

The Frenchay Tuckett Society
New Year 2016 Newsletter

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Books and Maps

We have produced facsimile copies of Lizzie Tuckett's book, "Zigzagging Amongst Dolomites". The book is still in print in Italy, and in 2012 was included in an European Union Education Project for schools. The subjects covered by the project are English, history, geography, geology, science and literature. An analysis of the book is the core of the project. The A4 wire-bound books cost £5. Harold Lane, who produced illustrated maps based on the 19th Century tithe maps, has given us the original of his map covering Frenchay and Stapleton, together with the copyright. We have produced A3 versions of the colourful map, which are available in the museum price £10..

The Italian Job

In November we hosted a visit by three Italians from Trento who were interested in the Tuckett family, and Frank in particular. Carol Thorne took them to the museum and the Quaker Meeting House, but lunch in the White Lion appeared to be the big highlight of their visit! A week or so later a large illustrated article appeared in *l'Adige*, an Italian newspaper under the headline "*Bristol: le tracce di Francis Fox Tuckett*" (Bristol: the trail of Francis Fox Tuckett". The museum had a very flattering write-up. It can be seen at

<http://www.bibliotecapinzolo.it/files/2015/11/27/Adige1127p-12.pdf>

Visiting Exhibitions

The visiting exhibition when we reopen on 6th January is about the Bells of Frenchay Church. The bells were installed by parishioners and friends, and were dedicated 25 years. From May Whiteshill Evangelical Church are mounting a display to mark their bi-centenary.

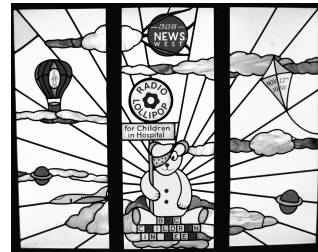
We also have a mini-display by David Upton, of archaeological finds in this area. They include a stone-age axehead, the stone coming from the Dolomites!!

Are you a member of a group that would like to mount a display? If so, please contact Alan Freke 0117 9570942 for an informal chat. In the past we've had groups as diverse as The Alpine Club of London, and our local Girl Guides.

The Future of the Museum

The extended deadline for the transfer of the freehold of the museum of 4th December came and went, and we have heard nothing further from South Glos. Council regarding the sale/purchase of the museum. Apparently they have extended their own deadline by two months, but we have no idea what is happening, and these deadlines appear completely arbitrary, with no real significance. Should anything happen it will be reported on our website frenchaymuseumarchives.co.uk

Radio Lollipop Window



In our Spring newsletter we reported that Roy Oaten of JB Glass had saved the stained glass window from Ward 25 for us. It had been the children's hospital radio, Radio Lollipop. Through the efforts of Richard Thomas of PTIT Solutions in Frome Valley Road, Jeff Feltham of Exhibition and Displays Direct in Staple Hill offered to make an illuminated display panel that would allow the stained glass to be shown to its best advantage. This was delivered to the museum in early December and Paul Green and team are arranging to place it over the landing window before Roy Oaten fits the stained glass. Drop in to the museum in the New Year to be amazed by the result. A big "Thank You" to those who have so generously supported us in this project.

P.T.O

January 14th
Ellen Tanner



Kate Newnham tells the story of a remarkable resident of Frenchay Park, who became an antiquarian collecting in the Middle East. Her collections are mostly in Bristol Museum, and Ellen became a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in 1913. *The Sawyer Memorial Lecture*

February 11th
The Local Brass Industry



Tony Coverdale tells of the pioneering industrialists of the Bristol area who led the world in brass production in the 18th Century.

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

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.

March 10th
World War One in Our Area



Author Jacqueline Wadsworth tells of the effect of the First World War on communities in Bristol and Frenchay.

Advance Notice of the Annual General Meeting:
Thursday 12th May 7.30pm Frenchay Quaker Meeting House: – A chance to catch up with what's going on, and quiz the committee. Hopefully by this date we may even own the museum, and we hope to share with members plans to expand the display area, and add a permanent toilet. The AGM usually lasts 20 minutes, and will be followed at around 8pm by a talk to be announced.

Vintage Vehicle Day 2016

This year our Vintage Vehicle day is on Saturday 16th July, and again it is held in conjunction with the Flower Show. If you are able to help with either preparing for the big day, or being involved helping organise things on the day, please contact Alan Freke on 0117 9570942.

Alice Tuckett's Diary

Richard Fox from Wellington has unearthed Alice Tuckett's Diary covering the years 1894 to 1916. Gerald Franklin from Honiton has transcribed the diary, and it will shortly be available on our website. There is also an updated version of Alizon Fox's Letters from the Friends' War Victims Relief Committee just after WWI. Gerald has also produced a lovely facsimile edition of Marion Fox's illustrated journal of her visit to France in 1878. Her watercolour sketchbooks have already been on display for some time, and this latest addition can be seen in the library.

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