



# Museum News

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Steyning Museum Newsletter

February 2015

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## Museum Diary

- 19.02.15 Children's Activity Day  
The Museum  
11.00 - 12.30 &  
2.30 - 4.00  
£1 per session
- 21.03.15 Annual General Meeting  
Penfold Hall  
2.30pm
- 11.04.15 Spring Coffee Morning  
Penfold Hall  
10.30 - 12.00
- 06.06.15 1940's Garden Cream Tea  
at Jarvis, Jarvis Lane

## 200 Club

### December Draw:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize = Adrian Norridge (£35)  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize = Dennis Freeman (£25)  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize = Pamela Hazel (£15)

### January Draw:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize = Alan Dow (£100)  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize = Molly Fisher (£50)  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize = April Henebury (£25)

## Children's Activity Day

You will see from the diary that the success of previous activity days for children at the

Museum has encouraged Joan Denwood and Muriel Wright to organize another one for the coming February school half-term holiday. Previously, parents and grandparents have been pleased to encourage the primary school-aged children of the family to join in activities such as brass rubbing, dressing up in historical costumes, playing with historical games and toys and taking part in various crafts. Please encourage the children to come again on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00 to 12.30 and/or 2.30 to 4.00. The small charge made of £1 covers the cost of materials.

## The Christmas Hamper

We now have a license to sell to members of the general public when we promote a money raising draw in aid of Museum funds. In December, Maggie Hollands and Erica Gaylor persuaded several High Street traders to sponsor us so we could provide a well stocked hamper as a prize in our Christmas draw. Ticket sales went well and the draw, held on December 20<sup>th</sup>, was won by Mr and Mrs Blair, and produced £261 for Museum funds.

We owe warm thanks to Maggie and Erica for their efforts, which included a day spent by Maggie in very cold weather outside the Museum to boost sales of the tickets. Thanks also to the local businesses who generously donated funds to provide the attractive hamper.

### Autumn Coffee Morning

The next Museum coffee morning will be held in the Penfold Hall on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, many of you will be able to attend what is always a popular event. We shall be having a cake stall, bric a brac. and book stalls, together with the usual raffle. As it is Spring we shall also be having a plant stall, and any spare cuttings/plants you can offer for sale will be gratefully received.

### The 1940's Cream Tea

Garden coffee mornings usually prove popular. Watch this space as on Saturday afternoon June 6<sup>th</sup> we are holding a 1940's cream tea at Jarvis, Jarvis Lane. As it is a significant WWII anniversary there will be 1940's music from a live band and "nippy" waitresses reminiscent of the period. Please reserve the date and look out for information in the next newsletter.

### The Solar Panels

Three years have passed since solar panels were fitted to the Museum roof so we are now able to say that, judging from our electricity bills, the expenditure has paid off. The output from the panels of course depends on the fluctuations in the weather as we generate less on cloudy days. The figures for the last three years are as follows:

**In 2012** we generated electricity worth £2002.10 against a cost of £1931.77 for power consumed.

**In 2013** we generated electricity worth £1924.57 set against a cost of £2112.34 for power consumed.

**In 2014**, though we haven't yet received the final account, it looks as though we shall end the year with a figure of about £1863.59 generated set against a charge of £1331.49 for power consumed.

As you can see from the figures, though electricity generation has fluctuated

according to the weather pattern, overall, the investment in the solar panels was worthwhile.

With an eye to rising costs generally in running the Museum, we are now investigating the cost of replacing our night storage heaters with more efficient models and looking at the feasibility of LED ceiling lighting tracks to replace our present ones.

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the Friends of the Museum will this year be on 21st March in the Penfold Hall at 2.30. It will follow the usual pattern of a business meeting and elections for the Management Committee, followed by tea and a talk from a speaker. Peter Bateson is our speaker this year, and he will entertain us with tales from his time chasing unpaid bills.

On the next page you will find your formal notification of the meeting.

Tony Kettelman (Editor)

**Steyning Museum**  
Calling all primary school-age children  
Thursday 19th February 2015  
11.00 - 12.30 and/or 2.30 - 4.00

# Activity Day

**Activities**  
historical costumes for dressing up  
brass rubbing  
games and toys  
craft activities

**Come along and have fun**  
**Entry:** £1 per session to cover cost of materials