



# Friends of Tenby Museum and Art Gallery

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends

## People News

**Kathy Talbot**, formerly the Secretary of the Friends has taken up her new position as Honorary Curator of the museum. Kathy will still attend the Friends committee meetings as the museum's representative. **Neil Westerman** has filled the Secretary's role. We are however still short of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. If anyone would like to volunteer please contact us (details below). From April next year we will also need a new treasurer and membership secretary as **Margaret Day** will be retiring. It is essential that this post is filled for the Friends to function efficiently. Margaret will provide full training for anyone willing to volunteer. The Friends contributed a small amount towards the leaving gift for **Mike Brew** when he retired as Honorary Curator. The Friends wish him well for the future.

## Subscriptions

The Friends committee recently discussed increasing the subscriptions from £8 to £10 to increase the amount of money raised for museum projects. By an overwhelming majority the committee decided to leave the rate at £8 and review this matter again next year. If you have any views on this subject (for or against) we would be pleased to hear from you.

## 10% Off Books, Cards and Posters

Good news. The Friends have reached agreement with the museum to allow the purchase from the Museum Bookshop of books, cards and posters at a discount of 10%. Simply present your membership card at the time of purchase. See below for details of some recently published local books.

## Dates for your Diary Forthcoming Friends Events

*Saturday 11 September 2010.*

A painting demonstration by the well-known Welsh artist **David Bellamy**. The event will commence at 10.30 a.m. at Tenby Museum and last approximately two hours. Admission £5. Tickets are available at the museum or by post from Mrs. M. Day, 4 Dunmore Apartments, Warren Street, Tenby SA70 7JT. Cheques payable to 'Friends of Tenby Museum'. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010.*

**Coffee Morning** at Church House, Tenby. 10 a.m. to Midday. Coffee and Biscuits £1.

*Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010.*

**Quiz Night** at Tenby Bowling Club. Commencing at 7.30 p.m. Teams of four. Entrance fee £10 a team.

## **Forthcoming Exhibitions at Tenby Museum and Art Gallery**

*2010 - 1510 = Robert Recorde.  
8<sup>th</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010.*

An Art Exhibition celebrating the life and work of Tenby born mathematician Robert Recorde inventor of the equals sign. The Exhibition will feature the work of over 50 artists, many of whom are of international renown.

*David Bellamy and Jenny Keal  
11 September to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010.*

David Bellamy, who specialises in mountain and coastal scenes, was born and raised in Pembrokeshire. He has written several books illustrated with his paintings.

Jenny Keal's special interest is in vernacular architecture and social history.

See above for details of a painting demonstration by David Bellamy being organised by the Friends.

### *Opening Nights*

All Friends are welcome to attend the opening nights of the above exhibitions on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Doors open at 5.30 p.m.

### **Contact Details**

We are always pleased to hear from Friends. If you have any comments concerning this newsletter or the Friends in general please send them to: Neil Westerman, 36 Park Avenue, Kilgetty, SA68 0UB or Margaret Day, 4 Dunmore Apartments, Warren Street, Tenby SA70 7JT.

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## **Recently Published Books Available at the Museum Bookshop**

*A Legacy of Opium by Douglas Fraser*

The remarkable story of three brothers born in Tenby and their involvement with the opium trade in China.

The book opens with an outline of the Rees family background in Tenby before heading to China with a brief overview of Chinese trade and in particular the opium trade in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The story continues with details of the three Rees brothers' involvement in the opium trade and is rounded off with details of John Rees's life as a retired gentleman in Tenby.

John Rees employed some of the vast wealth he amassed in the opium trade by building Lexden Terrace in Tenby. The book contains a full chapter on Lexden Terrace together with brief details of some of the notable residents of the terrace over the years.

*A Legacy of Opium* by Douglas Fraser is published by Tenby Heritage Publications at £9 and is available at the museum's bookshop or by post (Postage and packing £2).

*Robert Recorde 1510 – 1558 by Sue Baldwin.*

An account of Robert Recorde's life and works = Everything you need to know about Robert Recorde!

Published by Tenby Museum and Art Gallery at £3.

### **Calendar for 2011**

Tenby Museum and Art Gallery's calendar for next year is now available at £5.99. The calendar features reproductions of paintings by Gwen John and E. J. Head along with a range of old photographs of Tenby. An ideal Christmas present! Buy now while stocks last.