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Hunter Centre

The Hunter Centre is located in The Marjorie Gray Hall in Grayswood Road which also has a large secure garden. The role of the Hunter Centre is to help people suffering from dementia. By meeting others in a secure environment and taking part in a variety of activities, the centre can help people break down what is a very isolating condition and help with their mental well being.

The Hunter Centre is a charity that relies both on the money it raises from people using the facility, and from the money it raises through donations and charity events. The Carol Service held at St Christopher's Church before Christmas was a well attended joy and the next event, a dinner dance at Grayswood Village Hall in February, looks like another mixed charity event worth attending. Details of the centre and events can be found on the recently revamped and excellent web site.

It had been hoped that the Haslemere Town Council could help promote Haslemere as a Dementia Friendly town, but this was found to be too difficult to do formally. We will have to find other ways to make people and shops aware of the difficulties people with this condition suffer from. This is in addition to making sure people keep their hedges cut so that all disabled people can move along the pavements without being forced into the roads.

Haslemere Hall

The Haslemere Hall is a theatre seating around 380 people located in Bridge Street, Haslemere. It is a registered charitable trust that acts as a cinema for both films and events, as a theatre for staging musical and theatrical performances and as a Hall for general use including an annual beer festival.

Haslemere Hall is looking to receive a grant from the Town Council to improve the thermal insulation of its roof. It is also looking to increase the size of the audiences for its events and also increase the number of friends of the Hall through its £35 per annum membership fee. This may need some increased promotion, an upgraded internet site and the showing of fewer but more popular films and events..