



MUSEUM NEWS

Steyning Museum Newsletter

April 2008

Museum Diary

- 12.04.08 Spring Coffee Morning
Penfold Hall 10.30-12.00
- 02.08.08 Garden Coffee Morning
Rosebank, Jarvis Lane
- 19.12.08 Joint Social with Steyning
Society - Steyning Centre
- 17.01.09 Stewards and Helpers Social
Penfold Hall 11.30 am

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Museum. Members of The Steyning Society played a large part in launching the project, so we are joining them in planning an appropriate way of marking the anniversary. Part of this will be another joint social event to be held on the 19th December. (Please note the date - it is not the one given at the AGM).

200 Club

February Draw:

- 1st prize = Martin Toomey (£35)
2nd prize = Jill Peacock (£25)
3rd prize = Gwen Lowe (£15)

March Draw:

- 1st prize = Diana Smyth (£35)
2nd prize = Joy Davey (£25)
3rd prize = Carol Wade (£15)

AGM

We had a good attendance at the Annual General Meeting on 15th March, and Mr and Mrs Tait gave us a fascinating talk on the Sussex dialect. Many of the examples they gave of words which are not heard so much nowadays, struck a cord with many of the audience.

The business part of the afternoon followed the usual pattern of reports, presentation of the

accounts and elections to the committee. For some time, there have not been any changes to the Management Committee, but this year, we had to report changes and some new faces.

These changes were prompted by my decision not to stand again as Minutes Secretary. This was the post I undertook when I joined the Museum Committee 19 years ago, but in intervening years I have also taken responsibility for many other things. I now feel that the time has come to give up my original job of Minutes Secretary, but will still retain responsibility for the Friends, the Newsletter, and producing publicity and printed material.

Helen Coutrouzas will move over to become Minutes Secretary and Sally Lefroy joins the Committee in charge of the Social Events Sub-Committee in Helen's place. Two other new faces on the Committee will be Barbs Attwood, who will oversee the distribution of the Museum publicity leaflet, and Joan Denwood, who has been helping with education for some time.

Other established Committee members will be:

- Sarah Leigh (Chairman and Stewards)
Peter Hoare (Vice Chairman)
Paul Norris (Treasurer)
Chris Tod (Curator)
Jacquie Buttriss (Education)
David Haseldine (Publicity)
Liane Watt (Shop)

Oral History Project

An important aspect of the work of a local history museum should be to record the memories of local residents who can provide an invaluable resource for those researching past life. Anne Ketteman has now offered to undertake the task of building on the small collection which we already have.. She writes:

I have recently completed a Staff Placement

