WEST END LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

MUSEUM UPDATE

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EDITORIAL

As you will have gathered this is the first issue of a proposed new Update Newsletter about the West End Local History Society Museum which is run with the support of the West End Parish Council for the benefit of all the community in West End.

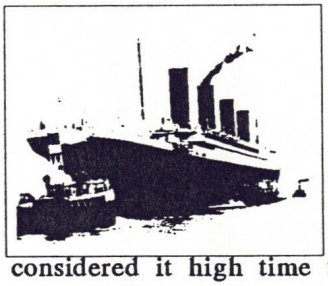
We have now been established as a Local History Museum & Heritage Centre for just one year but with a great deal of help from Society members,local people,the Parish Council,Eastleigh Borough Council and the West End Carnival Committee,who have all helped with artifacts,documents and photographs,plus Grants,donations and pure physical help and assistance. We now are ready to move on and build on solid foundations to make your local Museum a real asset to the community.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The W.E.L.H.S. Committee has decided to mark the first anniversary of the founding of the Museum and Heritage Centre with an evening reception to be held in the Museum on Saturday 11th.April 1998 between 6.30pm. and 7.30pm.

Members of the Society,friends of the Museum,Parish Councillors and hopefully the Mayor of Eastleigh will be attending to help us mark this occasion.

RMS "TITANIC" ...The West End Connection



With the considerable interest in the wreck of the White Star liner TITANIC bought about by the release of the motion picture of the same name,the Society considered it high time that one the villages very famous residents should also be brought to the public's attention. Captain Sir Arthur Henry Rostron of the CARPATHIA was responsible for the rescue of 705 Titanic passengers on that fateful night of 14th./15th.April 1912.Amongst the many awards he received was America's most coveted Congressional Medal of Honour. Captain Rostron lived in West End from 1927 until his death in 1940 and is buried in the old Burial Ground by the War Memorial.

And thanks to Derek Amey our Treasurer.....

The Evening Echo has run a couple of articles about the connection with West End and Captain Rostron and the Titanic rescue and the Museum has put on a semi-permanent display showing the connection with West End. We also took the opportunity of displaying the film's advertising posters to help make the link. Whilst researching for the display I came across the name of one of the crew members,a greaser,by the name of J.Jukes whose home address is listed as being at Moor Green,West End. The crew-man however unfortunately was not saved and went down with the-TITANIC. We are now looking to find out anything we can about this man - do you know anything? If you have any information please contact the Editor.

MUSEUM DISPLAYS AND THE ARCHIVE

The Museum has a new outside sign thanks to Bill White's efforts with a signwriter friend,it looks very professional I think you will agree. The Archive is racing on apace,with lots of input from Pauline Berry,Rosemary Voller & Patricia Cain amongst others. Ray Upson and I are working on the final phase of the West End Fire Brigade display which will include a look at the wartime period.

A BIG THANK YOU

A big "Thank You" for the grants that have recently been approved for the Museum from The Parish Council and Eastleigh Borough Council.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Amongst the many recent acquisitions for the Museum's Archive collection we have been very fortunate in being given many photograph's,newspaper cuttings,plans and Ledgers relating to village life in the past and Haines Bros.,the local building firm which was very prominent in the village around the early part of this century. The Ledgers relate to building work carried out locally and to Funerals carried out by Haines Bros. from 1918 to circa 1929 and the mid to late 1940's. Also included in this family archive very kindly presented to us by the surviving family member GORDON HAINES are a lot of house and building plans relating to local work that was carried out,including many buildings still existing. Our grateful thanks are extended to Gordon for his kindness in ensuring that these papers will be available for future generations.

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