

GRAYSHOTT *Heritage*

GRAYSHOTT HERITAGE NEWSLETTER (February 2024)

Our first newsletter of the year – we hope you are all keeping well and a big welcome to new members who have joined in the last couple of months.

MAY FRIENDS' MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL: Our May Friends' meeting in the Village Hall is confirmed for Tuesday 14th May. Doors will open at 7pm and proceedings will commence at 7:30 pm.

For the May evening we'll be picking up on the national commemorations for the 80th anniversary of D-Day and having a WW2 theme. We'll have the usual talks, displays, complimentary refreshments and world-famous Ann Myers raffle, and as always entry is free for members. Guests are welcome, at £5 each, or they can join on the door.

On this occasion we would really like it if you could bring along any WW2 items that you'd like to add to the display tables. They don't have to be Grayshott related – they can be family albums, grandpa's old Dad's Army tin helmet, home front recipe books, period clothes and uniforms, lumps of shrapnel, battlefield souvenirs – all that sort of thing. The more the merrier.

If anyone has suggestions for future evenings, or how we can improve things, please get in touch through our website Contact page or emailing one of us (details below).

STOP PRESS – NEW MEMBERS' AREA LAUNCHED ON OUR WEBSITE: We have added a "Members Only" area on our website and will be adding items just for our members to look at. Our first item is about three photographs of two elegant Grayshott ladies that we have purchased – does anyone know who they are? Take a look and find out more by clicking on the "[Members' Area](#)" link in the menu bar of our website and log in. The password is: **GHexclusive2024**



Do you know who these Grayshott ladies are – see more in the website [Members' Area](#) for more information?

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY DATE – TUESDAY 18TH JUNE: Our summer garden party will be on Tuesday 18th June from 2pm to 4pm. We are very excited about the proposed venue for the event - go to our new website **Members' Area** to find out where in Grayshott it will be!

[Members' Area \(grayshottheritage.com\)](#) - use password given above.

NEW FINDS: We have recently been given a wonderful old slide of Broomsquires Cottage in Stoney Bottom. It's from a magic lantern, which was a very popular form of early slide projector. It is a fascinating picture and shows the cottage complete with brooms propped up outside.

We have also had the great good fortune to acquire an original map from the sale of Wishanger Estate in 1883. We believe that after the sale it was used by Alexander Ingham Whitaker in his study or estate office to plot his immediate plans for developing his new home.

More pictures and information about both finds can be found here: [New Finds \(grayshottheritage.com\)](#)



Our new slide in its mount. The image is about 3" square.

WHITMORE HANGER: We have a new article on Whitmore Hanger on our website, find out about this area of ancient woodland that is on our doorstep and how it has changed over the years. John has suggested some places to walk so that you can experience it at the end of the article. Click on the image below to go straight to the article in the "Do you know" section of our website. [Do You Know... \(grayshottheritage.com\)](http://grayshottheritage.com)



Beautiful. The top end of Bull Lane.

GRAYSHOTT HALL FOR SALE: We recently spotted a sales listing for Grayshott Spa on the web, click the picture below to see all the details. It looks like a rather a big project to take on if any of you are interested! Let's hope that whoever eventually buys it treats the house sympathetically. Bids need to be in by 12 noon on the 29/2/24!



NEW WALK FOR 2024: We are proposing a new Hindhead walk for later in 2024, around Hindhead and out towards Gibbet Hill. Please email John if you think you may be interested, we will also collect names at our May meeting.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 14th May 2024: Spring Friends' Meeting in the Village Hall – WW2 theme (information above).

Tuesday 18th June 2024 – Midsummer garden party, details in [Members' Area](#) of website (see login details above).

Tuesday 15th October 2024: Autumn Friends' Meeting in the Village Hall – programme to be decided.

Walks 2024: dates/venue to be decided. We propose a Hindhead walk, let John Childs know if you are interested.

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Please let us know if you have any ideas for future meetings, walks etc., we would love to hear what you think.

If you have just joined us then a big welcome and we hope you enjoy the events we have planned this year – please get in touch if you have any questions.

Best wishes

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