

The Greywell Gazette

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Welcome from the editors

Hello and welcome to the 3rd edition of the Greywell Gazette.

In this edition we celebrate the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II, provide updates from the Parish and County Council; Road Safety; Village Hall events; St Mary's Church and Greywell Moors.

Pages 2 – 4 provide information about the Logistics J5 proposal on the Parish and County Council pages and articulate the concerns many of us have.

Page 10 provides the exciting plans to refurbish the Fox and Goose and also notes closure threat of the Old House at Newnham.

Anita and I have enjoyed producing these two but very happy to pass the baton on! Paul and Viv Harrison will be the next editors in the spring with David Millard volunteering for the next one.

Best wishes,
Richard Cole

Parish Council

Your New Council

Mike Barter took over as chair of the Parish Council on 19th May. New councillors Liz Muir and Richard Cole (appointed Vice Chair) join James (Earl of) Malmesbury and Henri Mogg as councillors for Greywell.

Thanks go to David Millard and John Pocock who have stepped down.

David served on the council for 16 years, 9 of which as chairman. At the meeting on 21st July, the council took the opportunity of thanking David with a gift in recognition of the amazing contribution to the village as an excellent Chairman.



Planning

Lodge Farm

On the planning front, the major event has been pre application notice for a new warehousing development at Lodge Farm.

This was discussed at the meeting on 21st July, with County Councillor Jon Glen and District Councillor John Kennett in attendance. The meeting noted the level of concern amongst the community. It was decided that although the Council is not a consultee, a short 'opening salvo' (see below), to both the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion and the pre-application advice request, would be appropriate - if only to squash any perception at Hart that we are not interested!

Whilst the proposed development is not within the Parish of Greywell, its entrance would be less than one mile away. Consequently, although not a formal consultee, Greywell Parish Council (GPC) wishes to register its view on the 2 most important areas of concern to Greywell residents which must be fully investigated in any future EIA.

- *The transport and access parameters in the scoping report are extremely 'thin' and it will be imperative that an EIA relating to any full application fully explores the impact of the massive increase in traffic in the area. In the pre-application for the proposal (22/01355/PREAPP), the Transport Statement suggests that there could be up to 14,273 extra vehicle movements on a typical weekday! Detailed analysis of such traffic volumes must explore the reality that a large proportion of this traffic will not simply arrive from junction 5 of the M3 and will adversely affect all of the surrounding villages.*
- *The EIA must fully consider the proximity of the Greywell Fen SSSI (800m from the site) and the Basingstoke Canal SSSI (less than 500M away), which includes the famous Greywell Tunnel bat populations.*

As the current applications are not a formal planning application, councillors agreed to recommend that residents do not, at this early stage of the process, need to make individual comments to Hart as they will not be considered. If in due course a full planning application is made the Parish Council will give guidance on what action residents may wish to take. In the meantime, the Parish Council will be contacting

neighbouring stakeholders to explore ways in which any future actions can be coordinated.

At the meeting 6th October, the Chairman confirmed he had reached out and is in communication with a number of people in Dummer who helped their village successfully oppose recent warehouse planning applications. He is also in communication with the Chair of the Odiham Parish Council Planning and Development Committee, Cllr P. Verdon. They have agreed that, when appropriate, they will share messaging about the Lodge Farm application to the villagers of Odiham and Greywell

Hampshire County Council

Report from Jonathan Glen, HCC member for Odiham, Hook and the Western Parishes.

“I can report that I have been busy with the Lodge Farm pre application.

- I have had two online meetings with Obsidian Strategic.*
- I have highlighted that they need to liaise continuously with all the local Parishes, especially, Greywell.*
- I have cited the problem that Greywell residents will have with access and egress to and from the B3349 dual carriageway.*
- I have explained that the M3 Junction will need major improvements and widening.*
- I have highlighted the need for dedicated slip roads*
- I have highlighted the HCC need for dedicated pedestrian and cycle routes.*
- I have explained that HCC Children’s services will want a dedicated walkway for Hook children to walk to Robert Mays School*
- The North Warnborough roundabout will have to be replaced*

- I have explained that we will need a contribution in excess of £100 million to handle all this.*
- Their recent “Consultation“ was actually a polished presentation, showing off their pre application in the best light. When I have my next zoom meeting with them, I will be explaining this liaison failure to them.*
- I am working closely with a growing Odiham based pressure group, called VOW, led by a David Harrington. I am channelling all their evidence to the principal officer at HCC.*
- National Highways, who are responsible for junction 5 have sent in a flood plain map which shows that the pre application will sit squarely on one of the Whitewater’s flood areas.*
- Obsidian is planning to make an application in Spring; I doubt that they will have ironed out all the problems by then.*
- All the above is only relevant IF the HDC planning committee is minded to approve.”*

