

REPORT TO FELPHAM VILLAGE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

HISTORY, HERITAGE & ARCHIVE GROUP

1. The Group met for its third meeting at our usual venue on Wednesday 31st May with 10 attendees including 2 new members.

2. Members were asked if they would wish to join the proposed visit to West Sussex Record Office in July; the R.O. was contacted by email on 2nd June suggesting that 10 to 12 group members would like attend the tour, on a Monday early in July. To date no response has been received from the R.O.

3. Historically the FVCS holds a talk in the autumn, usually October in the Village Memorial Hall. I was asked if I knew anyone who might offer the group a talk on a local issue/event. I gave the committee four names of possible speakers and they suggested that I contact Katherine Slay who gives a talk on behalf of WSRO named 'Graylingwell War Hospital 1915 – 1919.'

Katherine Slay was offered a choice of dates and the one she was available for is September 30th. At that time a venue had not been discussed and the only hall available on that date is Felpham Memorial Hall Pamela has provisionally booked St. Mary's for October 7th which is less expensive in the hope of changing the speaker date.

However since that time I provisionally booked the Memorial Hall online as the Hall Organiser was unavailable until 10th June when she will confirm the booking. Also at that time Katherine Slay was unavailable and it seemed if we were not careful we could have a hall and no speaker or speaker and no hall.

4. After much discussion it was agreed that there is a need for the Group to carry out research on a single theme. It was decided that the villages public houses would offer an interesting research starter for the group.

5. Following a discussion with Anthony Cartmell basic information regarding three of the WW1 casualties have been uploaded to the Society's website. There are issues, e.g. adding extra information to some already existing about any one particular individual, that need to be resolved. It is not known what brief AC had been given initially by the Society regarding how the website should work / change and possibly the Society didn't itself know or consider the likelihood of long-term change, e.g. Felpham's Fallen.

6. Budget requirements for 2023-2024 none, as yet, anticipated other than £75 for Graylingwell talk by Katherine Slay, the venue costs not yet included as a venue is not confirmed and £40 for W.S.R.O. tour by H.H.& A. group.

There may be extra costs if the scope of the website is to be widened bearing in mind any significant research carried out by the HH&A Group should be added.

7. The next Group meeting has been arranged to take place on 5th July, same venue but the time has been re-arranged to 7 p.m. to allow members who may be working to have sufficient time to attend.

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