

BLAKE NEWS



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BRIDGWATER BLAKE GARDENS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2014

Sundays!

- July 13th: Burtle Silver Band
- July 20th: Taunton Concert Band
- July 27th: Chard Concert Brass
- August 3rd: Yeovil Town Band
- August 10th: Phoenix Brass
- August 17th: Stoke Sub Hamdon Band

All concerts start at 2pm

Refreshments available from Blake Museum
www.blakemuseumfriends.org.uk

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BLAKE MUSEUM

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**SEDGEMOOR
STITCHERS**

Tuesday 1 July – Saturday 26 July, 2014

10.00 am – 4.00pm

Last entry 3.00pm

Summer 2014



Bridgwater Town Council

FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY



BLAKE MUSEUM An Exhibition

Tuesday 5 August – Saturday 13 September 2014

OTHER WW1 NEWS

Saint Mary's Church, Bridgwater hosted Somerset Heritage Service's travelling exhibition about the war between 23 June and 5 July, to coincide with the Armed Services Day service on 28 June. Taking the service and preaching was the Ven. John Reed, Archdeacon of Taunton. Readings were done by pupils of Haygrove School. The Blake Museum took the opportunity to mount in the church a display of the Western Front photographs of Frank Hurley, (1885 – 1962). He was an Australian photographer who had accompanied Sir Ernest Shackleton on his Antarctic explorations. On his return, Hurley served with the Australian Army on the Western Front, 1917-1918

Links to the indices to the "Bridgwater at War" pages in the *Bridgwater Mercury*, have been posted on the Museum's website See: <http://www.bridgwatermuseum.org.uk/WWI/index.htm>

Commemorative lapel badges may be purchased from the Museum shop for £5.00.

MUSEUMS IN SOMERSET

On Monday 19 May, the Museums in Somerset AGM and Spring Meeting was held at the Town Hall. They were welcomed by the Mayor and Mike Searle. Later, the attendees were shown round the Museum by Tony Woolrich and Roger Blackburn.

BREAK-IN

Also on Monday 19 May the Museum was broken into, but nothing was stolen. Damage was done to the fire door by the office, two window panes were smashed, and several of the security lighting units in the back garden were broken from the walls. The security alarm on the fire door was damaged and had to be replaced before the museum could be secured for the night. The cost of repairing the damage was in the region of £350.

VISITORS' BOOK

The new desk in the hall with the visitors' book is proving a great success, with many favourable comments being recorded. Quite a number are from foreign tourists, who probably find us via a special website where they can read and download the Museum's publicity leaflets before travelling.

REPAIRS TO THE ROOF

Readers may have noticed that contractors have been in repairing the roof of the lean-to housing the kitchen and toilet. The damage was extensive and it is doubted if it would have withstood a heavy snow fall.



THE GARDEN

As usual, the garden is looking very fine, and thanks are due to the garden team for making it look so good.



NEW DISPLAYS

New permanent displays have recently been completed in the Bridgwater Room. By the stairs leading from the Meeting Room has been mounted a bronze plaque with the image of the Borough crest. This was cleaned by John Bodiley. It has been mounted on a wooden backing board, commissioned by the Museum from the joinery firm we use. Next to it will go the bronze plaque erected to commemorate the opening of the Bath Road cattle market in 1906.

The museum has been given a large air photograph of central Bridgwater, taken in 1993. Once it has been framed it will go on the wall opposite the plaques.

A wall case has been fitted up in the Bridgwater Room with a display about the history of the town's historic bridges.



HISTORICAL RESEARCH

The website of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society has links to pages by Tony Woolrich about the Bridgwater natural historian, William Baker ((1785-1853), and his biographer John Bowen (1787-1854)

They can be found on the society's natural history page:
<http://www.sanhs.org/Natural%20History.htm>

CALLING ALL COOKS

If you are a dab hand at making cakes, we are in need of donations of cakes to be served at the Blake Gardens Band Concerts starting on Sunday 13 July and running through each Sunday to Sunday 17 August. We would appreciate any contributions. Cakes can be delivered to the museum or it may be possible to collect them from you.

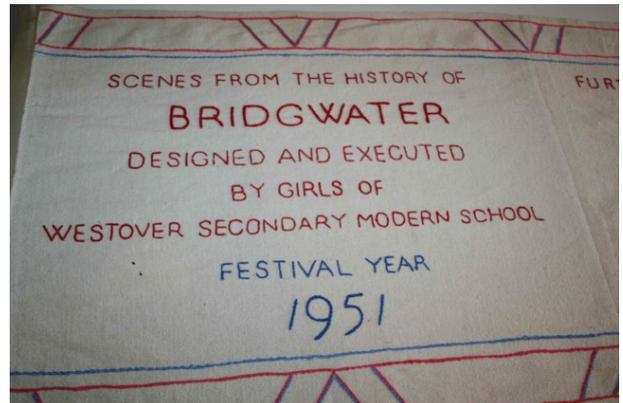
BRIDGWATER HISTORICAL TASPESTRY

One-off event.

Did you attend or do you know someone who may have attended Westover Secondary Modern School for Girls in 1951 or 1969 when it was Westover Secondary Mixed School? Did you contribute to the making of the tapestry that went on display at the Town Hall in 1969 to celebrate 500 years of the Mayoralty of Bridgwater?

For one day only on Saturday 19 July from 10.00am - 3.00pm, the tapestry will be on display at the Town Hall. Refreshments will be available from 10.30am.

Also on display will be photographs of the original event taken by Douglas Allen.



COFFEE MORNINGS LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 10.30-12 NOON Next one 31 July

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