



MUSEUM NEWS

Steyping Museum Newsletter

February 2018

Museum Diary

- 24.02.18 Steyping Showcase
Museum Stall
Steyping Centre
10.00 am - 4.00pm
- 24.03.18 The Museum AGM
Penfold Hall
10.30 am
- 07.04.18 Spring Coffee Morning
Penfold Hall
10.30 - 12.00
- 23.08.17 Sussex Produce Dinner
(Details to follow)
- 13.10.17 Autumn Coffee Morning
Penfold Hall
10.00 - 12.00
- 10.11.17 Armistice Lunch
(Details to follow)

200 Club

December Draw:

- 1st prize = Mrs J Spence (£35)
2nd prize = Mrs A Stone (£25)
3rd prize = Violet Mechen (£15)

January Draw:

- 1st prize = Muriel Wright (£100)
2nd prize = Margaret Easton £50)
3rd prize = Penny Hill (£25)

The Big Draw

from Jacquie Buttriss

This year, we held our Big Draw art workshop on Saturday 7th October. This is part of a national event in museums and art galleries all over the country and it was our 11th year of the Big Draw at Steyping Museum. Although we had fewer participants this year, the atmosphere of the day was possibly the best yet. Whole families and individuals of all ages came and sketched in the Museum, before going across to do their artwork on tables in the Penfold Hall, where we provided a choice of printing, painting, drawing or collage with a wide variety of materials.

"It's fun," said Daniel.

"I love it," agreed Mareike.

"And Mummy loves it too," added their mum, Michelle. "Because, once a year, we can come and be a bit creative."

"It's good to start at the museum," added another mum, Paula. "It was fascinating going round the Museum and it was a good warm-up. We loved having all the different things to do and the abundance of materials, to stop the children getting bored. All the helpers were great and we had a lovely, relaxing time. It was a good community feel."

“I liked doing a collage,” smiled Alice. “I liked the artists’ pens. It was inspiring to do olden days drawings,” added Oscar.

Most of the finished artworks are now mounted in two displays in the Museum itself, so do come along and have a look at this year’s colourful achievements.

I would like to thank all our wonderful helpers, almost all of whom spent the whole day inspiring participants and helping them to enjoy their time with us. Thanks to Anne Bacon, Gill Kille, Joan Denwood, Judy Krolick, Maggie Hollands, Muriel Wright, Nickie Sherrott and Stephanie Grant.

Recent Events

from Maggie Hollands

We have had two very successful fund raising events recently. The first was our usual autumn coffee morning in November. This is always great fun with friends meeting for a chat, seeing what we have to sell and enjoying coffee and biscuits. We raised £325.

In December we had our Christmas Concert at the Steyning Centre. Thank you to Zoe Peate and her Kaleidoscope Singers and Cantatrice Voices for such a fun afternoon. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance and we raised £1200 which was fantastic.

Thank you to everyone who supports us in our fundraising events.

This year we look forward to our usual Spring and Autumn coffee mornings. The Spring one will be on 7th April and the Autumn one on 13th October.

In August the Museum is the *Sussex Produce* Charity of the month, so we have an event there. In November we are celebrating 100 years since the end of the First World War with an Armistice Lunch on 10th November coinciding with displays at the Museum.

Steyning Showcase

The Museum will be creating a stall at the Steyning Showcase in the Steyning Centre on 24th February. Please drop by and give support to those manning the stall.

Activities Morning

from Joan Denwood

As usual in the February half term holiday, we are mounting an activities morning for primary school age children. This is a good opportunity for parents and grandparents to have ready-made activities for the children/grandchildren during the school holiday.



Museum Garden

from Joan Denwood

Yes, there is a lot involved in running a volunteer-led Museum, but would you

have thought it involved gardening?

The walled triangle of garden between the Library and Museum is the responsibility of the Museum, as well as the garden immediately surrounding the building. We pay to have the grass cut. For many years David Dryden maintained the borders, then Paul Norris helped and continued with the maintenance when David was no longer able to do so. In order to help Paul (who has many other jobs within the Museum as well as being Treasurer) my husband and I decided to help out.

This is the story of the triangle:

In August we had the huge Mahonia shrubs cut down in the triangle as they were so tall that they were obscuring the word 'MUSEUM' on our wall, not good for advertising that we are here! Then we spent time clearing the triangle and found a tyre, toys, bottles, cans, packets (no interesting archaeology though) but some shrubs remain and bulbs too. After discussion with Mary McFarlane, leader of U3A gardening group and a Museum steward, we decided that compost was needed next. So after writing to Squires, our local garden centre, for any help they could offer, and after getting a lovely letter and £20 voucher back, we put loads of bags of compost on the bed, and Mary has kindly agreed to plant it up in April.

In fact Mary has also offered to coordinate tidying up and maintenance sessions for the Museum garden once a month on a Tuesday or Friday morning. So if you could help out, please give Mary a ring on 01903

810318, or email her on maryjmcfarlane@gmail.com and she will provide further details and be delighted to hear from you.

So there you have it - being involved with our wonderful Museum, involves gardening too, as it is important to keep it looking as good outside as inside.

Exhibitions

from Andrew Woodfield

Andrew and his team have been busy planning a programme of exhibitions both large and small. *Childhood Past* is the current major display which is attracting many favourable comments. Of particular interest have been the children's toy theatres. Running alongside that display from the end of January will be a smaller one looking at the Pest House, the Black Death and the Leper Hospital.

Annual General Meeting

You will find attached to this newsletter the official notification of the 2018 Museum AGM. Apart from the usual business part of the occasion, there will be a refreshment break and followed by a talk. (Details on the official notification sheet enclosed). Please come along and support your Museum.

Tony Ketteiman

(Editor)

Steypning Museum

Calling all primary
school-age children



Thursday 15th February 2018
(half-term)
10.00 - 12.30

Activity Morning

Activities

historical costumes for dressing up



brass rubbing

games and toys

art and craft activities

archaeology



Come along and have fun

Entry: £2 per session to cover
cost of materials