

*The Frenchay Tuckett Society*  
**New Year 2020 Newsletter**

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We're on TV! Channel 5's "The Wonderful World of Chocolate" will feature our museum in the episode to be screened this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 9pm, presenting "the oldest bar of chocolate in the world"

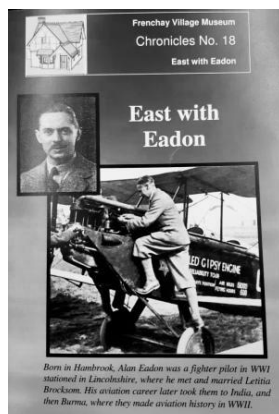
**The Museum reopened on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2020  
Clean and ship-shape after the deep clean carried out  
during the winter shut down!**

### **Museum Custodians**

We always welcome more custodians, so if you are interested in coming along and finding out more, call **Margaret Bulmer on 07814303960** 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 **Carol Thorne on 0117 9569963** for a no-obligation chat.

### **Have you got your copy of East with Eadon yet?**

**On sale in the museum for £5 it tells the story of  
how Alan and Letitia Eadon saved thousands of  
lives when the Japanese invaded in 1942  
plus much more!**



## **Frenchay Village Museum Talks Series**

**February 13th 2020**



**How to claw your way back from disaster, commit  
treason and get away with it –  
*The Beauforts of Badminton – Bill Evans***

**March 12<sup>th</sup> 2020**



***Bristol Pirates and Privateers*  
Mark Steeds takes a look at part of  
Bristol's sea faring history.**

**These talks are in Frenchay Quaker Meeting  
House starting at 7.30pm. Admission is £2.**

### **FRENCHAY HISTORY IN COINS**

Recent investigations by a metal detector have unearthed many coins in Frenchay. The detector had permission from the land owners and the finds were reported to Bristol Museum. The earliest coins date from the Emperors Victorinus and Claudius II and are dated between 265-275 AD. These are copper coins. Silver coins have been found consisting of 6d, and 1/- coins from the reign of Henry VI, Charles II and William IV. A further cache of pennies and half pennies dating between 1796-1803 were found last year. We hope to display some of these coins in Frenchay Museum in the near future. But how did they come to be buried in Frenchay? Did Roman Centurions pass through Frenchay on their way to take the waters in Bath? It is fascinating to think about all the people who have visited or lived in Frenchay and how they came to lose their money.

### House & Grounds Report from Hugh Whatley

Many thanks to Hugh Evans, who has been our leading volunteer on the maintenance of the grounds surrounding the Museum, since we took on the responsibility in the autumn of 2017 with the new lease. Over the last two years or so there has been a steady programme of ground clearance, planting and other 'visual improvements' to the setting of our wonderful old building. Thanks also to volunteers from Frenchay Residents Association who helped with clearing the adjoining car park for Vintage Vehicle Day. Once again, this event was a great success to the point where our limited number of volunteers felt both overwhelmed and exhausted by the end of the day, with no reserves and concerns about Health & Safety. So, for 2020 at least, the event will be held on The Common and organised by The Flower Show.

Over the last two years we have also been involved with a Feasibility Study for a proposed extension to the Museum and endeavouring to find out what is possible with the planners. The need to provide an inside toilet and proper storage space to replace the 'leaky garage' is acknowledged and, having been turned-down on a two storey extension, we are looking at what is possible at ground floor level only.

Revised plans are being drawn-up and it is hoped to have something positive to report at our AGM.

Meanwhile, we are aware of various proposals for the proper management of the rest of the adjoining car park and are liaising with Winterbourne Parish Council as necessary. Lines of communication have also been established with the Tennis Club so that we have some understanding of car parking needs. We are also requesting information from South Glos Council about the proposed 'upgrade' of the west end of The Lime Tree Avenue to a public highway from the mini-roundabout with associated pavements and other works to provide long term access to the Car Park and Frenchay Beckspool Building etc. We have also reminded everyone that proper provision should be made for public toilets with the obvious increase in visitors to the new Play area. The committee does not think it is appropriate to offer the very limited facilities which may be available at the Museum if/when an extension has been built.

**This year we are planning to re-develop the museum website..**

**We would welcome any suggestions for new features.**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**AGM**

**Frenchay Quaker Meeting House  
starting at 7.30pm.**

**Followed by a talk to be announced**



### **GET INVOLVED WW2 ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

**Do you have a story to tell?**

**Frenchay Village Museum are looking for individuals with memories of WW2 or interesting family stories to share, who are happy to be interviewed for a new Oral History Podcast series, which is being created to celebrate the anniversary of VE Day.**

**To express an interest or find out more please contact**

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**The exhibition about WW2 is continuing in the Museum until May 2020**

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