



Museum News

Steyping Museum Newsletter

February 2013

Museum Diary

- 16.03.13 Benefit Choral Concert
Church of St Andrew and
St Cuthman
Starting at 2.00
- 23.03.13 Annual General Meeting
Penfold Hall
2.30 - 5.00
- 13.04.13 Spring Coffee Morning
Penfold Hall
10.30 - 12.00
- 26.10.13 Autumn Coffee Morning
Penfold Hall
10.30 - 12.00

(NB: Date is not as in last newsletter.)

200 Club

December Draw:

- 1st prize = Gillian Downham (£35)
2nd prize = Peter Roberts (£25)
3rd prize = Diana Smyth (£15)

January Grand Draw:

- 1st prize = Joan Lawson (£100)
2nd prize = Jane Alvarez (£50)
3rd prize = Sylvia Crowder (£25)

Joan Lawson has generously donated her prize to Museum funds.

Benefit Christmas Concert by the Southdowns Concert Band: Sunday 16th December at The Steyping Centre, 2pm – 4pm

The Christmas Concert was a very great success and most enjoyable! There were about 130 people in the audience comprising Friends of the Museum, friends and families of the Band, plus several other people who came as a

result of local advertising in and around the Steyping areas.

The Band played a selection of festive music, very well performed. The soloist singer, Lara Moyler, was very professional and sang numbers including an excerpt from Phantom of the Opera, Panis Angelicus and various Christmas melodies. Tom Hodge, the Musical Director of the Southdowns Concert Band, has a very impressive musical background and in the Queen's Birthday Honours for 2012 was awarded the MBE.

In the interval, mince pies and other refreshments were available for all (very popular with the Band too!) including red and white wine at a supplement of £2 per glass. The raffle was very popular with some special prizes and vouchers generously donated by local businesses, e.g. The Wiston Wine Estate, Cobblestones Tea Rooms in Steyping, Restaurant 27 in the High Street and The Sussex Produce Shop. We took £187 on the raffle. In total we made £653 net for the Museum, after expenses, which was an excellent result and very welcome.

Several of the audience remarked in the interval how much they were enjoying the concert and some were heard to say they wished the Band could have played for even longer! The Band are solidly booked up for December this year, but it's possible we could book them again during the spring next year.

A vote of thanks was made to the Band and all those who came along, so a big thank you once again to all the helpers who helped to make everything go so smoothly.

**Benefit Choral Concert, "Saints and Sinners"
- Saturday 16th March 2013: 2pm – 4pm**

We are now into February and Spring will soon be here - so it's definitely time to go along to the Museum, or the Steyning Bookshop, to buy your tickets for our fund raising, and uplifting Spring concert, featuring Kaleidoscope Singers and Cantatrice Voices. Tickets are £7.50 and £3 for under 16s, to include tea and cake afterwards at the Steyning Centre. Tickets have been available to buy from the Museum and the Steyning Bookshop since 28th January, so we do hope many of you will come along to support your Museum and enjoy the singing of these two wonderful choirs.

A reminder - Gill Kille hopes to see many of you at the Spring Coffee morning on Saturday 13th April in the Penfold Hall from 10.30 am

Solar Panels

The decision to install solar panels on the roof of the Museum has turned out to be a wise move. Visitors have been intrigued to watch the display above the entrance door as it records

the power being generated - even in moonlight! Our electricity consumption for the year has been about £1700, and despite lack of strong sunlight in the summer, we are well on course to cover all that cost.

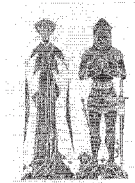
Annual General Meeting

I have enclosed your official notification for the Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Penfold Hall on Saturday 23rd March, starting at 2.30. As has become our usual pattern, the business part of the meeting will be followed by tea and a talk. This year, our speaker will be Ian Everest who was manager of Newhaven Fort from 1987 till 2001. In his spare time he began research into family history, which in turn led to a study of local history. For this year's AGM, Ian will provide us with an illustrated talk on the Women's Land Army, including his mother's personal memories of her time as a land girl in the Second World War.

Tony Ketteyman
Editor

Children's Activity Day

Calling all primary school-age children



Thursday 21st February 2013
1100 -12.30 and/or 2.30 - 4.00



Activities: historical costumes, Easter card making, brass rubbing, games, toys



Come along and have fun

£1 per session to cover the cost of materials