

Friends of the Norwich Museums

Report to the Norwich Area Museums Committee

Tuesday, 6 September at 2.00p.m.

City Hall, Norwich

Since celebrating our Centenary with a Luncheon at Houghton Hall, which was hosted by our Patron, Lord Cholmondeley, in May, the Friends have had a quiet period, although our activities have continued with the preparation of our next Newsletter and arrangements for our next social event made, which is a visit to Gunton Hall on Thursday 29 September, starting with a tour of the old sawmill, before proceeding to the Hall itself.

I am keeping up with the developments in the Keep, and tomorrow I will go, as the Friends' Representative on the Norwich Area Museums Committee, on a tour of the Keep. Members have been invited to don hard hats and PPE to visit the Keep and be updated by the Museum staff about the progress that has been made. I went on a similar tour last year, so it will be very interesting to see the progress that has been made in the intervening time.

We are all looking forward to seeing the progress that has been made on the Friends' Tapestry, and are excited at the prospect of its completion. Last October there was an event which I attended, in the Town Close Auditorium, when all the completed panels were put out on display and many of the volunteer stitchers came to meet and talk with their co-volunteers. There was also a short promotional film made.

We are very conscious that we need to promote the Friends of the Norwich Museums, as we need more members to join us. It would be very beneficial to promote ourselves by contacting people we know, who have an interest in Norwich's rich past and who understand the importance of Museums in our Society. We made a concerted effort last year with some success, and now we must have another drive to recruit more members, so that we can continue to help the Museums with their work.

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