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Friends of the Museum Bi-Annual Newsletter

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Spring Issue

As we welcome in the Spring with the beautiful daffodils in abundance, changing of the clocks, lighter evenings and hopefully warmer weather we say goodbye to a Winter where the Museum Team of Volunteers have been working behind the scenes on various projects such as below:

Researchers have set up a database, sorted boxes and updated records; Collectors continue to accession new material generously donated by the public (which include two original documents relating to the Hayward family who owned the factory at Tail Mill, Merriott and a selection of documents rescued from Arthur Hart's factory at Viney Bridge where a room was discovered by the developer); Maintenance have kept up to date with general repairs and plan to carry our restoration work on the windows along with secondary glazing in the Andrew Room. Our heartfelt thanks to volunteers for their continued support and dedication to the Museum.

We continued to meet the public on Saturdays and welcomed schools over the past few weeks. Reception and Year 5from Maiden Beech and Tatworth schools enjoyed learning about people's past lives. We were delighted that following a grant we received from Arts Council England in 2022 three local schools benefited by planting crab apple trees where they will not only enjoy watching them grow but also creating their own history.

Looking ahead from the 1st April we have the following activities:

Easter Coffee Morning including the Big Easter Raffle Saturday 1st April 10.00am – 12.00pm in the Andrew Room

Tea/Coffee & Cake will cost £4.00, or just enjoy tea/coffee for £2.00.

Launch of the Speedwell Book and a Free Talk Saturday 1st April 3.00pm in Abbey Street

Meet the Speakers, Peter Wingrave and Francoise Feinson and why not purchase the book on the day.









Crewkerne 100 years ago Exhibition From Saturday 1st April in the Exhibition Room Normal Museum opening hours.

Discover through the eyes of the County Mail how the people of Crewkerne lived, shopped, and experienced life in 100 years ago in 1923. Come and compare what and how things have changed over time.

Flock Together Exhibition 1st April - 29th April in the Andrew Room Normal Museum opening hours.

Funded by ACE Arts and contributions from the public locally and countrywide this exhibition features panels of stitchery depicting the theme of Flock together. We are delighted to be one of the many venues chosen to show this wonderful work.

King Charles III Coronation Weekend & The Big Help Out Day Saturday 6th & Monday 8th May

So that everyone has the opportunity to be part of the King's Coronation the Museum will be closed on the Saturday. Instead, we invite you to celebrate with us by having a complimentary tea/coffee and cake on Monday and ask you to invite someone you know who is new to the Museum and wishes to join our

team of valued volunteers. We need your support to help maintain and grow our team plus continue the good work of the Museum and Heritage Centre

How well do you know the Museum Artefacts?

No prizes but can you identify this exhibit? The answer can be found on the Friends' page of the museum website and on the Friends' noticeboard in the Museum.

Thank you for your continued support.

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