

GRAYSHOTT HERITAGE NEWSLETTER (No: GH 23 – July 2021)

Greetings to everyone. We hope you are not overheating in the current weather, you might like to read what the weather was like in July 1927 as a comparison (see below). With the lockdown now behind us, although with some uncertainty still in the air, we look forward to organising a few events for the remainder of the year and meeting up with you all in person.

A WEATHER REPORT FROM JULY 1927:

We thought you would be interested in the weather report from an issue of Grayshott Magazine in 1927. The weather continues to be a topic of conversation ...

FRIENDS OCTOBER MEETING:

We have booked the Village Hall for **Tuesday 12th October** and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible then. We hope to have a couple of speakers, items to look at and of course refreshments from our very own 'Catering Corp'. More details will follow but please put the date in your diary.

A GARDEN MEETING:

We are proposing a small garden get-together in the garden of Liz and Andrew Cross on Stoney Bottom on **Wednesday 1st September**. We haven't finalised the exact format but we will definitely have light refreshments, discuss the Stoney Bottom area of Grayshott and maybe have a short walk in the vicinity. We will be limiting numbers for this event as it is in a private garden but if you think you might be interested please reply to this email. We will send out more details during August.

2021 AGM:

It is proposed that the AGM this year will be a virtual one, similar to the one we conducted in 2020. We will either get your votes and views via a form or maybe we will use Zoom. You will of course have ample opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Please get in touch if you have any views on this plan.

WALKS:



One of our Applegarth walks

We have conducted a number of walks so far this year which have been very well received, these include our Applegarth walk, Trees walk and the Village Centre walk. By the time you receive this we will also have run a walk for Applegarth Vale residents around Applegarth. We will continue to offer more walks through summer, according to demand. If you'd like to go on a walk and haven't yet had the opportunity please contact John Childs (john.childs1@btopenworld.com).

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE DISPLAY:

We now have two permanent display boards in the Parish Office at the Sports Field. The first display now in place is to do with the history of Grayshott School which includes copies of some of the original I'Anson architects drawings for the school going back to 1871. This September the school will have been open for 150 years. We hope to change the display every 3 months. You are

welcome to see the display anytime during the normal opening times of the office.

STOP PRESS: We have just heard that we have been successful with our grant application to the Parish Council for £400 to cover the costs of our new displays in the new Parish Council Offices.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Thank you for all who have paid your subscriptions this year. If you haven't done so then it is not too late. Overall membership renewals have been good and we have had a number of new members join – welcome. There are a few outstanding renewals and you have not yet renewed we would very much appreciate your support. Please contact Liz Cross (contact details below) if you need help renewing.

COMMITTEE:

We were able to meet in person for the first time this year on 6th July and welcomed our new Parish Council Representative Andrew Whittam. Earlier meetings this year took place via Zoom.

OUR ARCHIVE:

An important aspect of Grayshott Heritage is the ongoing development of an archive resource that can be easily accessed by the Friends for research and the study of local history. To that end we are faced with a few challenges, not least the securing of accessible storage space for over four hundred of our archive items with a view to housing the whole collection under one roof. The collection includes historical documents, photographs, maps, books, newspaper cuttings, local publications, correspondence, audio interviews with past residents, postcards, posters and census forms relating to Grayshott and its residents throughout the ages. We are also currently embarked on a programme of verification and cataloguing our items onto a searchable Excel spreadsheet that we hope to upload onto our web site for visitors to use. In the meantime an updated list in a PDF format will be uploaded so that at least visitors can peruse the archive descriptions and then be able to make requests, so that we can locate any items of interest and forward any relevant copies or information. Once we have achieved this it is our intention to create a digitised version as a back-up to our archive originals and to further facilitate improvements for the Friends to explore their local history at their own leisure. To compliment the above we are putting in place further documentation including a collection / accession policy and a receipt of donation.

Although much work has yet to be done, going forward we hope to be in a position to grow the collection in a managed and organised way with future donations both contemporary and historical for the benefit of future Grayshott residents.

Martin Laurence – GH Archivist

NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

Grayshott Parish Council have launched their new website <http://www.grayshott-pc.gov.uk/www.grayshott-pc.gov.uk>. Friends might like to sign up for their weekly newsletters. This can be done at the bottom of the home page. Simply add your email address in the box.

COVID MEMOIRS:

A Grayshott resident, Diana Lovelock, is compiling memoirs of the Covid-19 pandemic, you may have seen her article in Grayshott Today. If you would like to participate please email Liz who will send you more information. There are many ways you can share your memories of the pandemic, you could write something, submit a photo, do a painting etc. Anything you want to contribute would be welcome because we've all experienced the pandemic differently.

WEBSITE / NEW FINDS:

Please take time to look at our <https://grayshottheritage.com/>, John regularly adds new items (see list below). We would be very pleased to receive any offers of articles and other suitable news, finds etc. that can be included.

Best wishes to all our Friends. We are looking forward to meeting you all again soon. Thank you so much for your support.

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NEW FINDS ADDED TO THE WEBSITE SINCE SEPTEMBER 2020:

James Mowatt's Map
Hindhead Pioneer Motoring
Charcoal Making Hearths
John Tyndall
Dickens's Farm
[Mrs Cane's Notebook](#)
[The Iron Room](#)
[Grayshott Hall Sale Brochure](#)

[Purchase Farm Postcard](#)
[Ludshott & Waggoners Leaflets](#)
[Hampshire Treasures](#)
[Grayshott Mission Church](#)
[Jottings From an Earlier Grayshott](#)
[Comments by a Parishioner](#)
[Parish History Booklet](#)