



MUSEUM NEWS

Steyping Museum Newsletter

October 2018

Museum Diary

- 10.11.18 Armistice Lunch
Penfold Hall
12.00 to 2.00 pm
- 1.12.18 Victorian Christmas
Presentation
at 2.30pm
Saxon Room
Steyping Centre
- 23.03.19 Annual General Meeting
Penfold Hall
10.30

200 Club

June Draw:

- 1st prize = Jean Sims (£35)
2nd prize = Phyl Rowntree (£25)
3rd prize = Aileen Fairbanks (£15)

July Draw:

- 1st prize = Margaret Holloway (£35)
2nd prize = Peter Burton £25)
3rd prize = Martin Toomey (£15)

August Draw:

- 1st prize = Gwen Lowe (£35)
2nd prize = Louise Dow £25)
3rd prize = Pauline King (£15)

September Draw:

- 1st prize = Geoff Seaton (£35)
2nd prize = Brian Boyd £25)
3rd prize = Sheila Wright (£15)

History Detectives

from Joan Denwood

History Detectives Day

This was held on Thursday 28th June and was an all day session in the Museum for 19 Year 4 children (9 year olds) from 4 different Primary Schools. They discussed old photographs and used stereoscopes. They examined an Elizabethan document, wearing white gloves! They were archaeologists using tools, quadrants and measurements. They explored the story of St. Cuthman, visiting the statue and church and dressing up to create a freeze frame, complete with wheelbarrow. They also created a day in Victorian times using our Victorian exhibitions. They took back to home and school any written work, passports stamped for each activity, a Museum leaflet and lots of happy memories.

The children asked relevant questions, enjoyed each other's company and made new friends. They said of the day -

Archaeology - "it was fun and I understood what to do"

Photos - "I felt like I was in the olden days, it was nice to see how technology has changed"

Documents - "we discovered old words and could fill in the gaps"

St. Cuthman - "I liked the Church and dressing up"

Victorian times - "I felt like I was actually there in Victorian times and this was my day"

The helpers were Muriel Wright, Jacquie Buttriss, Lois Roemer, Glenda Jagger, Mike Denwood, thank you all so much.

Oral History

from Joan Denwood

Report on our new Oral History Team

After the excellent work done by Liane Watt and Anne Ketteman over many years, 5 of us have now started a new Oral History Group. We intend to record local people's memories of various aspects of local life. Someone who has lived locally all their life may have lots to tell us about Steyning and area, whereas others may have more specific information relating to a particular topic, such as shops, brewing, trains or teaching in the area.

The list is probably endless and it is not as easy as it sounds. Having decided on a person, or a topic, we then contact people, visit them, or have them visit us, to chat, record and we ask for copies of any relevant memorabilia, such as photos. Then comes the transcribing stage, which is time consuming and can be tricky with names, correct spellings etc. Finally we hope to have a disc, transcription and any relevant

memorabilia for Steyning Museum and of course provide the interviewee with their copy.

This is a fascinating and enjoyable way of meeting people and finding out about our local history. Who knows, one day, we may even have a listening corner in our museum, when more people can listen to the amazing stories and anecdotes relating to our local area, spoken by local people.

Exhibitions Report

from Andrew Woodfield

By the time you receive this Newsletter "The Buncton Hoard" and "Time Gentlemen Please" should be on show.

Brighton Toy and Model Museum have agreed to lend us a model of a WW1 bi-plane. It was the sort used to photograph enemy lines and has a wing span of approximately two feet. We will have to devise a way of hanging the plane once the Toy Museum has delivered it to us. The model was made by the late Dennis Hefford who lived in Upper Beeding. He was a famous model maker and was a founder of the Toy Museum with Chris Littledale.

One of our stewards has an uncle who flew in one of these planes and took glass negatives. I have had six responses to my plea in the newsletter.

"Centenary" marking the end of WW1, will run for a full six months. It deserves this as an awful of work is going into the preparation. I also wonder whether we ought to offer some educational input - even if it just notifying the local schools in advance to encourage them to bring

classes to view the exhibition and for teachers to follow on in a lesson.

