

Report from the Archivist

Visitors from Naumburg

Visitors came from Naumburg Cathedral in May, and the Archivist set up a display of notable Wells City Charters and gave the visitors a talk about them.

Talk

The Archivist gave a presentation about the City Archives to a Wells Traders Evening at the Museum in February.

King John exhibition

There is an exhibition in the Town Hall vestibule about King John and his 1201 charter for Wells.

Southover History Day – St Etheldreda's Day

The Archivist contributed in various ways to this community history event, including running two House History Workshops, providing copies of Archive documents for use on the day, and liaising with Wells U3A's History group.

Heritage Open Day

The ground floor of Wells Town Hall will be open on Saturday 8th September 2018, from 10.00-4.00. There will be a display on women's suffrage in Wells plus an exciting exhibition on the mills of the city by the newly-formed Wells Mills Interest Group.

Mayoral Remembrance Project

The Archivist has been working with the Mayor on a special World War One commemorative project. It will feature photographs dating from that period, and will focus on the shops and businesses of Wells and the men who worked in them and served during the war. The images will be put on display in the shop windows for the month of November.

Training course

In March, the Archivist attended a workshop in Taunton on GDPR.

Triennial Stocktaking

Regular stocktaking is a standard and integral part of professional Archives management. At Wells City Archives, stocktaking is carried out once every three years. It is scheduled for the month of December 2018, and the Archives will be closed to public access for that month. Six months' advance notice of the temporary closure to readers and to enquiries will be given to the general public on the Museum's website and the City Council's website. The Archives Reading Room will re-open on 8th January 2019.

Wells City Archives online

At the last Archives Committee meeting, the possibility of the City Council website hosting a comprehensive City Archives section was raised. Initial discussions have taken place with Cosmic (the City Council's website provider), and this can be done at a cost.

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