

Museum Committee Income & Expenditure – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
<b>Museum</b>						
400	<u>Museum</u>					
4100	Stationery	6	150	144	144	4.2 %
4102	Printing/Photocopying	0	150	150	150	0.0 %
4106	Subscriptions	35	250	215	215	14.0 %
4130	Training	0	100	100	100	0.0 %
4131	Travelling Expenses	25	350	325	325	7.1 %
4135	Advertising/Promotions	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0 %
4271	Website	350	360	10	10	97.2 %
4400	Museum Maintenance	6	450	444	444	1.3 %
4404	Events & Exhibitions	300	1,000	700	700	30.0 %
4410	Volunteer support	254	600	346	346	42.3 %
	Museum :- Expenditure	<b>976</b>	<b>4,410</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,434 22.1 %</b>
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**REPORT TO:** Museum Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**REPORT ON:** Don't Go Into the Cellar! Theatre Company Performances

**REPORT BY:** Sophie Good, Development and Liaison Officer

**REPORT DATE:** 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### **Don't Go Into the Cellar! Theatre Company Performances at the Museum**

Don't Go Into the Cellar! Is a Theatre Company based in the West Midlands who perform at theatres, festivals and events across the UK. The shows bring to life Victorian detective, ghost and horror stories, as well as nineteenth-century heroes and villains whilst employing audience participation to create an exciting theatrical experience.

Previous performances at the museum include: *Penny Dreadful* during the Easter Holidays 2017; *The Canterville Ghost* during October half term 2017; and *Tea with Oscar Wilde* during Easter Holidays 2018. These immersive shows have proved very popular with children and families and increased visitor figures during school holidays.

### **Beastly Monsters and Monstrous Beasts – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 5pm**

The museum is also hosting a performance of *Beastly Monsters and Monstrous Beasts* during the October half term:

"In this original theatrical show produced for children and young families, we invite you to join Professor Charlotte Challenger, as she recounts several of her daring escapades from the Edwardian era. Be thrilled as you encounter marauding monsters, deadly dinosaurs and fiendish fauna!"

### **Edward Lear's Stuff and Nonsense**

With the success of the performances in the museum it is proposed the family-friendly performance of *Edward Lear's Stuff and Nonsense*, outlined below, is arranged for the Easter Holidays 2019:

*"Enjoy an audience with Mr Edward Lear, King of the Nonsense Rhyme and Loopy Limerick! Allow him to entertain you with tall tales concerning his life and times, the people, flora and fauna he encountered along the way, and his own inimitable philosophy of life.*

*Oh, and a certain owl and a particular pussycat are both guaranteed!"*

### **Recommendation:**

**That the committee approve/earmark expenditure of £300.00 from the 2019/2020 events budget to provide a theatre performance of Edward Lear's Stuff and Nonsense by Don't Go Into the Cellar! Theatre Company to encourage children and families to visit the museum during the Easter holidays 2019.**

**Total cost: £300.00.**

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**REPORT ON:** World War One Centenary Commemorations

**REPORT BY:** Sophie Good, Development and Liaison Officer (DLO)

**REPORT DATE:** 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**World War One Centenary Exhibition.** To mark the 100 years since the end of the First World War, Daventry Museum is holding a commemorative exhibition reflecting on the end of World War One and its impact on a post-war Daventry. On the Saturday open days visitors will be able to see special exhibits, and on the Saturday open mornings in September, November and December visitors will be able to sing along to wartime songs played on the museum piano.

**Exhibition Dates:** Saturday 1st September to Friday 14th December.

**Museum Opening Times:** Tuesday to Friday from 9.30am to 1.30pm and the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 4pm

**The Empty Chair Project.** To commemorate the lives of the 114 soldiers from Daventry who lost their lives during the First World War, Daventry Museum has invited local Daventry schools and community groups to make and decorate a small model chair to represent each individual soldier. Once built and decorated, these unique chairs will be displayed at the museum and then given to those who wish to remember a soldier by promising to set an empty seat at their table on Remembrance Sunday on 11th November 2018.

**Exhibition Dates:** Saturday 3rd November to Sunday 11th November.

**Museum Opening Times:** Tuesday to Friday from 9.30am to 1.30pm and the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 4pm. **On Sunday 11th November the museum will be open from 11.30am to 2.00pm to see this display.**

**Handmade Poppy Project.** Daventry Town Council's Handmade Poppy Project was launched in April 2018 and will see handmade knitted and crocheted poppies transformed into an art exhibition that will be displayed in the Holy Cross Church. If you would like to be involved, patterns can be collected from the Town Council offices, or downloaded from the Town Council website ([www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk)). Exhibition dates TBC. Please drop all completed poppies into the Town Council offices on or before October 1st 2018.