Cllr Jonathan K Glen
HCC member for Odiham, Hook and the Western Parishes

In celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years reign

Back at the beginning of June, Greywell along with the whole country took the opportunity to celebrate the 70 years of Queen Elizabeth's reign as our monarch. Looking back, it was so wonderful that the Queen, despite clearly being frail, was able to enjoy the occasion too, prior to passing on 8th September.

In Greywell, we started the celebrations with the Flower Festival in the church, followed by a Tennis tournament (won by Henri Mogg and Christian Thing) on the Saturday, the Queen's Ball in the evening, the



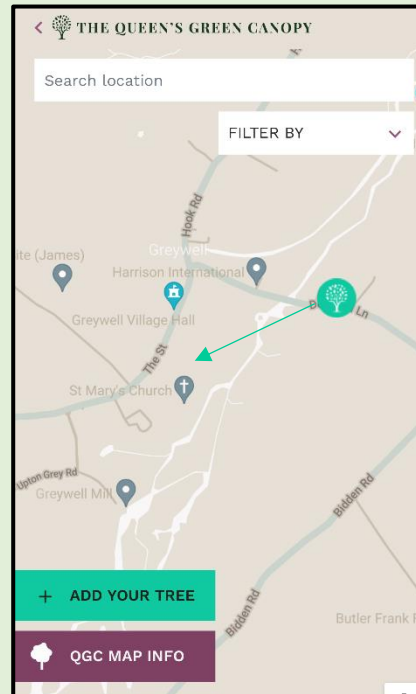
feast at lunch time.

Dog Show Sunday morning prior to the wonderful street party that followed. With The Street closed to traffic, we estimate that over 250 people enjoyed a

In the afternoon, Karen and Ali judged the Bake-Off competition (won by Trish Elgar) after which we enjoyed eating the cakes with a cup of tea.



In October we planted a single Lime Tree next to the footpath in Church Meadow as part of the “Queen’s Green Canopy” initiative. It has been registered on the [Map - The Queen’s Green Canopy \(queensgreencanopy.org\)](http://queensgreencanopy.org) website. For privacy reasons(!), the position is only roughly where the tree is, hence why it’s indicated to be on Deptford Lane!!



St Mary's Church

We have welcomed our new vicar Matt Bianchi (see last Gazette) with his licensing in March and recently a wine and cheese party at the village hall at which 30 villagers gathered.



In Lent we had a successful Soup for Ukraine lunch in the hall when over £450 was raised for local help for Ukraine projects and at Easter the church was beautifully decorated for the celebrations. Further celebrations in the church have included 5 Christenings, Pet Service, Jubilee Flower Festival and bunting art display and recent Harvest Thanksgiving. Many thanks to all those who helped with the displays.





We have mourned the death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II. A bell was tolled 96 times after her death, the book of condolence was placed in the church and Matt led a fitting memorial service on the Eve of her funeral. We have also mourned the loss of Joanna Jamieson.

Both Spring and Autumn tidy-ups continue to keep the churchyard well kept. Many thanks if you helped. The village also came

together in the hall for an August tea and cake sale and the recent Harvest tea with cakes and chat in abundance. Many thanks to all bakers and helpers. Also, thanks for all the harvest gifts which will be shared between The Camrose Centre in Basingstoke and The Mead children's home in Odiham.

N.B. Paperback books for you to read are at the back of the church.

Do help yourselves.

Dates for your diaries

November

6th 11am Morning Worship

13th 10.50am Remembrance Service in Mapledurwell church.

20th 9am Holy Communion.

December

4th 11am Morning Worship

11th 4.30pm Carol Service (in church if wet)

25th Christmas Day 10.45am Family Service. Do Come and bring family and friends to join the celebrations

Libbie Bromfield - Church Warden.



Village Hall = Events

Bonfire night:

Saturday 5th November 2022.gates open 17:00.

Laying of Wreath and Remembrance

Friday 11th November 10.50 am

War Memorial outside Village Hall

Christmas drinks:

Sunday 18th December 2022 18:00 - 20:00 at the village hall.

all profits to our local hospice charity

Quiz night: Saturday 4th February 2023, 19:00- 22:00

at the VH, £8 per person

Village clean: Saturday March 4th 2023, 09:00- 12:00

with BBQ from 12:00-14:00

Village Gardens- July 1st 2023:

£5 entry, more detailed to follow. We would like to rekindle this event again to raise money for charity. Further details to follow.

