

CURATOR'S REPORT MAY 2020

We had about 56 children from St. Peter's School come to the museum on the 11th March to learn about the history of Henfield.

Photographs from the museum collection continue to be posted on The Henfield Club facebook page.

In early March I met Daryl Holter, a police Heritage Crime Officer, at the museum to review security issues. He was quite happy with the security of the building but suggested we make the collection box more secure, have a locked moneybox for the money from sales, and fix down to the desk the CCTV box. These are things which we can do without much trouble.

As a result of the displays at the Village Evening on the 5th March we had one lady offering to become a volunteer, and another offering to help with the displays. Because of the lockdown I have not been able to progress with this. Although the displays caused a lot interest it was a disappointing response regarding people coming forward to help more with the Forward Plan.

During the shutdown I pay regular visits to the museum each week to check on things, and to carryout cataloguing etc.

Photographs from the museum were provided of the 1945 VE Day celebrations in Henfield which have been used in BN5, and would have appeared in a display which Pamela Chaston was doing for St. Peter's Church. They may be combined with a later VJ Day display in the church.

The following items are to be considered for accessioning: A book "The land of the Brighton Line" which has been recently published and included a piece on the flora of Henfield's commons. A 1940s wedding dress and veil which belonged to a woman who lived in Henfield. A 1950s or 1960s jacket which belonged to a Henfield woman.

Jane and I, with input from Robert, have designed a new museum leaflet. I have approached David Page, and have asked him to quote for the supply of 500, 1000, and 2000 leaflets.

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