

The Frenchay Tuckett Society
Spring 2019 Newsletter

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**The Visiting Display in the Museum
from April is
Medical Illustrations
from Frenchay Hospital**



**Free entry to the museum
Open
Wednesdays 1-4pm
Saturdays and Sundays 2-5pm**

**July 13th
Vintage Vehicle Day 2019**

Held in conjunction with the Frenchay Flower Show; the vehicles are exhibited in the Car Park next to the museum. To book in your vehicle and also if you are able to help with either preparing for this event or being involved with the organisation on the day, please contact

Paul Green on
0117 9567020,
or Hugh Whatley on
0117 9566378

Museum Custodians

Three new volunteers have been on duty in the museum and have found it very interesting and others have returned from temporary leave, but we would still welcome additional volunteers. Most of the volunteers at present are ladies and we would love more men or some younger people to join the team. Being retired is not a requirement as we don't expect anyone to commit to regular slots, so doing a session once or twice a year may be fine for some. If interested, contact me for an informal chat.

Margaret Bulmer 0117 9569324

AGM 7.30^{PM} MAY 9TH

**QUAKER MEETING HOUSE
BECKSPOOL ROAD
FRENCHAY**

Followed at 8pm by a film about the initial donation of a collection of items that inspired the creation of a Museum in Frenchay.

Come and renew your membership, hear the latest up dates and get your programme of Tuckett Society Talks for the coming year.

You may be interested in.....

GETTING ABOUT

**ALHA Local History Day
Thornbury Leisure Centre
Alveston Hill BS35 3JB**

**Saturday April 27th
9.30 – 16.30**

How people moved themselves and their goods around from Roman times to present day. Tickets £12

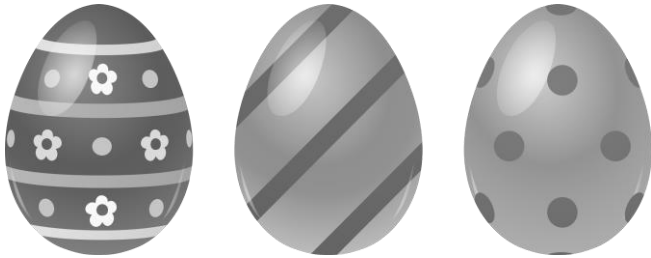
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Easter Activity Day

on the 22nd April,
Easter Celebration, 14:00 - 17:00

Frenchay Village Museum will host a family fun day full of Easter activities on Monday 22nd April (Easter Monday).

What better place to start a chocolate hunt, than in the home of the oldest chocolate bar in the world? You'll also find some amazing original Fry's Easter egg designs here too in our permanent display about the Fry's chocolate industry.



On the day, there will be crafts for children to complete, and there will be an Easter egg for them to take home as well. Entrance is free, so bring the whole family along!

You may also be interested in....

Bristol and Avon Family History Fair Saturday 28th September 2019

All visitors welcome at
BAWA 589, Southmead Road
Filton BS34 7RG

Open 10.00 – 16.00

Enquiries to: openday2019@bafhs.org.uk

FRENCHAY MUSEUM NEW ACQUISITION

Frenchay Museum has recently been handed a prayer book which belonged to Cuthbert Blair Godwin.

Cuthbert was born in 1891 and lived with his family in a Frenchay house called Woodfield (now Fromeshaw). Both Cuthbert and his father were stockbrokers. He enlisted in the Army during World War 1.

Inside the prayer book there are 2 small pieces of paper. One contains a pressed poppy labelled "*found on my way to the front August 1919*" and the other has pencil written notes about the state of the countryside.

"Ypres all houses down walls standing riddled with bullets. Wooden houses built and in building for villagers. Station nearly all gone Cloth Hall and churches in ruins almost unrecognisable.

Villages all in ruins also trees along the road all charred. Shell holes etc. 21 shells fell in water reservoir and didn't explode.

Neuport all ruins like Ypres

Ost Dunkerque some unexploded shells. All sea walls & promenade gone. Banks of Yser a hopeless mass of ruins. On opposite bank a true skeleton wagon overturned. Roads etc destroyed absolutely. Some trenches filled with sand. Dunes one mass of trenches and places for cannon. Beach strewn with rubbish."

Although the fighting stopped in November the war did not come to an official end until June 1919. These notes remind us that for villagers caught up in the conflict their suffering continued for many years as they tried to rebuild their communities.

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