Greywell Film Night

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/greywell-film-night>



The Outfit

Sat 19th November – 8pm



Downton Abbey (A new era)

Sat 17th December – 8pm



Zumba with Louise

Trained teacher Louise –

Thursday 6.30 to 7.30 for £5 - Village Hall.

Please support this exclusive exercise activity for the village. It's great cardio but low impact. You do it to your own level and capacity. It's easy and fun and a great workout suitable for both men and women.

Supporting our Local Pubs



Fox and Goose, Greywell - it is so important that a village has a thriving pub representing the heartbeat of the community.

So, it is really good news that the Fox and Goose (subject to planning approval) is being refurbished in the new year. This is testament to the great work that landlady, Chris Mikolajewski, has done over the years to encourage Punch Taverns to invest in its future success.

The plans include upgrading the kitchen facilities and internal / external customer areas – covering extended kitchen facilities, a Pizza oven within new pergola providing covered external seating, upgraded front garden with planters, new toilets and bar top.

The Parish Council *“unanimously agreed to support these applications and wish it to be noted they are pleased the applicants are investing in the Fox and Goose which is an integral part of Greywell village.”*



With our pub being shut for a short period in the new year, share a thought for the **Old House at Home in Newnham** and consider supporting them. These are abridged words from their funding appeal.

“Due to the ever-increasing energy costs, The Old House at Home is facing potential closure.... Before we took over in 2018, the pub had been closed for almost four years. The pub was sold, and the owners wanted to develop it into private dwellings, but the villagers took the owners to court and got an order for the building to remain a pub... We have worked hard to get it where it is, with various awards: ‘Best family run restaurant in Hampshire’, ‘Best for Sunday Lunch’ and ‘Excellence Award for locally sourced ingredients, to name a few. We managed to survive the Covid Crisis and ongoing lockdowns... We aim to raise £15,000 to cover overhead costs by December 2022... we have secured a new energy contract, but this doesn’t come



into effect until summer 2023... Any support you can provide us, big or small, we would be eternally grateful... to donate ...

gofundme.com/f/save-a-familyrun-pub-restaurant “ - www.oldhousenewnham.uk

Greywell Moors update



Ciara Askin, Asst. Reserves Officer
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT)

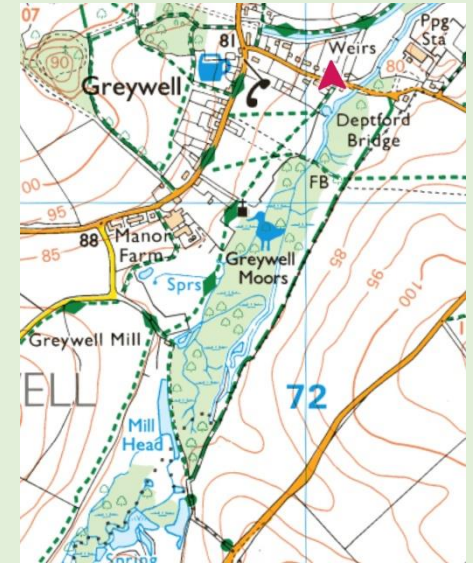
The restoration of Greywell Moors was completed in March this year and the natural development of the fen has begun in earnest.

We met with Ciara Askin, Assistant Reserves Officer to get an update on how the fen has developed over the

last 6 months.

Ciara has been with the Hook area of the HIWWT for 2 years and is involved in Bartley Heath (which includes land surrounding the Junction 5 roundabout of the M3), Hook Common, North Warnborough Greens, Bassetts Mead Common as well as Greywell Moors.

Greywell Moors nature reserve is a nationally important fenland, renowned for its population of sedges, rushes, mosses and liverworts. Small animals and invertebrates thrive in this flower-rich habitat, as do our conservation herd which can be seen grazing throughout the year.



The open fen meadow contains a great variety of flowering plants, including southern marsh orchids, hemp agrimony, and purple and yellow loosestrife. The fen is fed by a series of springs which form where cracks in the chalk bedrock allow water to bubble up from the aquifer below. These crystal-clear pools support brooklime, forget-me-nots, water mint and other aquatic plants.

