

## **THE EAST GRIMSTEAD FLOWER SHOW & FETE (EG FS & F) SURVEY FINDINGS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

A sincere thank you to the many who completed the survey and contributed views on the village fete. This lengthy exercise was well worth while in order to give the entire village a voice on the subject.

Although the overall result of the findings regarding the future of the EG FS & F itself was balanced, there was a majority view supporting a fallow year for 2018 (as willing volunteers for the pivotal positions of Chair, Secretary and Printer have not been forthcoming – despite many searches and entreaties). This pause, hopefully of just the one year, will allow a Social Programme Study Group (SPSG) – comprising volunteers from members of the Fete and Reading Room Committee, complemented by volunteers from those that offered suggestions in their survey response; and time to distil your suggested alternative forms into an appropriate event, appealing to all age-groups in the early 21st century.....and which fits best with our well established other summer social events (pig roasts, tea parties, jumble sale, etc).

In view of your feedback and the flavour of alternative proposals, the SPSG will start work from early autumn and will provide the village with a full picture of its deliberations and fresh proposals well before Spring and Summer 2019. For now, it has been decided that a continuance of the most successful “Meet and Greet” gatherings should be offered to the village in mid-summer and mid-winter. A notice will be circulated separately to form the SPSG.

Thank you all once again, and I hope you are heartened – as am I – that we now have a coherent and democratic “data base” of village views established and to lead us forward.

David Wood  
Chairman Flower Show and Fete