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### What as a valued Friend your Membership does for us:

As you know being a Friend of the Museum you are interested in and support the work of the Museum & the Heritage Centre. With your loyalty you contribute to the long-term survival of the Centre.

Entry to the Museum is currently free to all - this is thanks to the COVID support funds from the Government which has given us short term financial stability. Going forward by being a Friend the Museum can develop new and sustainable projects. One of these planned projects is to digitalise several of the Museum records and collections. We will be investing in touch screen technology which will show video, oral history, and images of artefacts enabling us to tell local stories. Such an investment will allow us to broaden and increase our diversity of visitors. Your Membership has helped to finance this. In recognition of your support a "Funded by our Friends of the Museum & Heritage Centre" plaque will be displayed for all to see. For anyone who wants to make an additional finance contribution you will have the option of having your name added to our "Major Supporter List". For more details contact us on [crewkernemuseum@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:crewkernemuseum@hotmail.co.uk) or via our Facebook page or read in the renewal membership literature.

### September 2021 to February 2022 Events:

#### Art Exhibitions:



#### Anna Novy Art Exhibition.

**20th September - 9th October 2021**

Many of you will remember Anna's colourful work from past Art in the Museum Exhibitions. Visit this special exhibition to see a wider range during normal Museum opening times. [www.crewkernemuseum.co.uk](http://www.crewkernemuseum.co.uk)

#### Art in the Museum.

**8th November – 27th November 2021**

Yes, this popular event will be back! We plan to hold this event and need you to spread the word to artists and crafts people. Expect as always, a high standard of work perfect for Christmas gifts for loved ones or treat yourself

#### Afternoon Talks – Please book your place in advance:

##### Ornaments of Grace – a love letter to the city of Manchester with Chris Fogg

**19th January 2022 at 2.00pm**

**Ticket Price (includes coffee) £5.00**

This talk will focus on Chris's sequence of 12 historical novels which chart Manchester's rise from what Defoe described as 'the largest mere village in England' to the world-class multi-cultural metropolis it is today, celebrating the heroic lives of ordinary men and women striving to make better lives for themselves and their children.

##### Coker Canvas with Richard Sims

**16th February 2022 at 2.00pm**

**Ticket Price (includes coffee) £5.00**

We will hear the history of sailcloth in England including the development of Coker Canvas. The effect of steam power on canvas production in the Crewkerne area (Gould's and Dawe's Twine) and the move of Haywards to yachting sailcloth ending with their contribution to the America's Cup.

## Working with the Community:

Our Museum is all about the stories of Crewkerne & District – from the past to the present. Each day history is made. For our **Heritage Open Day Quiz** (runs from the **25th of August to the 19th of September 2021**), we have £70 prizes to be won courtesy of our wonderful sponsors 7 local businesses .

The Museum supports the community through events such as the **Town Fete, Christmas Lighting up Evening and Crewkerne in Bloom**. Did you see our contribution of old photographs of the town for the



LIC screen? Our researchers often solve queries on dates, proposed street names and a variety of fascinating questions that come our way. A new cabinet display in the LIC shows examples of life in the 1950s taken from the museum collection. Visitors may recognise items from their family lives back then. The museum is grateful for the chance to exhibit a variety of historical themes for the public to view when they visit the LIC. After all, there would not be a museum if it weren't for the people of Crewkerne and the surrounding villages. Our Collection has more than tripled in size in 20 years. Today we know more about Crewkerne than ever before. We can help the public discover their own history. We welcome ideas for community involvement so get in touch.

## Keeping in Touch:

To help us keep our costs down we want to go paperless and save on postage. One way of doing this to keep in touch with you by email. Please send your email address to [crewkernemuseum@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:crewkernemuseum@hotmail.co.uk)

## Personnel Changes:

The Museum sadly says goodbye and a BIG thank you to Pat Parsons as she retires from being the Chair of the Friends. She has been the mainstay for many years and her dedication, loyalty and hard work leading the committee plus her generosity with supplying the Museum with an abundance of stationery from her printing business Press-Tige Print has been appreciated. Looking after you and the rest of the Museum Friends will be Helen, Janet & newly recruited volunteer Sarah Ann.

## A Reward for You:



The Crooked Swan are offering 10% off Coffee or Tea to Friends of the Museum. To qualify please present at the time of purchase your valid Membership Card

**Thank you for your continued support.**



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