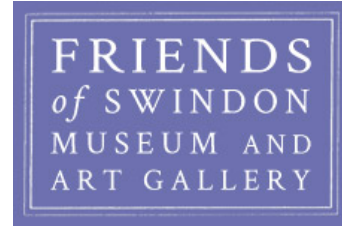




Newsletter

July 2021



Hello Friends

Here are some of the items we discussed at the Committee meeting in June.

Monthly Zoom Talk

28th July 7.30 - 8.30pm Recent Archaeological Discoveries in the Swindon Area

The speaker will be Melanie Pomeroy-Kellinger, County Archaeologist for Wiltshire.

Many thanks to Katy Whitaker from the Department of Archaeology at Reading University for her fascinating talk, last month, about Sarsen Stones, their geological origins, quarrying, working and uses. The talk can be found here: <https://friendsofsmag.org/you-tube-videos-of-talks/>

Monthly talks planned for the future

- 25th August A virtual tour of Ashdown House's Royal Portrait Collection by Nicola Cornick
- 29th September 12.30pm talk on the Ingram Collection of Modern British Art by Jo Baring,
- 27th October David Dawson, Director of the Wiltshire Museum, will be discussing the Eric Ravilious exhibition 'Downland Man' opening on 25th September.
- 24th November Grant Aston, ceramicist. His piece 'Radioactivitat' is in the Swindon Collection.

Trips to look forward to, depending on covid restrictions

Eric Ravilious exhibition 'Downland Man' Wiltshire Museum, Devizes.

25th September 2021 – 30th January 2022, see above for the talk on 27th October.

Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum, Bournemouth.

'A Century of British Art - Bournemouth Arts Club 1920-2020'

Exhibition curated by Dr Gill Clarke. 1st October 2021– 1st March 2022.

This exhibition will include eight paintings from the Swindon collection.

Sandham Memorial Chapel

The Chapel in the village of Burghclere, Hampshire was designed by Lionel Godfrey Pearson to accommodate the series of paintings by Stanley Spencer (1891–1959) in which Spencer expressed his military experience in the Great War.

Friends' Website

Click on <http://www.friendsofsmag.org> to find details of talks, newsletters, news, videos of talks, a link to the blog and you can also **make a donation to FSMAG.**

Art on Tour in Swindon Town Centre

Katie Ackrill, Art on Tour Project Engagement Officer, writes

'This summer Art on Tour will be bringing Swindon's art collection to the Town Centre through a number of exciting engagement activities. These include:

Art in Windows Trail - coming soon

A trail showcasing artworks from Swindon Museum and Art Gallery like you've never seen them before! 10 artworks will be blown up to large-scale posters and displayed in empty shop windows throughout the Town Centre. Find all 10 and scan the QR codes for an audio tour and family activities. For more information:

<https://artontour489147035.wordpress.com/art-in-windows/>

Click on 'Family Activities' to find the featured paintings and the linked activities.

An 'Audio Tour' of each of the paintings will also be available soon.

Pop-Up Gallery

Throughout the Summer Art on Tour are hoping to tour a Pop-Up Gallery around different outdoor spaces in Swindon, which will include creative activities for families.

Friend's sponsorship

The Friends Committee has agreed to sponsor Art on Tour, donating £500 for materials for their town centre activities, including Art in Windows.

Out and About

Marlborough Open Studios

Runs on the first four weekends in July, starting on Saturday 3rd between 11am and 5pm

For more information visit: <https://www.marlboroughopenstudios.co.uk/>

Old Town Open Gardens

12 gardens open including plant sales, ceramics and afternoon teas.

Sunday 4th July, 12pm – 5.30pm Tickets £5 each for adults, children free, available from Old Town Hardware, 14 Wood Street and Earle's Newsagents, 35/36 Newport Street

In aid of Twigs and Old Town Residents Association Gardens

For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/oldtownopengardens/>

Book Launch and Exhibition of Paintings by Frank Ernest Quinton

Please note, this event which was mentioned in the June newsletter, has been postponed.

Instagram

Did you know that the Friends have an **Instagram account**? If you or your friends use the platform you can find the Friends here: <https://www.instagram.com/friendsofswindonmag/>

We share news of talks and other events etc on the account so do give it a follow.

Don't forget the Friends page on the '**We Are Swindon**' website

<https://weareswindon.co.uk/swindons-charity-hub/friends-of-swindon-museum-and-art-gallery/>