

Welcome to the Spring newsletter of 2025...

2025 is an exciting year for Crewkerne Heritage Centre, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of being in this building. Maybe you didn't know that there was a museum prior to 2000? If not come along to view our new special exhibition from 5th April.

5th April – 1st November

10am – 4pm

Monday to Saturday

Special Exhibitions:

"Celebration"

5th April – 31st May

25 years- how the Museum and Heritage Centre was set up, a look back at the building renovation, special funding for activities and how we are celebrating our venue.



"Industries Past & Present"

7th -28th June

A comparison of modern industry with similar activities in history with Crewkerne examples on display. Related additional activities and events to book – see website.

"Food"

5th July – 30th August

Our research team take a look at the story of food in our area, production, sales, where and what we ate.

The Hidden Collection

6th September – 1st November

Our collection team will display objects from the stored collection.

Special Events:



Industries week

21st – 28th June

We are celebrating the industries that grew our town. The exhibition will illustrate something of the textiles, transport, dairy, brewery and construction work that was carried out in the past. We are also grateful to the following current industries that are featured in the June exhibition and during the last week.

Ariel Motors will have on display a car and a June raffle for a free ride will be on sale

Wyedale Plastics are inviting you to a guided tour of their Cathole Bridge Road factory

Harwoods builders, Bonsoir, Tapstone Brewery, Wayford Vineyard will also exhibit their work.

Workshops relating to the textiles industry will be held. **Booking is essential for some of these events.**

We invite you to take part and celebrate with us! Visit the website for more information.

Coffee mornings and visits;

Don't forget, one of the best ways to support us is to visit the museum and enjoy the refreshed galleries. Our monthly Coffee mornings on the first Saturday are an excellent way of catching up with friends and maybe chatting to someone new. There's always a friendly welcome and delicious cakes!

The Andrew Room

During the winter our meeting room has seen activity from Caroline Pledger's Art Classes where groups have met over 2-3 sessions weekly to develop their painting and drawing skills. A Writing group, led by Katy Limmer, uses the room each month and we look forward to seeing their creativity in print. U3A continue to meet monthly for their Discussion group. If you have an activity that you wish to share with a group this is a much appreciated venue.

Maintenance:

We have been very busy this winter sorting out the Collection storage and revamping the Local History Room. Removing everything from the Office into Gallery 4, setting up new storage and clearing out unnecessary paperwork involved a lot of work and we are grateful to our volunteers for their dedication and good humour.

The Local History Room has a new image! Increased worktop space, persistent and thorough sorting of research files and boxes and displaying maps to create accessibility have all made a pleasant and more workable room for researchers. Their work over recent months towards this goal will pay off as they carry out the invaluable research for visitors and for museum projects. A big THANK YOU to all involved.



Galleries:

As a change from the traditional Bakery or Shoe shop we now have a Haberdashery on display in Gallery 1. A place to reminisce about the Make Do and Mend era, the handicrafts that many women and girls took part in. The Handling Collection, of mainly items not accessioned, has provided the stories related here.



Stewards:

As always, we will rely on stewards to look after the museum during the season. If you feel able to volunteer and would like to know more please email to arrange a chat about what is needed. Stewards sign in the diary hours to suit them. No knowledge of Crewkerne history needed, just a willingness to welcome visitors!



Thank you for your continued support. We look forward

**seeing
at the
museum
soon!**

**to
you**



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