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COPY THAT!

As they say in all the best space probes! The Museum now has its very own photo-copier,purchased with a grant from Meridian Broadcasting Charitable Trust.
So,if a researcher (could be you) wants a copy of archive material,we should be able to oblige (@ 10p a copy),to say nothing of being able to use it to build up that archive in the first place at lower cost to the Society than before.Many thanks to Meridian.
But do please bear in mind that copyright may sometimes be a problem – we won't be able to copy everything!



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Welcome to what we hope will prove a better way of putting you 'in the picture' than our previous Newsletters and Updates. Not always as regular or as frequent as we had hoped – this new version will be issued every month except August. **PICK UP A COPY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OR AT THE MUSEUM ON SATURDAYS!!**
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NEW TITANIC MEMORIAL FOR WEST END



Margaret Howman, daughter of Captain Rostron,master of the rescue ship RMS "Carpathia" unveiling the new Memorial dedicated to her father,Captain Rostron and Titanic Crewman James Jukes at West End Local History Museum.

Saturday 17th April saw the unveiling of two plaques at the Museum. One commemorates Sir Arthur Rostron,the Master of the Cunard liner RMS "Carpathia" and rescuer of more than 700 survivors from the "Titanic". The other remembers one James Jukes,a greaser on board the ill-fated liner who perished with the ship on the night of 14/15th April 1912.
Sir Arthur retired to West End,his funeral service took place at St James Church,and he is buried in the Old Burial Ground by the War Memorial in the village. We were pleased to welcome his daughter to the dedication ceremony where she performed the unveiling.
James Jukes came from a family with strong West End connections – his father having moved here to become Head Miller at Gaters Mill. It was good also to have James Jukes great niece Mrs Gillian Holloway at the ceremony. We are indebited to Mrs Holloway for supplying all the information as well as a picture of James Jukes through the good services of Mr Brian Ticehurst,our local Titanic expert.
Both ladies were called upon by your Chairman,Steven Broomfield,to share in the event and were joined by Millvina Dean,one of the few remaining Titanic survivors. They were presented with bouquets and souvenir scrolls of the occasion expressing our gratitude.
Our thanks also go to The British Titanic Society who joined with us in this project and contributed both financially and materially to its success – particular thanks goes to Mr Brian Ticehurst,Mr Ron Williams (who provided an excellent commemorative shield for the museum) and other BTS members who came to the ceremony. Thank you also to all the members and friends in particular Mr Brian Edwards,who helped make the day a success.
Come and have a look sometime,and learn more about the background to all these go-ings-on!

BOOKSTALL

Some of the publications available from the Museum shop:

Tales of Old West End	
C Sillence	**£3.50**
I Remember,I Remember	
Bob Moody	**£4.00**
Hatch Grange..a stroll back in time *Pauline Berry*	**£6.95**

Plus all the usual postcards,maps etc.....

SUBSCRIPTIONS/ALL CHANGE!

We will shortly be starting another Subscription Year. If it seems only yesterday when you paid the last one (you did pay,didn't you?!) you are right. Following a six-monthly "change-over" period the year will now run from 1st July to 30th June,rates for 1999/2000 (what millennium bug?) will be:

Single Member	**£6.00**
Family Membership	**£10.00**
Senior Citizen	**£4.00**
Senior Family Membership	**£6.00**

NEW ACQUISITIONS FOR THE MUSEUM

Amongst the many new acquisitions for the Museum that have been received recently was an excellent glass topped display case – just what we needed,it now houses our wartime fire display.Many items too many to detail include: Photographs,wartime Firemens equipment,a section of hose from the loft of the Fire Station,a male mannequin for the firemans uniform etc...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 5	A TOUR OF TOWNHILL PARK HOUSE *Led by Peter Burford*
June 2	SOUTHAMPTON AND ITS LINERS *Ashley K.Watt*
July 7	WAR MEMORIALS *Steven Broomfield*

REMEMBER THERE IS NO MEETING HELD IN AUGUST

NEW GATEFOLD PUBLICITY LEAFLET

The Society has produced a new gatefold publicity leaflet,this is now available at the Museum,Parish Centre and at other outlets – if you know of any suitable outlet for these leaflets which promote your Society please let any Committee member know and we will supply a quantity. The design of the leaflet allows us to change the content from time to time and to bring the information up to date as required and with the aid of the photocopier in the Museum we can now produce small runs to satisfy demand as and when needed.

SOCIETY INFORMATION

We are always looking for members to man the Museum on Saturdays between 10am and 4pm – its not arduous or demanding,in fact it can be very interesting meeting people and chatting and just generally 'keeping an eye on things'. The shifts are from 10.00am-12.00midday/12.00midday –2.00pm and 2.00pm-4.00pm – Pauline Berry our Secretary keeps the Roster so if you fancy 'having a go' give Pauline a ring on 01703 462490 or see her at the monthly meeting. **DON'T FORGET THAT ITS YOUR MUSEUM!**

The monthly meetings are held at the Parish Centre,Chapel Road,West End Village,meetings start at 7.30pm – Members entrance is free – Visitors entrance £1.00 per head. **Why not introduce a friend to the Society and bring them along to the next meeting?**

The **West End Local History Museum & Research Centre** at the Old Fire Station on the corner of the High Street and Orchards Way in West End Village is open each Saturday from 10am until 4pm. There's plenty to see,books of photo's, plans,maps,historic documents along with displays about West Ends past and its connections with the famous and plenty of old artifacts to see. **Why not pay us a visit – you might just learn something about where you live or your family!**

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?

How about appearing in print? Anything you think might be of interest to other readers of this newsletter – doesn't have to be typed,we will see to that! Contact either Derek Amey or Steven Broomfield on the phone numbers shown overleaf or at the monthly meetings.

MUSEUM GETS A FACELIFT

At last the building work on the Old Fire Station which is now the Local History Museum is almost complete – we have now got newly painted red bifold doors and soon the main entrance doors are due to be stripped and re-varnished, whilst the remainder of the outside walls are due to be re-painted. The Museum is also fortunate to be getting badly needed extra storage space in the new stairwell. Plans are in hand to provide extra wall display space and hopefully extra under glass display area as well.Watch this space for further details.

THANK YOU TO EASTLEIGH MUSEUM

Last but by no means least, many thanks to Eastleigh Museum for the kind gift of an excellent glazed top display case which now houses wartime fire-fighting equipment.