

*The Frenchay Tuckett Society*  
***New Year 2015 Newsletter***

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### **The Future of the Museum**

On the 4th of December 2014 North Bristol NHS Trust signed a Section 106 Agreement relating to their planning consent to build 490 houses on the hospital site. One of the many clauses states that they will sell the museum building (and some land around the building to include the garage), to South Glos. Council by 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015. South Glos. have formally minuted the Council's decision to immediately sell this on to us at around half its market value. The details are still to be worked out, but the planning officer concerned has told us that the June date should be kept.

If you check on our website [frenchaymuseumarchives.co.uk](http://frenchaymuseumarchives.co.uk) we will keep you up to date with progress.

Meanwhile, with help from members of the Frenchay community we are planning for the future, with upgrades to the building to provide increased space, a toilet etc.

### **Thursday 14th May: Annual General Meeting**

– Your chance to catch up on the background of the Society, and quiz the committee. Hopefully by this date we may have definite news on the acquisition of the museum – we may even own it...

The AGM is in Frenchay Quaker Meeting House starting at 7.30pm, and will be followed at around 8pm by a talk to be announced.

### **Visiting Exhibitions**

From January 7<sup>th</sup> when we reopen, we will be continuing the exhibition about Cleve Hill VAD Hospital in WWI. Since the exhibition opened we have had more information, and now access to a second autograph book full of sketches and poems done by patients at Cleve Hill, and collected by Florence ???. Full transcriptions of both this autograph book, and the one by Amy Hill are available in book format, for you to admire at leisure.

### **Archaeology**

Thanks to persistence and a lot of hard work by SGC officers, Wessex Water have now given us a key to the gate in Newlands, which gives safe access to the site of Frenchay's Holy Well. We have already identified dressed stones, which probably came from the window tracery of the medieval chapel that was near the well, but what else will we find? If you are interested in helping explore this ancient site, call Teresa Norton on 9564531 or Margaret Bulmer on 9569324.

### **BBC1 - Antiques Road Trip**

Back in October we had a five minute slot on BBC1's Antiques Road Trip, when presenter Thomas Plant highlighted our link with Fry's chocolate. This welcome publicity brought a number of visitors, one even coming from as far as Polperro!

In 2015 we are going to reply more on publicity through some of the many free magazines published locally, such as *Downend Voice*. If you've any expertise in this area and can help, please contact Alan Freke 9570942.

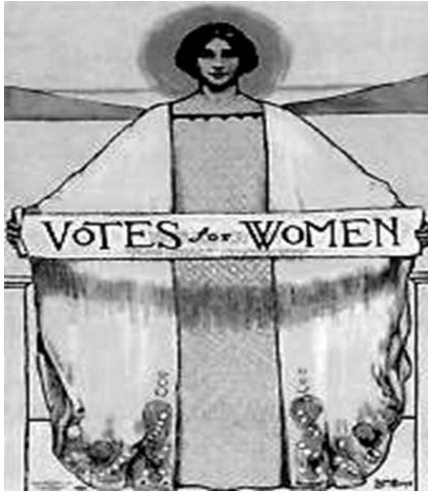
### **Museum Custodians**

We always welcome more custodians, so if you are interested in coming along and finding out more, call Margaret Bulmer on 0117 9569324 for an informal, no obligation, chat. Whether you help once a month, or once a year, you will be welcome.

There are many other tasks that need doing, besides manning the museum when it's open. From straightforward cleaning to mounting new displays, there are many jobs waiting. If you feel that you would like to get involved in any way, call Alan Freke on 0117 9570942 for a no-obligation chat.

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**January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Suffragettes in Bristol**



Lucienne Boyce tells the story of the pre-WW I struggle in this area to win votes for women.

This included a major arson attack in Frenchay.

**Mar 12th**  
**The Rotork Story**

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We are privileged to welcome Peter France, Chief Executive of Rotork, to tell the story of Rotork, the £1/2 billion international company founded by Jeremy Fry in Frenchay in the early 1950s.

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**Feb 12th**  
**The Mystery of the Isaac Newton Deed**

Howard Sykes of Bristol Central Library tells how he traced the origins of a deed signed in 1713 by the great scientist Sir Isaac Newton, which is part of the library's collection. Of course, his search eventually brought him to Frenchay.

All talks are held in the  
**Quaker Meeting House** Beckspool Road,  
Frenchay Starting at **7.30pm** Admission **£2**

**Vintage vehicle Day 2015**

The Flower Show committee have changed the date of this year's Frenchay Flower Show to **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July**. So our Vintage Vehicle Day will also be on the 11<sup>th</sup> July. If you are able to help with either preparing for the big day, or being involved on the day, please contact Alan Freke on 0117 9570942.

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