

Norwich Area Museums Committee - Tuesday 1st March 2022

Council Chamber
City Hall, Norwich

Friends of the Norwich Museums

Report

There was a handsome certificate presented in commemoration of the Friends of the Norwich Museums' 100 anniversary, to members of the Friends Council, after the occasion in November when Museum staff and the Council of the Friends of the Norwich Museums enjoyed a very special tea, hosted by Norwich City Council at Blackfriars Hall.

I have expressed our thanks and appreciation for this very enjoyable occasion at a previous meeting of the Norwich Area Museums Committee, but wanted to say how touched we were to receive the certificate signed by Cllr Alan Waters, Cllr John Ward and Cllr Jacob Huntley.

Since the New Year, it has been a relatively quiet time for the Friends, although the Chairman and Council have been making arrangements for the Friends Centenary Luncheon at Houghton Hall on 20th May, 2022.

The Friends are hoping that two items from the Castle Museum collections will be taken to Houghton Hall and displayed during the Centenary Lunch. These pieces came originally from Houghton and were donated to the Museum's Collection. These are a silver Georgian soup tureen and a portrait of Robert Walpole with his hounds. We were able to do this for the Friends 90th Birthday and we thought it would be of interest to our Members to see these objects once again in their original setting. These arrangements are still being considered by the staff.

We are once again arranging Talks in the Town Close Auditorium and our next date is Thursday 17th March at 3.00 p.m., "The Great Thorpe Railway Disaster of 1874:

Heroes, Victims, Survivors

A new illustrated Talk from Norwich Writer, Biographer and Public Speaker
Phyllida Scrivens

We continue to try to increase our membership of the Friends, as we are concerned that our numbers need a boost, so this year the Friends' Council will be making a concerted effort to reach out to people who are interested in our Museums and may be able to join us.

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