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ACQUISITIONS

The Museum is receiving new acquisitions from members and friends all the time – here are a few of the most recent:

COLLECTION OF FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS & VARIOUS MEMORABILIA.**Mrs H Wolfenden (via Mrs Fisher)Donated**

FRAMED PHOTO OF FRED WOOLEY ex Mayor of Southampton.**Mr George Wooley Loan.**

EDWIN JONES TEA CADDY & SILVER SPOON. **Mrs S Taylor and Miss A R Taylor Loan.**

HILLDENE SCHOOL HANDBELL. **Mr N Dickinson Loan.**

MOORGREEN WORKHOUSE NOTICE (PARTIAL). **Mr Othen Donated.**

1933 EDWIN JONES BLOTTER/HISTORY BOOK. **Mrs J Collis Donated.**

SHIP PHOTO'S & TITANIC DECK AND HULL PLAN. **Mr Ashley Watt Donated.**

And much, much more! *Ed.*

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MUSEUM PROGRESS REPORT



WEST END LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM DECKED OUT WITH BUNTING FOR THE CARNIVAL

The last year has seen the Museum and Heritage Centre in the heart of West End going from strength to strength – it is a credit to a Parish such as West End that they have the foresight to preserve our heritage for future generations to enjoy and it is good that your Local History Society can be a part of that. We are fast approaching the Second Millennium just four short months to go, and it seems a good time to update you on developments at the Museum, although those of you that find the time to come along can see for themselves.

As I write the railings are being extended to the front of the Museum building, the other week work was carried out to improve the garden and fencing – a good job which improves the facility. Work continues internally through the good offices of Norman our Caretaker/Handyman, although recently arrived is a real asset, and is doing a good job. Earlier in the year the bifold Fire Station doors where boarded over internally to help avoid draughts and keep the warmth in the building – it has been done sympathetically so as not to alter the exterior view of the building. We now have new display areas inside after quite a major move round. Further new displays are in progress and shortly we will be in a position to *rotate* displays thereby giving people more to see. The archive is growing at an alarming rate (although we must be very grateful that so many local people have entrusted us with items of their family history). Work is also progressing on several books and pamphlets about West End and its people, which will be published by the Society in the near future. The future is looking very bright and continued support from members and friends will take this worthwhile project successfully into the new Millennium. **Ed.**

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**
Townhill Park House	
Ralph Coney & Jim Brown	**£3.00**

NEW ITEMS FOR SALE IN MUSEUM

It is hoped very shortly to have a *new line* for sale in the Museum shop – namely reproduction photographs of Old West End that will be suitable for framing. At present there are about 5 or 6 different views being prepared and are expected to sell for about £2-£3 each.

Also in the course of preparation ready for Christmas and the new Millennium will be a specially commissioned Greetings card – the design has already been accepted by the Committee and production will start shortly ready to go on sale in the Museum and also probably at the meetings – a projected cost for a pack of 5 cards with envelopes will be around £3 – the proceeds will go to the Museum Fund. We will probably have a specimen available for you to see at the next meeting on September 1st.

HELPERS FOR THE FAIR WANTED

As mentioned in the last Newsletter the Fair being jointly organised by your Society and The Blue Cross animal charity is slowly taking shape – it will be known as **WEST END CHRISTMAS, CRAFT & COLLECTORS FAIR** and will be on Saturday 30th. October in the Parish Centre in Chapel Road.

Dealers from a wide range of interests will hopefully be coming, with we hope something for everyone!

We will need some helpers both with the catering and to take money on the door and generally help out etc.. Anyone who can help please contact Steve Broomfield on **01703 473316** or let us know at the monthly meetings.

If any members would like to have a table to sell craft items, collectables, antiques, bric-a-brac etc.. please contact Steve who will let you have a booking form. The cost of a 5 foot table will be £10.00.

We will keep you further informed as time progresses through this newsletter & at meetings. **Ed**

BOOK REVIEW

"C.B.FRY: An English Hero"

Iain Wilton, Richard Cohen, £25.00, 498pp

Your Society was invited to an evening out recently, sorry it was too short notice to let you all know! Actually, the invite was to a book signing at Dillons in Southampton, and your Committee was well represented, which was good as the book in question was a new biography of yet another famous Westender. Proof once again that we do have lots of things of interest in our local history, including some VIP's to boot!

'To Bat' would be a better expression in this case – C.B.Fry came to be regarded as one of the best batsmen England has ever had, one who ranked with, and played alongside, W.G.Grace.

"Look here, Charlie Fry", Grace once told him as they walked out to play, "I'm not a sprinter like you!". He was certainly that, and many other things in addition to being an athlete. (Including a model, ladies!) Perhaps something of a flawed genius, as the author reveals, and eventually headed for a rather sad old age. The book tells of his time at Oxford (brilliant friends), the description at one stage of him as 'The handsomest man in England', his career as a very readable journalist, a flirtation with Nazism, his association through his wife (now that's a story on its own... its all in the book!) with the Training Ship 'Mercury' in the Hamble. Dillons very generously gave us a copy to put in the Museum Library, and we will be featuring him in a special display in due course. The book would make a good present too!

Derek Amey

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The Society along with other groups and organisations in the West End area has been asked to prepare an item to be placed in the TIME CAPSULE which will be placed in position on a prepared site on Hatch Grange as part of the Millennium Celebrations. The Committee have decided that a pictorial record of West End with *Then and Now* scenes and the appropriate name and logo would be appropriate, and it will be laminated to protect it once it is in the stainless steel time capsule. **Ed**