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Good progress has been made regarding both signs, the Walter Crane painted original has now been restored and returned to us. Replacement ironwork has been made, it was found to be impractical to copy the original, partly because of the new location and also the cost. The second pressed copper sign has also now been restored and in the process of being refinished to the original colours of mid green with gold leaf applied to the lettering, this will be wall fixed adjacent to the hanging sign. These will be permanently exhibited at Grayshott Pottery and early in 2011 is our target date. Friends of the Village Archive

A very successful evening was held at Grayshott Pottery on November 2nd with some 50 friends and guests attending. With a full evenings programme this comprised a most interesting illustrated talk by John Bebbington about the background and the work involved in the research of Miss James, local benefactor, formerly living at West Down, (the large house now visible to the north from the new overbridge at Hazel Grove). Miss James, a name well known in the district but little was previously known of her background. I spoke on the history with illustrations of the Portsmouth Road through our district and portrayed a great changes which have taken place in the past 100 years. To finish Derek Read told us of more tales of his school days and life in Grayshott during the second world war. Refreshments were served with the kind help of Jan Bebbington. Our thanks again to the directors of Grayshott Pottery for making this venue available to us.

Next Friends evening will be April / May 2011, and hopefully will included a talk on Flora Thompson, Superior Camp and again a few words from Derek Read. Website

We are pleased to say that the new site is working well with a good number of visits being made. Please use the system to comment and make suggestions. Both the subjects of our last Friends evening , Miss James and the Portsmouth Road, will in due course appear as web articles on our site. General

Photographs of interest are still turning up including two of 'Radley Motors', Headley Road in the 1960s. Petrol was then still being sold by no less than three garages in the village.

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Grayshott Village Archive

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