



# MUSEUM NEWS

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Steyning Museum Newsletter

October 2017

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## Museum Diary

- 07.10.17 The Big Draw  
Museum & Penfold Hall  
11.00am - 4.00pm
- 26.10.17 Children's Activity Morning  
The Museum  
10.00 -12.30
- 04.11.17 Autumn Coffee Morning  
Penfold Hall  
10.30am-12.00
- 09.12.17 Christmas Concert  
Steyning Centre  
2.00 pm
- 15.12.17 Christmas Supper  
Steyning Centre  
7.00 for 7.30
- 24.03.18 The Museum AGM  
Penfold Hall  
10.30am

## 200 Club

### June Draw:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize = Maggie Wynne (£35)  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize = David Thompson (£25)  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize = Sylvia Crowder (£15)

### July Draw:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize = Sally Lefroy (£35)  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize = Jim Goddard (£25)  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize = Brenda Wadman (£15)

### August Draw:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize = Tony Ketteman (£35)  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize = Gillian Downham (£25)  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize = Russell Bowman (£15)

### September Draw:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize = Donnie Hills (£35)  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize = Joanne Norcross (£25)  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize = Charles Harries (£15)

### Spring May Fair

*from Joan Denwood*

Steyning Museum had their usual stall at the Steyning May Fair and this year we had a couple of games, dressing up for the children and Steyning items to sell from our shop. We raised £43.20 from the shop sales and £20 from a donations box.

The bagatelle game was very successful with the children and adults alike - no need for computerised games here, just a rod, marbles and a wonderful, authentic board. The children's adding up of their score got noticeably better the more they played!

Shove ha'penny was fun too and at one time 3 gents were getting very competitive and reminiscing about playing pub games a few years back.

We got a mention and a thank you from the organisers of the Fair in The Herald for providing fun children's activities.

Our wonderful helpers all dressed up and did us proud, as had been requested by the organisers. However, we didn't see many other stall holders dressed up.

Thank you to all who supported our stall both the public, those who manned the stall and those connected with the museum who came along to chat, all in

all a lovely occasion.

### **History Detectives**

*from Joan Denwood*

In June we held a History Detectives Day for 20 children in total, from 5 different primary schools in the area. The children were Year 4 (9 year olds).

We organised 5 special activities for them - interpreting a display, discussing and creating a freeze frame of the story of St Cuthman, having a go at archaeology, studying old photos and handling equipment from 1900, and handling/deciphering old documents (wearing white gloves).

The children were great, being well-behaved and interested. They said :-

'Time went quickly, so fun, I liked all of it'

'I liked archaeology, found it interesting, measuring to find things and measuring what you find'

'Cool to make new friends and meet other people'

'Going outside to church was really fun and dressing up as St Cuthman'

'Old documents was good working out words and what they meant'

'A day in the past - loved writing, didn't know anything about Victorians so it was good'

'Better than expected, thought we'd just look around at history'

One child explained to the others how a 1900 camera worked.

Our adult helpers were, of course, great too and an enormous thank you to them for all their hard work.

### **Vintage Cream Tea**

*from Maggie Holland*

What a fantastic afternoon it was for our Vintage Cream Tea held in June.

Thank you to Sarah Lee for agreeing for us to use her lovely garden. Also thank you to Derek and the U3A Ukelele players who entertained us all the afternoon just stopping for their Cream Tea.

The waitresses looked great in their 'Nippy uniforms' working hard serving everyone their

tea and scones. It was a lovely afternoon, the sun was shining, which all helped towards a very successful afternoon. We raised over £400 pounds towards museum funds which was brilliant. Thank you to all who donated raffle prizes and all who joined us.

Our next two events this year is the usual Autumn coffee morning on Saturday November 4th in the Penfold Hall and also keep Saturday December 9th free for our Christmas concert at the Steyning Centre with Zoe Peate and her choir.

