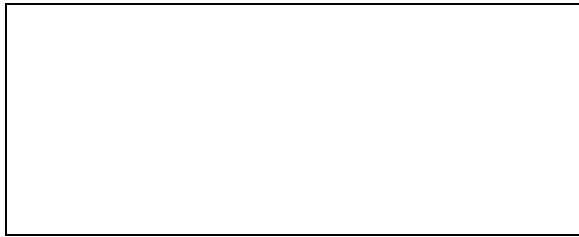


The Frenchay Tuckett Society
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October 9th
Cleve Hill VAD Hospital



Roger Angerson tells the story of our local First World War Military Hospital, where many Frenchay residents served.
The Sawyer Memorial Lecture

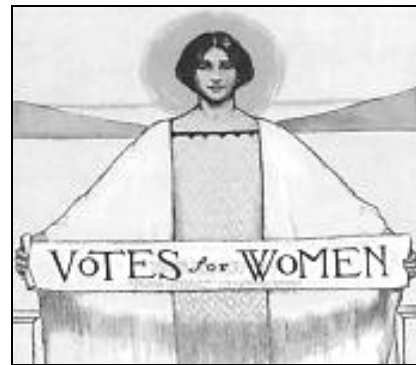
November 13th
Angela Gradwell Tuckett



Rosie MacGregor tells the extraordinary story of a member of the Tuckett family, a solicitor in Bristol, who became a prominent Communist activist.

On September 25th at 7.30pm Alan Freke is repeating the talk he did at our AGM, "Things You (probably) didn't know about Frenchay Hospital" in Downend Library. If you missed the AGM, you can see it there. The cost is £2.

January 8th
Suffragettes in Bristol



Lucienne Boyce tells the story of the pre-WW I struggle in this area to win votes for women, including an arson attack in Frenchay

All talks are in the Quaker Meeting House, Beckspool Road, and start at 7.30pm. Admission is £2

Museum News

Firstly, there is no further news about our future. The planning permission from last December for the redevelopment of the hospital site, had a condition which was intended to help us to gain the freehold quickly. Sadly, it hasn't worked out that way, and it looks as if it could easily be next summer before this happens – if then.

Meanwhile, we carry on with temporary toilet provision, and an inability to really plan anything. If there are any significant developments, we will put it on the website.

Currently we have two special hospital related displays. One is about Frenchay Hospital, and the other is about Cleve Hill VAD Hospital, Downend.

The Cleve Hill display features the postcard collection made by the Elliott sisters who were VAD nurses there, as well as a wonderful autograph book full of sketches. (see more in General News overleaf). And you will be amazed by the Cleve Hill Estate maps from 1920, which show a rural Downend that is unrecognisable to us today.

The museum is open - Wednesdays 1-4pm, Saturdays and Sundays 2-5pm. Admission is free.

Last opening this year is Sat. 30th November, and we reopen Sat. 3rd January 2015

P.T.O

General News

We are currently assisting the museum in Pontresina, Switzerland, to mount an exhibition about Lizzie Tuckett. We were able to send them a photograph of Lizzie with Charlotte and Frank taken in Pontresina in 1865. They were impressed!

They sent us a photograph of a display in nearby Grindewald which features Frank Tuckett, and they have a manikin dressed as Frank, which doesn't look too much like him!

We were contacted by a lady in Australia who has an autograph book of her mothers, which largely contains drawings by soldiers in Cleve Hill VAD Hospital, where she believes her mother served. Her mother, Amy Hill, was from a family that ran The Crown Inn at Hambrook, but by the time of WWI they had moved to Downend. Amy's brother, Harold, died in France, and is commemorated on the Scout War Memorial in Downend near Sainsbury's. She hopes to bring the autograph books over for us, but meanwhile has sent amazing copies of the book and its contents. Sample sketches below, and overleaf.



We always welcome more custodians, so if you are interested in coming along and finding out more, call Margaret Bulmer on 0117 9569324, or Didge Freke on 0117 9570942 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.

Need More Information?

If you'd like to be kept up to date with news of other local history events, please email the museum at frenchaymuseum@hotmail.com and we will put you on our forwarding list for these notices.

Commemoration of WWI

In June we were offered a grant from the Arts Council via South Glos. Museums Group for a project to commemorate the outbreak of WWI. We decided to produce an enlarged edition of our book "Frenchay - A Village at War 1914-18" to distribute free of charge to every home in the village. The grant was not large enough to allow us to print the numbers required, but financial support from Frenchay Preservation Society, Frenchay Community Interest Company, and Winterbourne Parish Council together with our own funds, enabled the project to go ahead. Tremendous support from villagers enabled the distribution to be completed by mid-August. A big "Thank You" to all involved. Additional copies are available in the museum priced £3.

Hospital Photographic Project

The photographic project is substantially complete, and many hundreds of images are now held in the museum. They have already been useful to a contractor working for NBT, who have belatedly decided they should have a record of the pre-1948 buildings. If you have photos you would like added, please contact Ray Bulmer on 0117 9569324, or contact us via our email address.

Vintage Vehicle Day

Our Vintage Vehicle Extravaganza was spoilt by rain for most of the day - it only cleared up by mid-afternoon. Just 18 motorcycles and around 30 cars braved the elements, but it wasn't helped by Radio Bristol broadcasting that we had postponed the event for 24 hours! Where they got that information from is a mystery. Whether we can hold the event next year is unclear at the moment.

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