

Grayshott
Parish

"A country that takes an
interest in its past is likely
to have a prosperous future."

GRAYSHOTT PARISH.

Chronological Record of Events
up to June, 1932.

THE old hamlet of Grayshott was in the Parish of Headley, Hants, the new Parish dating from 1902.

Acreage.

1902: 700 Acres. 1921: 735 Acres.
1932: 898 Acres (approximate).

Population.

1872: 100. Estimate by Rector of Headley.
1901: 666. Census.
1911: 1,018. Census.
1921: 1,230. Census (523 males, 707 females,
134 under 14 years. 263
separate dwelling houses).
1931: 1,228. Census.

In Domesday:

The Manor of Bishop's Sutton (which included Headley, Bramshott, etc.) was held by Count Eustace the 3rd of Boulogne.

His son, Count Eustace the 4th, married Mary of Scotland, and their daughter, Matilda, married King Stephen; and so the Manor became Crown property.

All Saints' Church, Headley — date original building unknown, tower 15th century.

Headley Church Registers date from 1539.

Headley School was built by Dr. Holme (Rector, 1718—1765) on Common Land.

1820. Riot. Workhouse at Headley partly destroyed, but not closed until 1870, when Workhouse at Alton used for Parish.

1851. Inclosure Award. Land previously "common" sold by Commissioners, 9th June.

Lots at Grayshott: (1) 75 acres, £137; (2) 59 acres, £76; (3) 28½ acres, £64.

1859. 1st January. Opening of Haslemere Station (L. and S.W. Railway).

1862. Mr. F'Anson bought Grayshott House, and

1864. Completed building "Heather Lodge," later "The Court," now "The Convent."

Mr. F'Anson applied to G.P.O. for delivery of letters. A daily delivery from Bramshott by a man on horseback.

1867. Miss Catherine F'Anson started Sunday School in Laundry belonging to Heather Lodge.

1871. Elementary School founded, one room only. School mistress lived in small house attached to Heather Lodge stables.

1873. Church of England service commenced in School Room and continued for 15 years by the Rev. W. H. Laverty, Rector of Headley.

1877. The Village Shop moved to higher ground; place of call for letters (Mrs. Hannah Robinson owner).

1886. Grayshott Hall, formerly Greyshott Farm, re-built by Mr. A. I. Whitaker.

1895. Infant class room added to Grayshott School.

1896. September 16th. First issue of the local paper as "The Haslemere and Hindhead Gazette" (printed at Farnham). It was on June 5th, 1899, amalgamated with the "Farnham Herald," and became the "Farnham, Haslemere and Hindhead Herald."

1898. Stone of St. Luke's Church laid, 30th July (to take place of Iron Church). Mr. E. B. F'Anson architect. The East Window, by Mr. J. Wilson Forster, was later given in memory of architect and his sister, Miss C. B. F'Anson. Church first used for service, 17th September, 1899.

Grayshott Magazine (monthly issue) started.

Fox and Pelican built; new licence.

Mrs. Randall Davidson, wife of the Bishop of Winchester, performed the Opening Ceremony, 23rd August, 1899.

1900. 17th October (St. Luke's Eve). Church consecrated by Bishop of Winchester.

Large class room added to Grayshott National School.

Bye-Laws, New Buildings, Headley Parish, in force.

1901. Ecclesiastical Parish formed. The Rev. J. M. Jeakes Vicar.

	Estimated Houses.	Population.
Headley	... 143	666
Shottermill	61	327
Churt	... 11	89
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Total	215	1,082

Electricity brought into Parish (Works at Hindhead built by Mr. J. Grover).

Village Hall built (the gift of Miss James); Architects, Messrs. Read and MacDonald.

November. Wesleyan Church opened (free of debt).

1902. 22nd May. Village Hall opened.
 30th SEPTEMBER. CIVIL PARISH FORMED.
 (County Council Order, Headley and Grayshott, 10th February, 1902), Confirmed by Local Government Board, 12th August. Number of Councillors: 7. Number of Rural District Councillors (Alton) representing Grayshott: 1.
 15th October. First Parish Meeting. Held at the Elementary Schools. Mr. A. Ingham Whitaker, J.P., elected Chairman and additional member.
1904. Corner piece of land by the Five Ways conveyed to Parish Council as a Children's Recreation Ground.
 Wey Valley Water supply to Parish. Rural District Council gave permission December, 1903.
1905. 23rd May. First Horse Bus run between Haslemere and Hindhead by John Dowsett.
 June. St. Luke's Churchyard consecrated.
 21st June. County Council held Inquiry re repair Waggoners Wells Road. Rural District Council to maintain.
1906. The Hollywater Allotment land in Headley Parish having been sold for £350, the Board of Agriculture approved purchase Allotment land Stoney Bottom for the use of Grayshott Parish with the proceeds.
 Grayshott and Hindhead Fire Brigade formed—Volunteer.
1907. 14th May. Parish Meeting accepted offer made by Trustees of the Grayshott and Hindhead Institute and Village Hall that this property should be conveyed to the Grayshott Parish Council. (Cost of land, buildings and some furniture—£5,531).
 Fire Station built on Parish Council property (Village Hall).

