

Publicity Report

Norwich Area Museums Committee

Mancroft Room, City Hall

14:30

After a quiet summer for the FNM, we are looking forward to an interesting and productive period. Now that the entrance and cafe and restaurant at the Castle Museum are open, and the opening of the Castle Keep being planned for the near future, we can look forward to the Friends taking an active part in the celebrations of the opening, with a special reception for the Friends. I have had preliminary contact with Esther Morgan about this event.

I am arranging, with Cathy Terry's agreement, for the FNM to have a presence in Strangers' Hall and hopefully at the Museum of Norwich on Sunday, September 15th, while the Heritage Open Days are taking place. We need to encourage members of the visiting public to join the Friends, and this will be a good opportunity to give visitors our membership leaflet and explain what we do to help the Museums in Norwich.

We are pleased to report that the restored over-mantle paintings at Strangers' Hall, which FNM funded are now back on display, which together with the work on the display cabinets and the tufted carpet have been financed from a bequest from Mrs Day, a Friend of the Norwich Museums and one other benefactor.

At our last meeting of the FNM Council, Colonel Lonsdale, (Royal Norfolk Regimental Museum), reported that there would be some events in the coming year to commemorate VE and VJ day, and these could be used to promote FNM events and talks and general publicity, which we hope will engender interest to increase our membership. The FNM is grateful for this opportunity.

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