During the six months when “Centenary” is running we are planning to do some improvement/cleaning work on the permanent exhibits. Paul Norris and I would like to enhance the railway exhibit for which Chris Tod produced a plan. We have not yet seen the plans, but should this go ahead, as it is Chris’s baby, I would like to invite him to project manage it if he wishes. We are planning to replace the tired display re. The Workhouse Riot with some of our current exhibition text/items.

Following next year’s Arts Trail, I would like to suggest that we use the entrance hallway for an exhibition on new items added to the collection - such as the Chequer Inn sign and the painting etc. “Dearly Beloved” could be tailored to fit the present “Market Town” space.

Sussex Produce Charity Meal

from Maggie Hollands

Everyone had a great time at the Sussex Produce charity meal on August 23rd. It proved to be a popular event as the tickets were sold out within a week. The event raised £462,73 for Museum funds.

The hamper donated by Sussex Produce was won by Matt Gaylor. Thanks to all who joined us.

Armistice Lunch

from Maggie Hollands

On Saturday 10th November in the Penfold Hall we are holding an Armistice Lunch. This is to co-incide

with the Centenary Exhibition at the Museum.

Please come along and enjoy soup with bread and tea. There will be 1918 music and tombola and lots of atmosphere. Tickets are £5 and will be sold at the Museum from now on.

Please visit the Museum as well to see the Centenary Exhibition.

Victorian Christmas

from Maggie Hollands

On 1st December at the Steyning Centre at 2.30 pm in the Saxon Room we are presenting a Victorian Christmas presentation by Tony and Lizzie Gilks of Timespan Presentations.

This is a costumed presentation based on the drawing room entertainments that were part of everyone’s Christmas during the 19th century. This will be as informative as it is entertaining.

Tickets (including tea and coffee and Christmas fayre) at £6 will be available at the Museum from 5th November.

Museum Extension

The early planning stages for building an extension for the Museum are well under way. What we still need is for someone with building experience to oversee the construction work once we have reached that stage. If you know of anyone who would be willing to undertake this task, please contact Muriel Wright on Tel: 01903 812281.

Tony Kettelman (Editor)

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Important Notice Regarding Data Protection

Steypning Museum Trust

Steypning Museum

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The aims of Steypning Museum are to tell the story of the local area from pre-history to the current day. We do this through visual displays that are both permanent and temporary exhibits. We have a dedicated team of volunteers that undertake many varied duties. Our fund-raising events and the donations we receive are all used to maintain and run our building and acquire new items for our collection. Our aim is to promote our local area and for as long as possible giving free access to all when visiting our Museum.

Personal data that is collected

We collect information from our members comprising name, address, telephone number and email address. Other personal data may be collected and when we do, we are clear in ensuring that you will know why the data is needed. For example: we often ask any new volunteer for specific personal interests / past experience which will enable us to fit them into a suitable role within the Museum workforce.

Storing of the Data

The data is stored on personal computers and safeguarded with current security software. Apart from within the Management Committee, we do not, and would not consider sharing any of our information.

Use of the Data

Our co-ordinators use the data to communicate with our members via our regular newsletter and other communications from time to time relevant to your membership. We take every care to ensure that the information held is accurate and up to date.

Members' control over the data

Members can check the information that is held by contacting our Data Protection Officer either by email contact@steypningmuseum.org.uk or by writing to the above address.

A detailed copy of our Data Protection Policy can be found on the Museum's website: steypningmuseum.org.uk

Joint Christmas Supper

The Steyning Society and the Museum Friends are again joining together for a Christmas Supper, which this year will be on Friday 21st December at the Steyning Centre.

The format is as before, with pre-supper drinks provided in the Saxon Room from 7.00pm and then a three-course supper with wine and coffee in the main hall starting at 7.45pm. (There will be a vegetarian option for the main course if needed. Please indicate this on the booking form) The caterers will be Dianne White and her team.

There will be a short talk by Lesley Humber on "Care in the Community"

The all-inclusive ticket will cost £21.00 per person and can be obtained from Tom Aubrey using the form below. Cheques should be made payable to The Steyning Society.



Joint Christmas Supper of The Steyning Society & Steyning Museum

Friday 21st December 2018 at 7.00 pm for 7.45 pm
at the Steyning Centre

*I/we wish to attend the supper
at a cost of £21.00 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:***

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