

Report from the Archivist

Heritage Open Day

The Archivist has produced and organised distribution of the joint leaflet advertising what will be happening at venues across Wells.

She has also put a lot of work into preparing for Heritage Open Day at the Town Hall on Saturday 10th September 2016, from 10.00-4.00. There will be an indoor market on downstairs, and the HODs displays will take place upstairs. In addition to displays mounted by other groups and individuals, there will be various displays showcasing material from the City Archives. In particular, there will be a brand new exhibition, researched and written by volunteer, on "Crime and Punishment in Victorian Wells". The artist Geoff Dickson has generously provided some original artwork to illustrate this. The exhibition is based on data brought to light at the monthly Archives Box-Listing Sessions at the Museum. The *Wells Journal* has run a press release advertising what will be happening at the Town Hall.

Modern records

Sorting of the modern records has continued. All Archives records have now been moved from the corridor area into the cells, in order to comply with Health and Safety regulations.

Possible joint exhibition

The Archivist is involved in discussions with Wells & Mendip Museum and the Bishop's Palace about the potential of running an exhibition together next year (across the Museum and the Palace) relating to the artefacts which the Museum and City Archives share with the 'Know Your Place' project. ('Know Your Place West of England' is a digital heritage mapping project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The City Archives' 1860 Sewerage Plan of Wells will be included in it, and we hosted the pilot project at Heritage Open Day at the Town Hall in September 2014.)

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