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**Screening of *The Battle of the Ancre and the Advance of the Tanks***

**At Daventry Museum on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 6.30pm**

*The Battle of the Ancre and the Advance of the Tanks* was filmed between September and November 1916 and is the sister film to *The Battle of the Somme*. It is the first film of its kind that contains shots of actual tanks that were used at the front during WWI and is a little known masterpiece of British non-fiction cinema that documents the winter stages of the Somme campaign on the Western front. The Imperial War Museum has recently digitally restored the film in its entirety, commissioning music by Laura Rossi to accompany the black and white footage. DTC will be holding a special one-off screening of this film on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Daventry Museum. Places are limited, please book by calling 01327 301246 or email [events@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:events@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk).

**Remembrance Day Parade**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 10am**

At St. James' School, ending at the War Memorial with a service to follow at the Holy Cross Church. All welcome.

**Centenary Bell Ringers.** On 11 November 2018, 100 years since Armistice, bells will ring out in unison from churches and cathedrals in villages, towns and cities across the country. Big Ben will also strike at 11am to mark the centenary.

To mark the final year of the First World War centenary commemorations, 1,400 new bell ringers will be recruited in honour of the 1,400 that lost their lives during the First World War.

Church bells across the UK remained restricted throughout the course of the war and only rang freely once Armistice was declared on 11 November 1918.

The campaign to recruit bell ringers, Ringing Remembers, will keep this traditional British art alive in memory of the 1,400 who lost their lives – linking together past, present and future.

The campaign is being run by the Department of Communities and Local Government in collaboration with Big Ideas Community Interest Company and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

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# heritage open days

Celebrate Heritage Open Days this September 2018 and do something new!

**Daventry Holy Cross Church**  
-Ride & Stride  
-Photographic exhibition



**Church Walk, Daventry, NN11 4BL**

**Time: Saturday 8th Sept 10.00-16.00**

Visit Daventry Holy Cross Church and support Northamptonshire's beautiful churches by taking part in a sponsored bike ride or walk, organised by Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust. For more info please visit

[http://www.nhct.org.uk/index.php/bicycle\\_ride](http://www.nhct.org.uk/index.php/bicycle_ride)

The Holy Cross will also be hosting a satellite exhibition by Daventry Museum of old photographs of Daventry, dating from the early 1900s showing Daventry's streets, coaching houses, trade and people.



Daventry Holy Cross church has recently been selected by 'Northamptonshire Surprise' as one of the best 100 churches in the County. The church is an excellent example of Georgian architecture.



## Daventry Library

**5 North St, Daventry NN11 4GJ**

**Saturday 8 Sept, Tour Times:**

**10.00, 10.30, 11.00, 14.00, 14.30, 15.00**

Tours last 25 mins. Booking required - please email

[daulib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk](mailto:daulib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk)

Did you know that Daventry Library was formerly Daventry Grammar School? The library is running short tours of areas of the building not normally open to the public, which used to be the site of the old Grammar School classrooms.

## Guided Town Walk

**Meet: Holy Cross Church, Church Walk, Daventry, NN11 4BL**

**Time: Sunday 16 September - 16.00-17.30**

Guided walk by Mike Arnold providing a fascinating insight into various Daventry Town centre buildings. The tour will inform visitors about the history of the town's oldest buildings. Booking preferred, please email [cldr.arnold@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.arnold@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk) or call 01327 301246.



## Borough Hill Guided Walk

**Meet: Borough Hill Car Park, Admirals Way, Daventry, NN11 4NB**

**Time: Sunday 9 September - 16.00-18.00**

Mike Arnold will be leading this walk and sharing his knowledge of the geology, nature and history of this beautiful location. Booking preferred, please email [cldr.arnold@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.arnold@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk) or call 01327 301246.



## Daventry Town History Cycle Ride

**Meet: Lodge Road Car Park, Daventry, NN11 4FP**

**Time: Sunday 9 September - 10.00-12.00.**

Explore the local canals, railways, open field systems, the gallows and medieval fish ponds with tour guide Mike Arnold. Booking required - please email [cldr.arnold@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.arnold@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk) or call 01327 301246.

Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult and all must wear a cycle helmet.



For more information please visit [www.daventrymuseum.org.uk](http://www.daventrymuseum.org.uk)

If you want to find out more about these events then please call 01327 301246 or email [museum@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:museum@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk). Remember, you can find out more about the town's heritage at Daventry Museum, it is free to visit and has a wealth of history about Daventry. You can also pick up self-guided walk leaflets at the Museum if you're unable to attend any of the guided walks listed here.

Daventry Museum, 3 New Street, Daventry, NN11 4BT

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### **Exhibitions:**

- **Arts, Crafts and Collectables (12<sup>th</sup> June to 24<sup>th</sup> August)**

Exhibition celebrating Daventry Arts Festival showcasing various art forms including oil paintings, ceramics, woodland craft as well as some collections all reflecting an eye for design. Since the exhibition opened there have been 285 visits to the museum (as at 15<sup>th</sup> August). On the Saturday open days, Daventry Model Boat Club displayed their intricate model boats on in the museum. The club members were pleased with the response from visitors and via links with the museum exhibition will be teaming up with the Tudor Rose Woodturners for their annual exhibition next year.