The intention is for the semi-improved grassland is to create a wood pasture – a limited number of carefully selected trees enabling a grass base beneath, providing

an open area with various trees rather than an enclosed woodland without canopy.

Oaks, beech, hornbeam and wayfarers have been planted as large standards, with rowan, crab apple and wild pear also to provide fruits for birds and small



Brash Heep

mammals. These trees have been planted and Brash Heeps created around the moor to start the process off.

These provide inviting environments for

invertebrates, woodlice, spiders and beetles which in turn benefit animals such as hedgehogs, frogs and shews.

The new enclosure has also been installed in the entrance field to allow some of the upper grassland to remain un-grazed for most of the year. It will prevent



livestock eating the fruit fall which is meant for wild birds and mammals and provide more habitat for small mammals and their predators such as kestrels. It will also encourage cattle to graze further into the fen which will help clear scrub and saplings that have already started to grow back and stop it returning back to woodland. Some of these new saplings will need to be removed over the winter.



Does anyone know information about this memorial stone referencing E.C. Wallace and the “Wallace Memorial Reserve” – I tried to google him and I found a reference suggesting that he was a founding member of The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Naturalists Trust which was renamed the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust in 1991. Does anyone know if this is true?

Finally, the HIWWT plan to write an article on the moors in their December magazine to look out for that! www.hiwwt.org.uk

Road Safety

Thank you to everyone who completed our road traffic survey in May. We got a fantastic 71 responses with 97% agreeing that speeds of or above 30mph in our village are inappropriate and 91% supporting a 20 mph speed limit.

The Greywell Road Safety Group shared our survey results with County Councillors which was very well received. In July, HCC launched their own survey across the county to gain feedback on a potential more widespread introduction of '20mph Speed Limit Restrictions.' Results were expected at the end of September but this has now been put back to mid-November with decision expected in December.

84% of you said you would like to attend a meeting in the village hall, and we had been waiting to see the county survey results before organising. Since this has been delayed, we will look to get on with that next promised action soon.

– Nick Kavanagh, Jenny McFarlane, Richard and Anita Cole – greywell_road_safety@yahoo.com

GREYWELL ROAD SAFETY GROUP SURVEY RESULTS: MAY/JUNE 2022 Our survey is still ongoing but so far approximately 70% of our community of 100 houses, have responded.	THOSE WHO AGREE
1. Do you think something needs to be done to make drivers more aware that they are driving through a village?	91%
2. Have you ever felt intimidated by traffic passing close by you on Greywell's roads, or experienced aggression from drivers when you ask them to slow down?	79%
3. Do you agree that the speed of vehicles at or above the 30mph speed limit is inappropriate for our village roads?	97%
4. Does your home have a blind access on to The Street, Hook Road or Deptford Lane?	71%
5. If so, does moving out into the road in your car often feel like an accident waiting to happen?	78%
6. As a pedestrian, have you had any close calls with vehicles?	66%
7. With no street lighting, and little in the way of pavements, do you feel walking down village roads at night can be dangerous?	71%
8. Are you concerned about the size and weight of large vehicles coming through the village?	91%
9. Do you think vehicles use Greywell as a cut-through to and from the M3?	83%
10. With the majority of vehicles driving through the village fuelled by petrol or diesel, would you agree that reducing speed would also reduce emissions?	79%
11. Much of London and many residential areas now have a 20mph zone. Is it time to make 20mph the norm through villages like Greywell?	91%
12. Would picket fence 'gates' and 20mph signs at the three entrances to the village make it clearer that drivers are now entering a village environment?	88%
13. Would you agree that appropriately placed pinch points in the village would help drivers moderate their driving to suit a small village?	72%
14. Do you think introducing a 20mph limit in the village would also reduce road noise?	84%

Hook Eagle Morris Dancers



Hook Eagle Morris Dancers need new members to keep this ancient English tradition alive.

Boys, girls, men, women, couples and families all welcome. No experience necessary – if we can do it – you can!

Come along to one of our open and friendly practices which start this Friday, October 7th, at 8pm in the Elizabeth Hall in Hook. We finish around 10pm to rehydrate at the pub.

We practice from October to April and perform from April to July-ish and over Christmas. You will find us at local pubs, public and private events and Morris/Folk Festivals all over the place.



If you haven't seen us perform over the last 30 years (shame on you!), then check out our website for details of our 2022 Festive Dance Program.

www.hookeagle.org.uk

Don't just learn about our heritage – dance it!

Village Directory:

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Church www.moretolife.church

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