



Museum News

Steyning Museum Newsletter

February 2014

Museum Diary

- 20.02.14 Children's Activity day
The Museum
11.00-12.30 &/or
2.30-4.00
- 29.03.14 Annual General Meeting
Penfold Hall
2.30pm
- 12.04.14 Spring Coffee Morning
Penfold Hall
10.30 - 12.00
- 08.11.14 Autumn Coffee Morning
Penfold Hall
10.30 - 12.00

200 Club

December Draw:

- 1st prize = Kathleen Tait (£35)
2nd prize = David Thompson (£25)
3rd prize = Jeanne Pragnell (£15)

January Grand Draw:

- 1st prize = Sarah Leigh (£100)
2nd prize = Christine Jesse (£50)
3rd prize = Carol Wade (£25)

Activity Day

A regular feature of school half terms has become an activity day at the Museum organised by Joan Denwood and Muriel Wright. The day for the next half term will be on Thursday 20th February. This time the Museum will provide a mixture of activities for primary school age children with an art and craft table for making something special for Mums, historical costumes for dressing up, toys and games and much more. We will be open 11.00 - 12.30 and 2.30 - 4.00 at a cost of £1 per session.

Spring Coffee Morning

From Gillian Kille:

This is just an early reminder to you all about our Spring coffee morning which is on Saturday 12th April 10:30 – 12:00 at the Penfold Hall as usual - and everyone is welcome. Let's hope that we have some lovely warm spring weather by then!

In addition to our usual cake stall, bric-a-brac stall and book stall, we will have our popular stall for plants. Maggie Hollands and the team would be delighted if some of you can start to think now about any plants or cuttings that might be ready in time for the event – please do bring them along on the day. Maggie will also be pleased to receive any books and bric-a-brac items, so please bring them on the day as well or leave them at the Museum. Also, if any new stewards or Friends of the Museum would like to bake some cakes (preferably small cakes, or slices) for the cake stall, do let me know, by phone or email Tel: Gillian Kille, 01903 879073, e-mail: gill.k@mapletreesolutions.com

Finally, I would like to let you all know that this will be my last piece for the Newsletter, as I am standing down from the Social sub committee at the AGM on 29th March, after a very enjoyable four years as Chair person.

I felt the time was right to give someone else the chance to take on the role and I can now announce that Maggie Hollands, who some of you may know as she is a steward at the Museum, has agreed to do so. I am sure Maggie will be a great success and I have reassured her that I will be around to help guide her initially into the role. Maggie will get wholehearted support from Pam Perry and Mariella Alexander on the Social sub committee and myself as a helper. I know that it almost goes without saying that all members of the Museum Trust committee will also support Maggie

in her role. I will still be involved as a helper at fund raising events and am very happy to continue as a Museum steward.

Would you like to help the Museum and join the Museum's Social sub committee?

The Museum's Social sub committee, who meet just a few times a year to arrange coffee mornings and help with other fund raising events when needed, has a couple of vacancies on this friendly, volunteer team. Fund raising events are essential to keep the Museum up and running and so by giving a small amount of time in a year you would become part of a team that helps to generate income for the Museum,

If any of you think you would like to join this important small team of volunteers, or know someone who might wish to consider it, please let Gillian Kille know, in the first instance, contact details as before (Tel: 01903 879073, e-mail: gill.k@mapletreesolutions.com) and she can supply full information on what is involved.

Editor's Thanks

On behalf of the management committee, I should like to thank Gillian Kille for the hard work she has brought to the task of organising the Museum's fund raising events. She and her committee have very successfully tried new ways of generating revenue and the Friends have rewarded her efforts with their support.

Publicity & Fund Raising Events

from Erica Gaylor

In October last year our Antiques Valuation Evening proved to be a great success with Simon Langton giving us some very interesting comments on items that had been brought along for him to value, he also gave us a very good personal talk on how he came to be an Auctioneer. The evening raised £112. On that evening we also completed the Silent Auction that had been running throughout August and September in the Museum. The items for Auction had been kindly donated to us and we raised £280. Thank you to everyone who took part, either by volunteering your time to help, coming along to the event, donating the Silent Auction items or placing bids.

Children's Activity Day
Calling all primary school-age children

Thursday 20th February 2014
1100 -12.30 and/or 2.30 - 4.00

Activities: historical costumes for dressing up, art and craft table, games, toys

Come along and have fun
£1 per session to cover the cost of materials



The next date for your calendar is Saturday 17th May when we are holding a Beetle Drive in the afternoon. The event is being held at The Penfold Hall between 2pm – 4pm, there will be more details nearer the time.

I have now been with the committee for a year and I am keen to organise more events, and welcome new ideas. Perhaps you have heard musicians or singers outside Steyning and think they would be good to be heard in Steyning, and help us raise funds? Any ideas please either leave me a note at the Museum or email me at ericagayler@gmail.com.

Annual General Meeting

Our annual General meeting comes round again on Saturday 29th March at 2.30 in the Penfold Hall. This is the occasion for the Friends to hear how the Museum has been doing over the previous twelve months and elect the management committee for the year ahead. Your official notice has been attached to this newsletter. Our speaker this year will be George Barker who was a boarder at Steyning Grammar School in the 1950's. This year marks the 400th anniversary of the endowment of the school and George will entertain us with anecdotes and amusing tales from his time at the school. Please come along.

Tony Kettelman
(Editor)

