike.

It has been a joy to welcome people back to the Church again following the relaxation of the Covid regulations. We have also celebrated two weddings this summer; congratulations to Henry Wilson and Lizzie Underhay, and Christian Thing and Anna Standage (below).



Finally, please do not forget the book exchange which is now inside the Church; do take a look and borrow/donate a book or two.

Forthcoming services:

November

7 th	11.00 a.m.	Morning Service
14 th	9.00 a.m.	Remembrance Service, Up Nately
21 st	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

December

5 th	11.00 a.m.	Morning Service
18 th	4.00 p.m.	Carol Service
19 th	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
25 th	11.00 a.m.	Family Service

Libbie Bromfield
Church Warden

WHO'S WHO

The Greywell Village Directory is an email group which has been set up to pass on notices and information to villagers. If you have any notices you would like sent round, please send an email with the details to:

karengreywellvillage@gmail.com

If you are sending an attachment it is best to send as a pdf please. If you are new to the village or have a new neighbour who would like to be included, please let me know contact details on the above email address so they can be added to the directory.

We are pleased to announce the arrival into the village of:

Chris and Sue Ashworth have moved into Coomberry in Hook Road

Tash Rosin has moved into 1 Vine Cottages, The Street

Alex and Jo MacPherson and their three daughters have moved into The Malt House

David and Ann Jakubovic have moved into Church Cottage

We have said goodbye to Charles and Julia Annandale, Martin and Deborah Glover and Amanda Kyme who have left the village.

And we have sadly lost Jollyon Coombs and Sheila Tott who both passed away recently.

DISTRICT COUNCIL - HART TO HOME

Many of you in Greywell will know what Hart District Council is responsible for and the political situation but some will not. I hope this will interest all of you. Hart is responsible for Waste Collection (jointly with Basingstoke), Planning, Building Regulations (jointly with Rushmore), Environmental Health, Parking, and Licensing (both premises and taxis). It also collects Council Tax on behalf of all other authorities which deliver services in the District, such as Hampshire County Council, the Police and Fire Services, Parish Councils and of course Hart itself. To the surprise of many, the District Council retains only around 10% of what it collects with the 90% balance being passed to the other authorities. Hart also collects Business Rates but the whole amount collected is passed on to central Government.

There are 33 councillors in total. The Conservatives are the largest single party with 12 members, mainly in the western parishes. The other two parties are CCH (Community Campaign Hart) who are mainly in Church Crookham (10 members) and the Liberal Democrats (also 10 members) who are in Yateley and Blackwater; they have formed a coalition which controls the Council.

There is particular tension within the Council over Planning, that is, where to build the new houses which the Government requires Hart to deliver. CCH would prefer to see the bulk of them built on the green fields in the western parishes, whereas Councillors from these areas argue for building them around the larger existing settlements where there is already infrastructure, such as public transport and shops.

In addition to meetings either of the full Council or of the various committees, where most of the work is done, Councillors also help residents who do not feel that the Council Officers are dealing with them promptly or fairly. If you would like advice on any matter relating to Hart District Council, please do not hesitate to contact me. I go to the meetings of Greywell Parish Council and can always meet elsewhere by arrangement.

John Kennett
District Councillor

RECIPE CORNER

Twenty years ago the famous Greywell Cookery Book was published. Here we include a recipe from that book originally given to us for publication by Margaret Annandale.

Chicken Suisse



Ingredients:

Diced meat from one cooked chicken
50g butter
50g plain flour
150ml chicken stock
150ml white wine
300ml cream (or crème fraiche to make the dish less rich)
50g grated gruyere cheese
2 tsp Dijon mustard
Salt and pepper

For the topping:

4 tbsp breadcrumbs
2 tbsp grated cheddar cheese
1 tbsp chopped tarragon

Method:

Make a roux with the melted butter and flour and add the stock and white wine to make a sauce.

Add the cream (or crème fraiche) and simmer for 4-5 minutes. Stir in the gruyere cheese, mustard and season to taste.

Arrange the diced, cooked chicken in a casserole dish. Pour over the sauce and sprinkle over the breadcrumbs, cheese and chopped tarragon.

Heat through thoroughly at 200°C and serve when breadcrumbs are browned.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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We would welcome feedback of any kind on this first edition, please email nick@themaandrews.com.

The next Guest Editors are Richard and Anita Cole email: richardcole1@sky.com and anitacole1@sky.com.

If you have a neighbour who does not have email please could you offer them a printed copy.