

Grayshott Village Archive

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Notes and News: May / June 2010 Village Archive Committee

Several important changes in the Archive committee have taken place and the following is the list of those now involved:

Chairman - Phil. Bates
Secretary - Brian Tapp
Treasurer & Village Hall representative - June Mills
Parish Council representative - Clive Slaughter
Friends Secretary - Richard Peskett
Archivist - John Bebbington
Web Master - Neil Jaques

Particular welcome to Phil and John and a very big thank you to David Barrett and Dennis Lusby who have retired and had been with the Archive since its formation. Web site

We are pleased to say that the new site is now on line and working well. Please use the system to comment and make suggestions. Fox and Pelican Signs

The original Fox and Pelican sign board painted by Walter Crane has been acquired for the village with a most generous funding from the Pottery Community Fund. Acquired at public auction on the 27th April, it came with another sign from the F & P which dates from PRHA days and is made of pressed copper sheet in 'Arts and Crafts' style and was originally in place on the external wall between first floor front windows. The Village Archive have been asked to take custodianship of the sign and in due course an announcement will be made as to the future display and restoration work required of the sign. The original ironwork for the sign which was only taken down after some 110 years when the premises were revamped in January this year was promised by Fullers but subsequently and most unfortunately it would appear to have 'gone missing', investigations are on going. Fortunately some general dimensions of the frame were recorded by the Archive a couple of years ago. Friends of the Village Archive

A very successful meeting was held at Grayshott Pottery on Tuesday, May 11th. with almost 40 attending. A small presentation was made to Dennis Lusby and David Barrett in recognition of their unstinting work carried out for the Archive since its formation. The programme this time was a little different from previous. Neil Jaques who is in charge of our web site give a preview of the new web site and explained some of the technicalities involved. David Barrett spoke on the interview he conducted with Cynthia Grist who lived in a terrace house in Portsmouth and as a wartime evacuee come to live in a somewhat more spacious house in Church Lane. Some most interesting anecdotes were revealed and this afterwards was added to by Derek Read relating to war time activities of the then younger generation in Grayshott. Richard Peskett finally announced details of the purchase of the original Fox and Pelican sign and its unveiling to be seen for the first time in public in Grayshott since 1914. Our thanks go to the directors of the Pottery for again making this excellent venue available to us.

The next friends evening will be end of October / early November, date and programme to be announced next time.

Books

Don't forget that Grayshott Pottery and Grayshott Bookshop have a good selection of local titles.

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