1908. The Rev. A. E. N. Simms appointed Vicar, in place of the Rev. J. M. Jeakes, the first Vicar of Grayshott.
 New Building erected for Grayshott Working Men's Club.
1909. July. Grayshott Aid Society formed.
 December. Gas laid on by Haslemere Gas Company. (Gas Works built 1868).
1910. The County Council made an Order for a second Representative to be elected for the Alton Rural District Council. (dated 23rd May).
 1st November. Tower and Spire of St. Luke's Church dedicated, Clock on Tower being a special gift.
 St. Joseph's Church built—Roman Catholic. Architect, F. A. Walters.
 Consecrated by Rt. Rev. W. J. Cotter, Bishop of Portsmouth, 26th July, 1911.
1911. 22nd June. Coronation of King George V. A Yew Tree planted on Children's Recreation Ground and also in Churchyard.
1912. Drinking Fountain (Doulton) erected at Five Ways from balance of fund Coronation Celebration Committee. (Cost of Fountain, £18).
1913. Grayshott Post Office closed Wednesday afternoons (half holiday).
 August. Mr. Ward, Headmaster of the School, left after 19 years. Mr. A. E. Bott appointed.
 Mrs. Vertue conveyed her house and grounds, "The Court" (see 1864) as a Convent of Our Lady of the Cenacle. (Convent founded 26th April).
1914. 9th April. County Council held Inquiry—repair of Stoney Bottom Road—but evidence insufficient to prove liability for repair.
 Motor Bus Service taken over by Aldershot Traction Company.

1914. Fox and Pelican conveyed to People's Refreshment House Association. Local Association dissolved. Village Green given by Mr. Ashley Crook, Dr. ~~and~~ ^{and} Miss Lyndon, and Mr. A. I. Whitaker.
- 4th August. War began.
- Military Hospital at the Convent. Opened, 18th September, 1914; closed, 14th January, 1919.
- Rifle Brigade quartered in Village; 7th K.R.B. Corps and 8th Rifle Brigade; some Oxfordshire and Bucks.
- Village Hall and Elementary School occupied by Military up to April, 1915.
1916. Phillip's Green given to Parish Council by Miss C. B. P'Anson (temporarily used for War Allotments).
- 2nd June. Miss Catherine B. P'Anson died.
1919. June. Mr. Bott, Headmaster Grayshott School, left; succeeded by Mr. W. T. Varley.
- 22nd June. Memorial Crucifix to the Canadian Soldiers in St. Joseph's Churchyard dedicated.
- 14th October. Mr. Whitaker gave 10 acre field to Parish for Cricket and Football Grounds. (Mr. Whitaker, High Sheriff of Hampshire).
1920. Mr. A. I. Whitaker gave 2½ acres for Allotment Ground ("Beech").
- 27th October. Foundation Stone of District Nurse's Cottage laid (Peace Memorial) by Mrs. Whitaker.
- Twelve Cottages built by Rural District Council at urgent request of Parish Council.
1921. Alteration of Parish Boundary; 35 acres added in Land of Nod. (Confirmed by Ministry of Health 12th February).
- February. Mrs. Vertue conveyed a strip of land and small piece of water—Stoney Bottom (above Waggoners Wells) to the National Trust.

1921. War Memorial Cross erected on Village Green (replica 13th Century Gloucestershire Cross).
- Nurse's Cottage in use (cost £1,700).
- 17th July. Dedication of War Memorials in Church and on Village Green.
- Tablet: Col.-Commandant A. C. Daly, C.B., C.M.G.
- Cross: Ex-Corporal G. C. Viney.
1922. December. Two gas lamps placed in "The Avenue." (Paid for privately).
1923. 20th January. Haslemere and District Hospital New Building opened by the Rt. Hon. Viscount Cave, G.C.M.G.
1924. Tennis Courts made (Headley and Beech Hanger Roads). Land conveyed to Parish 18th February.
1925. January. Death of Mr. C. E. C. Lowry (of Messrs. Chapman, Lowry and Puttick, Ltd., builders).
- April. Ecclesiastical Parish of Grayshott and Headley transferred from Winchester to new Diocese of Guildford.
- 8th December. Parish Meeting. Scheme for Main Drainage, districts Grayshott and Hindhead, not carried through.
1925. 1st January. Street Lighting for winter months, four gas lamps (from 1st October eight lamps). This under management of Parochial Committee appointed by Rural District Council. Date of Order of Ministry of Health, 8th December, 1925.
- July and August. Last Perambulation of the Bounds of the Parish by Overseers (assisted by Parish Council).

1927. March. Institution of Rev. E. Garth Ireland, Vicar of St. Luke's Church, the Rev. A. E. N. Simms having resigned.
Mr. Whitaker sold Grayshott Hall and land. Building Estate formed.
August. Whitmoor Head and Woodcock Bottom (latter in Surrey) conveyed to "The National Trust."
1928. 27th December. The Rev. W. H. Lavery died—56 years Rector of Headley.
1929. 6th March. Public Inquiry, Minister of Health, re Town Planning Scheme for part of Parish.
December. Hannah Robinson died, aged 93 years ("Granny"), owner of the original Grayshott shop.
1931. St. Luke's Church—three old bells recast, five new ones bought by public subscription, making good peal of eight.
1932. 1st April. "Kingswood Firs" added to Parish, under L.G.A., 1929.
May. Upper Wey Valley Joint Main Drainage Scheme dropped (formed in 1930).

All the above is subject to correction and addition.

CHARLOTTE LYNDON,

(Chairman, Grayshott Parish Council).

1937
 Ben Memorial moved to the church's
 Recreation Ground at designation of
 District Council. 1936 fees including brought
 you ceiling & flood lighting
 1936
 July. Whitmoor Head bought by Miss Pitt
 1936
 Oct 1. M^{rs} Lyndon died & left to the
 for 25 years & Chairman for 9
 1925
 May. King George VI Silver Jubilee
 held on floor of 8 passage Hall erected
 with columns of subscriptions (Roh)

1937
 King George VI Coronation
 12th May. Savings re for
 Children in Phillips Green