

Report from the Archivist

Mayoral Remembrance Project – “We will remember them”

The Archivist worked on a Mayoral World War One commemorative project, “We will remember them”. It focussed on the shops of Wells and the men from them who served during the war. Specially created posters were displayed in 29 Wells shop windows for the month of November and there was a trail leading people along the route where the posters were displayed. The Archivist, together with Clare Blackmore, carried out research into the men who worked in these businesses, and located period photographs of the men and of the business premises.

“Lest we forget”

Images of documents and photographs held in the City Archives have appeared in “Lest we forget”, a book about the 99 men on Wells War Memorial who died during World War One. The book was published by Wells Museum in November.

“Wake Up Wells”

The City Archives had a stall in the Cathedral nave at the “Wake Up Wells” community event on 28th January, staffed by the Archivist and volunteer Jonathan Chivers, Archives Assistant. We had a very positive response, with many interested visitors. We gave out a lot of Archives leaflets and talked to numerous people who now plan to visit the Archives to carry out research. Items from the City Archives were loaned to the Wells Twinning Association for display at the event.

The Council Award

The Archivist has been assisting Cllr Price in the organisation of the event on 22nd February at which The Council Award will be presented to the distinguished historian A. J. Scrase. All the Archives volunteers have been invited to this event, following the suggestion at the last Archives Committee meeting that the work of the volunteers be recognised.

Restoration of Chairs and Conservation of Paintings

Twelve of the chairs have now been restored and a further three have gone for restoration. The first of the paintings has been conserved, and the second has been collected and taken for conservation.

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