### **The Reading Challenge**

*from Joan Denwood*

A really big thankyou to all the stewards for helping out with the Animal Hunt/Quiz this summer.

Our link with the Summer Reading Challenge at the library went really well with over 40 children completing our quiz. Our joint activity morning was hectic, but fun, with at least 13 adults and 16 children. I say 'at least' because they kept coming back in to finish things off or look at something they missed, which was great.

So thank you again stewards, because without your co-operation this venture would not have been possible and it certainly did get families through the door, which was the aim.

### **The Big Draw**

The Big Draw art workshop is this year on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 11 am to 4.00pm. As before, the session will start in the Museum and make use of the Penfold Hall. This year's theme is:

*Our Streets - Then and Now*

Everyone is welcome, either as individual or as part of a family group. The aim of the day is to visit and enjoy the Museum, explore, understand and interpret Steyning artifacts and create a

joint work of art for display in the Museum. As well as all that, the idea is to have fun!

Some of the comments from previous occasions:

*I really loved it. We should have it every month.*

(Milly, aged 9)

*Hours of fun. (Sue, a mum)*

*This is a great activity day for the whole family.*

*We will definitely come again next year.*

(Steypning resident)

If you have any queries or need additional information, you can contact Jacquie Buttriss on 01903 814426 or 07779 687716 or

[jacquie.buttriss@talktalk.net](mailto:jacquie.buttriss@talktalk.net)

### Half Term Activity

As has been our custom, we have an Activities Morning for you to look forward to if you have young children to entertain over half term. These occasions have been increasingly popular so please bring your young ones along. You will find a small poster overleaf giving you details.

### Christmas Supper

The joint Steypning Society and Museum Friends Christmas supper has now become a regular feature of late December. If you wish to join in again on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, you will find an application form on the last page of the newsletter giving the details.

### Christmas Concert

Zoe Peate has again been preparing her singers to entertain us for Christmas. The concert will be in the Steypning Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> December starting at 2.00 pm. Tickets (available from the Museum at the end of October) will cost £8.50 for adults and £3 for the under 16's. Mince pies will be included in the price.

This is an early alert with further details available in the December newsletter.

### Puzzle Picture

I will end this month with a puzzle for you. I have received the picture below from one of our Museum Friends. He found it low down on a wall of a Steypning High Street building and is puzzled as to why it is there and by what it represents - as am I.

See if you can find where it is it and let me know through the Museum. Even if you cannot find it, perhaps you can explain what the image represents. I'll tell you where you can find it in the December newsletter, together with any explanation as to what it is that any one has been able to provide.

Tony Kettelman (Editor)



### Picture Puzzle

# Steypning Museum

Thursday 26th October

## Activities Morning

Come anytime  
between 10.00  
and 12.30

Entry :  
£2 per  
child

Calling all  
primary  
school-age  
children

(parents can have  
fun too)

card making  
brass rubbing  
dressing up  
games and toys  
archaeology

AND LOTS MORE



## Museum Shop News

We stock great items for Christmas

**For Adults** we have Christmas cards, books  
book marks, mugs, pens, mouse mats, key rings,  
fridge magnets and history rulers, jewellery.



**For Children** we have many traditional  
stocking filler ideas - card games, cups and balls,  
yo-yos, slates and pencils, stretchy skeletons and  
pocket telescopes/microscopes.



Please come along and  
have a browse.



**Joint Christmas Supper  
of The Steyning Society &  
Steyning Museum**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.00 pm for 7.45 pm  
at the Steyning Centre

*I/we wish to attend the supper  
at a cost of £19.50 per person*

(Please use BLOCK LETTERS)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque for £ ..... to cover  
the cost of the supper

*Please make cheques payable to The Steyning Society  
and return the completed form and cheque(s) to:*

Peter Harris  
6 Dukes Yard, Newham Lane  
Steyning BN44 3NH  
Tel: 01903 813983

**Following the meal we welcome as a speaker, Sue Harrison, Head  
Teacher, Steyning Primary School**