- **World War One Centenary Exhibition (1<sup>st</sup> September to 14<sup>th</sup> December)**

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### **Events 2018**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Museum Open – WWI centenary exhibition & wartime songs on piano	10:00 – 16:00
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Heritage Open Days - Satellite photographic exhibition of 'Old Daventry' at the Holy Cross Church	10:00 – 16:00
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Finds Day	10:30 - 14:30
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Museum Open – WWI centenary exhibition	10:00 – 16:00
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Oct	Beastly Monsters and Monstrous Beasts. . Appropriate for ages 5+	17:00 – 18:00
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Museum Open – WWI centenary exhibition and Empty Chair Project display & wartime songs on piano	10:00 – 16:00
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Empty Chair Project – Display	11:30am – 2:00pm (museum to be open after Remembrance Service)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Finds Day	10:30 - 14:30
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Museum Open – WWI centenary exhibition & wartime songs on piano	10:00 – 16:00

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### Exhibition Schedule 2018

Date	Exhibition	Notes
Tues 12 Jun – Fri 24 Aug (Museum closed for exhibition prep Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June)	<b>Arts, Crafts and Collectables</b> <b>Arts Fest – 16-24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	x2 or x3 Saturday open days depending on Arts Festival events taking place in the museum
Sat 1 Sep – Fri 14 Dec (Museum closed for exhibition prep Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August)	<b>Centenary of the end of WWI &amp; Empty Chair Project</b>	Work with Roger Money, Gerry Thompson and associates plus The Royal British Legion (TRBL)

### Draft Exhibition Schedule 2019

Date	Exhibition	Notes
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 26 Apr (Museum closed for Christmas/exhibition prep Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec '18 – Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan '19)*	<b>Victorian Daventry</b>	Encourage community group and school visits
Sat 5 May – Fri 30 Aug (Museum closed for exhibition prep 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr to 3 <sup>rd</sup> May)	<b>Archaeology</b>	Feedback from Daventry through the Ages Exhibition = positive interest
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Dec (date TBC) (Museum closed for exhibition prep Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept to Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept)	<b>80 Years since the start of World War Two</b>	War theme popular with visitors

**\*Please note the museum will be closed for the festive season and for new exhibition installation from 1.30pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December and will re-open on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

### Community Engagement

- **The Grange School** – received positive feedback from the Grange School having supplied them with historic photos for pupils to use as a resource for a local history project.
- **Finds Event** – Continues to provide a regular flow of new audiences in to the museum.
- **British Timken – V&A Exhibition Video 2020** – An interview with a museum volunteer has been filmed in the museum for an exhibition video at the V&A on the work of Maurice Broomfield. The museum volunteer once worked for British Timken and Maurice, one of the greatest industrial photographers in the world, had taken many images of British Timken. Maurice was tasked with



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documenting British Industry in the post war years. His son Nick Broomfield is one of the world's foremost documentary filmmakers with recent work being shortlisted for Oscars and is the recipient of Bafta awards among various others. During the filming, the film makers we're shown various Timken items from the museum collection, which it is hoped will feature in the video.

- **The Empty Chair Project** – see DLO's report (Appendix 4).

#### **Visitor feedback since June:**

- "Just passing, nice surprise".
- "What an interesting display by people of all ages. We are so lucky to have this so close to home".
- "A lovely display of varied art forms and talents. So pleased we came".
- "Lovely display – really clever people".
- "Lovely surprise! Very interesting displays. Some very talented workmanship".
- "Thank you so much for an interesting visit".
- "Another great exhibition".
- "Fascinating – really enjoyed looking around".
- "Excellent displays, enjoyed my visit".
- "Wonderful craftsmanship on show! Well done to everyone – very impressive".
- "Excellent boat show – beautiful models, friendly chaps, good museum".
- "So many lovely things to see of olden times, displayed very beautifully".
- "Great museum! Very interesting to see part of the history of our town. Definitely coming to visit again".

Members of the public recorded as visiting since June have been from: Daventry, Northamptonshire, Melbourne, Ireland, Mexico, Western Australia and New York.

#### **Funding & Support:**

- **NHF Awards Evening held at Althorp House on 5th July.** The museum did not win any awards this year however the judges commented how the museum has been very active and produced engaging exhibitions and events.
- **Museum Development East Midlands (MDEM) 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Data Survey.** This benchmarking survey is aimed at museums in the region who are Accredited or currently 'Working Towards Accreditation'. The data gathered will support MDEM and their advocacy, as well as enabling MDEM to build a clearer picture of the museum's annual activities and support the museum better, as the museum's regional museum development provider.
- **MDEM Business Diagnostic**  
In order for MDEM to provide specific support which matches with museum priorities over the next four years MDEM now request museums to complete a newly revised Business Diagnostic and submit a Forward Plan. The DLO and VMC completed business diagnostic which highlighted the following areas of work:

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1. **Collections:** Improve storage facilities, update MODEs database, laptop for working in museum store, mobile app highlighting historic walks, referencing museum collection.
2. **People Development:** Volunteer recruitment development
3. **Audiences:** Better understanding what the audience wants; survey monkey; newsletter.

### **Recommendation**

To consider the business diagnostic outcomes when reviewing the budget for 2019/20.