

**Welcome** to Wells & Mendip Museum's newsletter with information about exhibitions, talks, events and developments at the Museum. If you would like to receive a copy by e-mail please contact [admin@wellsmuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@wellsmuseum.org.uk)

**Opening hours:** Monday – Saturday 10am – 4pm. Closed Sundays.  
**From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April Monday - Saturday 10am – 5pm. Closed Sundays**

### **SMALL ART EXHIBITIONS IN MEETING ROOM**

The Museum's Meeting Room has been hosting a regularly changing programme of Art exhibitions since the summer of 2016, during which many individuals, and some groups, have embraced this novel opportunity to see a body of their own work displayed in a public space, overlooking the Cathedral Green.

Showing work here is an attractive proposition, there being no charge to take part. Requirements are that all work must be able to use the hanging system in situ, and available for purchase, at which time all transactions will be handled by the Museum Shop, with 30% of the selling price directed toward the running of the Museum.

The Museum would like to encourage more people to take part in the programme, so if you are making something that can be displayed on a wall, why not get in touch.

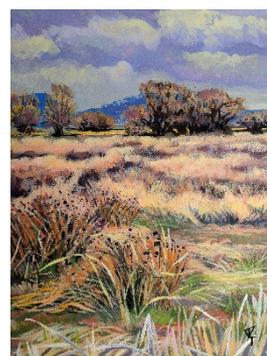
### **4 MARCH – 15 APRIL – An art exhibition by David Read**



David started painting when he retired in the early 1990's. He describes himself as a self taught 'hobby' painter and just enjoys what he does. He has painted in acrylics and water soluble oils. He says he had no experience in painting before then and started with a gift of money from my colleagues on his retirement. Since then he has sold privately and at the Craft Sales in the Town Hall, and all profits from past sales have been donated to charities. His subjects are the countryside in general – He love skies!  
**Normal museum entry fees apply**

### **15 APRIL – 27 MAY – Exhibition of art by Jennie Thomas**

Jennie is a local artist living and working in Catcott, Somerset; she also tutors adults privately in all painting and drawing mediums. Originally from Cornwall, seascapes are a mainstay but the wilds of Somerset, flowers and still life remain a constant fascination. When the weather is too bad for grassy bank, boulder or car, Jennie compiles pictures from her own sketches and photographs back at her studio. **Normal museum entry fees apply**



## 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR EXHIBITION ROOM

**19 - 23 MARCH**

### **Exhibition and sale of artist's postcards in aid of St. Thomas's Church**



This innovative event will bring together artistic works in a variety of media that have been donated by local and national artists. The artwork is postcard-sized and unframed and will be displayed anonymously.

Each work will be priced at £20 and only after buying an exhibit will purchasers be told the identity of the artist whose work they have just bought. Local artists such as Philippa Threlfall, Juliet Piper, Ruth Ames-White, Richard Field and Anna Dmochowski have agreed to donate work. Three cash prizes will be awarded for the best entries.

All profits from this exhibition will go towards paying for the cost of the new developments at St Thomas's Church in Wells. The exhibition will be opened by Michael Eavis, founder of the Glastonbury Festival and this event's major sponsor, at a preview on Monday evening March 18<sup>th</sup>. Details concerning the submission of items for this exhibition are available from Dr Alan Butt Philip [alanbuttphilip@googlemail.com](mailto:alanbuttphilip@googlemail.com) The deadline for receipt of entries is on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>. **Free entry to exhibition only**

### **10 APRIL – 11 MAY – An exhibition by the Calligraphy & Lettering Arts Society**



**“A Way With Words”** is a major exhibition celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Calligraphy & Lettering Arts Society. It will have on display almost 100 selected pieces of calligraphic and lettering work, in a variety of media, to show the huge range of ways to express words visually and beautifully.

This exhibition will be travelling to venues in the north, south, east and west of the country until September, and is continuing its journey at the Wells & Mendip Museum for a month.

In an increasingly visual society, calligraphy has gained a popularity as people appreciate the skilful demonstration of scripts and styles. It is also a thriving and popular craft skill that encourages anyone with a love of words to express themselves.

Traditional manuscript painting and gilding can be seen alongside many other techniques, such as writing on metals or glass, work with nibs, brushes and other tools, paints, inks and engraving, linocuts and digitally manipulated images.

The Calligraphy & Lettering Arts Society (CLAS) is one of the largest western lettering society in the world. It is based in the United Kingdom and has an extensive membership in Europe as well as many other countries. CLAS is a registered charity that aims to provide educational support for its members and the wider public, as well as raising standards in calligraphy and lettering. It holds a variety of national and international events such as the annual week-long Festival of Calligraphy, day and weekend workshops and touring exhibitions. **Free entry to exhibition only**

## NEWS FROM WELLS CITY ARCHIVES

**Wake Up Wells!** – The City Archives had a stall in the Cathedral nave at the “Wake Up Wells” community event on 28<sup>th</sup> January, staffed by Jonathan Chivers and Julia Wood. We had a very positive response, with many interested visitors. We gave out a lot of Archives leaflets and talked to numerous people who now plan to visit the Archives to carry out research. The whole community day was a great success.

**Talk to Evercreech Local History Society** – On 19<sup>th</sup> February the Archivist gave a talk about the City Archives to this group.

**ScraseBase** – This exciting new database of Wells property histories continues to develop, containing data researched and generously shared by historian Tony Scrase.

## SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL & NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2019 ANNUAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY SATURDAY 30 MARCH 10am – 4pm



### **Bite Club: “Reconstructing palaeo-diets in Ice Age carnivores”**

by **Professor Danielle Schreve**

Professor of Quaternary Science and Director of the Centre for Quaternary Research Royal Holloway University of London

The morning will feature a panel of speakers on topical subjects and recent discoveries in the county, including **Pip Osborne on Community Archaeology on the Mendip Plateau**, **Amal Khreisheh on Museum Research and Cat Lodge on Worlebury Hillfort**.

After lunch, our keynote speaker, **Prof Danielle Schreve** will talk about her research on changing carnivore palaeodiets and hunting behaviour, including material from the Mendip Hills in the SANHS collections.

Admission: £15.00 (including tea and coffee)

**Tickets available on the door or in advance from SANHS online shop [www.sanhs.org.uk](http://www.sanhs.org.uk) For more information email [office@sanhs.org](mailto:office@sanhs.org) Tel: 01823 272429**

## FINDS IDENTIFICATION DAY

**Thursday 11 April 11am – 2pm**

Laura Burnett, the Finds Liaison Officer for Somerset County Council, will be available to identify your finds from digging your garden or while walking your dog.

**No charge or booking necessary**

## VIRIDOR CREDITS – WINDOW REPAIRS



Following a successful funding application to Viridor Credits, work will shortly commence to renovate and restore the 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows at the front of the building.

## “THE CHANGING SHOPS OF WELLS: 1796-2018

This illustrated book which started life as museum library “occasional paper”, written by Eric Preston, one of our library volunteers is being prepared for publication and will hopefully be available for purchase shortly. It will carry a number of photographs from our Phillip’s collection, spanning at least two centuries.

## KEITH DYKE

The Museum is extremely sad at the recent passing of Keith Dyke, who had been a loyal supporter of the Museum, both as a volunteer Library Assistant and a member of the Maintenance team, for many years. He will be greatly missed.

## EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm – “Recent Excavations at the Court House, Westbury-sub-Mendip”.** This illustrated talk by Pete Missingham will follow the AGM  
**Wells Natural History & Archaeological Society**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm - “MUSIC at the MUSEUM”** will be presenting **a free concert** with music by Vojta Kuchynka, David Heyes, Katrien Bos, Armand Russell, Bernard Salles, James Marshall, Mary Rae and Dario Cebic.

The concert will feature new, exciting, evocative and accessible music from around the World, alongside unaccompanied Somerset folksongs.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm “Defibrillator and CPR Training”.** This is a 2-hour training Course, run by Frank Wood, a fully insured training course supplier  
Cost is £10 (to include free tea and coffee). Booking essential.  
For more information, or to book, please contact Richard Leworthy [rjleworthy@gmail.com](mailto:rjleworthy@gmail.com)

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 1pm “Introduction to Coaching Skills”** Coaching is a people management skill that unlocks a person’s potential to maximise their performance. During this half day workshop run by **Spark Somerset**, you will learn more about how coaching can help you to get the very best from your staff and volunteers, and yourself too!

Topics covered will include: *What coaching is and why it is so effective; The difference between coaching and mentoring; The GROW model and its uses; Goal setting and action planning; Plus much more!*

This workshop is relevant to anybody who manages or supervises staff or volunteers, or aspires to do so in the future. Tickets are £30.

You can find out more and book your space by visiting:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-coaching-skills-tickets-52360556835>

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm – “Monmouth, the Rebellion and the bloody retribution of Judge Jeffreys”** a talk by Jon Jefferies. **Wells Civic Society**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 6pm – 8pm - Riverford Master Veg Cookery Class**

Looking for veg inspiration? This two-hour, hands-on cooking class will give you ample veg inspiration – and the chance to see whether a Riverford veg box is for you. Turn a brimming box of veg, fresh from our farm, into an inspirational organic feast. Get stuck in, learning lots of essential skills – such as the best way to slice greens and chop an onion, and how to make sure they never catch in the pan.

We hope you’ll leave inspired to cook with a veg box at home.

People of all abilities are welcome to this small class giving plenty of chance for questions and individual guidance. After the class, we’ll all sit down to enjoy the meal over a glass of organic wine or beer. Places are £25, for the class, an organic supper and a drink.

**Please note: You must be 18+ to attend a Master Veg class. Booking essential.**

**Tickets:** [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/riverford-masterveg-class-the-museum...](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/riverford-masterveg-class-the-museum...)

or call Patrick on 01823 218406

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm – “The Strawberry Line: Multi-user Path: Creation and Conservation”. Somerset Wildlife Trust**

**Friday 5 April at 7.30pm - "The History of clay pipe making in Somerset, 1600-1900"**  
by Marek Lewcun. **Wells Natural History & Archaeological Society**

**Wednesday 10 April at 7.30pm – “Welcome to Wells! Tourism: the city of culture, accommodation, coach tourism & ‘meet & greet”** a talk by Andy Webb, Tudor Hopkins & Ross Young. **Wells Civic Society**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2pm – 4pm “Somerset Adoption Information Event”**

Have you been thinking about adopting a child but not sure where to start? **Families for Children** is a specialist adoption agency, independent of the Local Authority/Regional Adoption Agencies with over 25 years' experience in adoption. As we place children from all over the UK, we need a wide variety of prospective adopters across a broad community. We have placed children into stable, loving homes with single parents, couples, whatever their gender or sexual orientation. Why not come along and find out more – there will be a short presentation followed by an opportunity to talk to one of our Adoption Specialists who can give you as much information as you need. Look forward to hearing from you

**If you would like to attend please call us on 01271 612004.**



**PLEASE NOTE: FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2019 THE MUSEUM WILL BECOME  
A COMPLETELY “NO SMOKING” SITE.  
SMOKING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN ANY PART OF THE BUILDING OR GROUNDS**



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