

GRAYSHOTT *Heritage*

GRAYSHOTT HERITAGE REMINDER AND NEWSLETTER (July 2026)

What a summer so far, two heatwaves, very little rain and many sporting events! We hope you're all managing to keep cool?

Summer Tea Party at St Anne's: Our 6th annual summer tea party took place on Tuesday 16th June at St. Anne's, the private residence of, our host, Vanessa Thompson. The magnificent setting overlooks the valley of Stoney Bottom and on beyond Kingswood Firs to the South Downs.

The lawn and terrace of the house were used for our event and yet again the weather was perfect. Vanessa was assisted by daughter Serena and Sarah Rowlands most kindly provided the excellent catering and refreshments.

Our chairman, John Childs, gave the introduction and I followed with a brief outline history of the property which was complimented with our Grayshott Heritage stand presenting a photographic display.

With almost 50 people attending we were all able to enjoy the warm dry weather and enjoy the fantastic refreshments seated on the lawn.

Guests were able to walk around the restored 'walled garden' and view the magnificent shrubs and trees including the row of Wellingtonias dating back to the original occupation of the land by the l'Anson family some 160 years ago.

Another very successful Grayshott Heritage social event and we would like to thank Vanessa, Sarah and Serena for their generosity and making the event possible. [Richard Peskett](#)





Further photos at the bottom of this email

May Friend's Evening: We had a comfortable crowd of about 50 for our May Friends' Evening, which filled the hall nicely and made for a pleasant and sociable atmosphere. Roger Sherburn-Hall told us about his local and Canadian family history, followed by the World Premiere screening of the Beard family's colour cine films of life at Grayshott Hall from 1938 - 46. We had some special guests from Moorlands Lodge, where we give our monthly talks to the residents. Jan Bebbington and the GH Catering Corps kept us well fed, and we send our thanks to all those who helped out on the evening one way or another.

Moorlands Lodge Car Show: We've confirmed the date of 15th July for our annual car show at Moorlands Lodge. If you have an interesting car/van/motorbike/steam engine/penny-farthing that you'd like to show off, then please contact John or Richard. It doesn't have to be ancient, exotic or valuable, just a bit different from modern run-of-the-mill machines.

Wartime Memories Volume 2: The research and writing of our second Wartime Memories book is now complete. As you read this, it has been passed on for design and printing. We aim to release it on 15th August, again to coincide with VJ Day. We won't have a launch party this year - last year's was so perfect we'd be tempting fate to try a repeat - so it'll just be a 'soft launch' with copies available from the usual places around the village and more available at our October Friends' Evening.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 13th October 2026: Autumn Friends' Meeting in the Village Hall. Talk by Sally Grocock

Tuesday 3rd November 2026: Grayshott Heritage virtual AGM

Tuesday 18th May 2027: Spring Friends' Meeting in the Village Hall

June 2027: Annual Summer Tea Party, date and time to be confirmed

Tuesday 12th October 2027: Autumn Friends' Meeting in the Village Hall

Walks 2026/2027: if you have any ideas of where you might like to go please let us know.

Headley Theatre Club presents

Flora's Heatherley

A Local Play — by John Owen Smith



To mark the 150th anniversary of Flora Thompson's birth

Flora Thompson, the author of "Lark Rise to Candleford," worked in Grayshott from 1898–1900. This play brings to life the period when she passed through her 'Sinister Street' days.

Grayshott Primary School
Friday 17th July 7.30pm

Liphook Village Hall
Sat 18th July 2.30 & 7.30pm

Rural Life Living Museum, Tilford
Sunday 19th July 2.30pm
(by museum ticket)

Holybourne Theatre
Friday 24th July 7.30pm

Headley Village Hall
Sat 25th July 2.30 & 7.30pm



Tickets £10 (except Tilford) from:

TICKETSOURCE /Headley Theatre Club

Enquiries 01428 717784

BYGONE BURITON: LOCAL HISTORY EXHIBITION

Saturday 26th September 1 – 4 pm in Buriton Village Hall

Full details on their website: <https://buriton.org.uk/events/>

Buriton's Heritage Bank has been collecting old photographs, memories and historical information about life in the parish for about 25 years – and the annual local history exhibition will provide another opportunity to explore some of the fascinating findings.

There will be a wide range of displays, photographs and information about life in the parish in years gone by – and copies of all Buriton's Local History books will also be available.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Queen Elizabeth Country Park, and it's hoped there will be some special displays celebrating the Park's history and development.



Please let us know if you have any ideas for future meetings or hear of any events that might be of interest, we would love to hear from you.

Best wishes

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