

*The Frenchay Tuckett Society*  
**Autumn 2016 Newsletter**

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### 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. Every year we thank our custodians by having a garden visit, then a cream tea. 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.

### Museum News

The Alpine Club exhibition which was due in September, has been postponed until January, and so we have mounted an exhibition of some pictures from storage. They include the oil portraits of Revd. Randall Vickers and his wife Emma of Cedar Hall. There are paintings by Tom Burrough of the Old House (who many of you will remember), and there's a sketch of Frenchay Park House by the former England cricketer-turned-artist Jack Russell. There is also a lovely birthday card produced by Lizzie Tuckett c1865 for her niece Marion (she later produced many of the lovely Alpine watercolour sketches currently on display, together with a newly accessioned photograph of Lizzie with littler Marion.

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.

### Museum Purchase

Unfortunately we are still trying to buy the 125 year lease for the museum. The mechanism is that North Bristol Hospital Trust sells the museum to South Gloucestershire council who immediately sell it to us. However, the hospital has still not finalised the sale to the council and we are unable to proceed until this is settled – all very frustrating!

### Treasure Hunt

As part of South Gloucestershire's Discovery Festival the museum is holding a Treasure Hunt on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 2.00pm. There is no time limit and you can start at any time during the afternoon.

All entrants will be given a copy of the Grand Tour of Frenchay and there are prizes for completed entries. It is suitable for all ages so why not come along for a chance to learn more about Frenchay with a leisurely walk around the village.

### Vintage Vehicle Day 2016

This year our Vintage Vehicle day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July was again held in conjunction with the Flower Show. A very successful day – a BIG THANKS to all who helped. If you are able to help with either preparing for next year's event on **July 15<sup>th</sup>**, or being involved helping organise things on the day, please contact Paul Green on 0117 9567020, or Alan Freke on 0117 9570942.

### Talks and Walks

Do you know that the museum does talks and guided walks? If you are a member of any organisation that is looking for a speaker or a local outing please contact us to discuss. For instance, a visit to the museum followed by lunch at the pub and a guided walk around Frenchay is very popular.

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## October 13th Frenchay Hospital's Hidden History

Alan Freke highlights some facts you (probably) didn't know about the former hospital.



*This is the Sawyer Memorial Lecture.*

## November 10<sup>th</sup> The Dramway

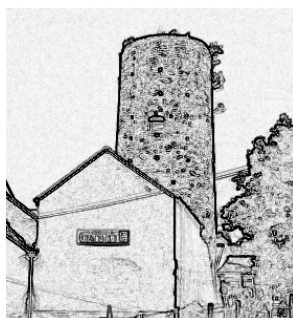
Jim Pimpernell tells of the first railway in our area. The group building it was headed by a Frenchay resident.



## Jan 12th The Local Brass Industry

Tony Coverdale tells of the pioneering industrialists who led the world in brass production.

This is the talk that had to be cancelled last year.



## 200th Anniversary of the Death of Philip Debell Tuckett

Philip Debell Tuckett, who moved into the Manor House in 1801, died on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1816. He was a prominent Quaker, becoming the Clerk of London Yearly Meeting in 1791. He and Elizabeth his wife, had five sons. Their families had a lasting effect on the village – the Village Hall and Tuckett Field are two examples. Imagine Tuckett Field as a housing estate, and give thanks for their generosity. Despite living in Frenchay for fifteen years, Philip remained a member of the Quakers' Friars Meeting in Broadmead, and when he died he was buried there. When Bristol Council took over the site to create the Broadmead shopping centre, all those buried there were exhumed and reburied in a common grave in Avon View Cemetery, Redfield. However, the headstones from the Friars burial ground were used to pave the car park at the Quaker Meeting House in Wedmore Vale, Bedminster, and his headstone can now be found there. The headstone reads,

***Philip Debell Tuckett -  
Died 11 month 1816 - Aged 68 years.***

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

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