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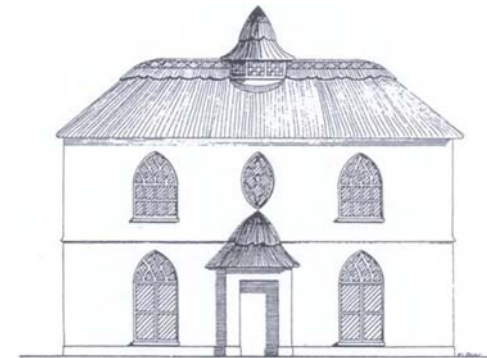
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Museum and Arts Centre

Budleigh Salterton

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NEWSLETTER
SPRING 2012

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A message from the President



It feels very good to be back home at Abele Tree House after my little mishap.

I would like to thank all those who sent me best wishes for my recovery. I hope that 2012 will be less eventful for me personally.

Much is happening this year at Fairlynch. The Olympics, the Queen's Jubilee and the R.F.Delderfield centenary will all be reflected in activities at the Museum.

2012 is also the year of Scott of the Antarctic, with nationwide ceremonies to mark his achievements as well as the centenary of his death and those of his companions. Fairlynch has been privileged to share in the celebrations of the great Antarctic adventure through the Museum's much-acclaimed 'Survival!' exhibition marking the life and achievements of George Murray Levick, the naval surgeon and former Budleigh resident chosen by Scott for his 'Terra Nova' expedition.

I am delighted that 'Survival!' will continue during this second, very special year. The Museum is so grateful to the donors who were kind enough to lend us rare artefacts, including many of Commander Levick's personal effects, which have never before been on public view. This exhibition has in no small measure helped to generate the publicity which Fairlynch enjoyed last year, and I am sure that the Scott effect will contribute to further success in 2012.

Scott and Levick were extraordinary individuals who faced the harshest of environments, fending for themselves in a way that would be inconceivable in today's world of satellite phones and digital technology. We have much to learn from their achievements.

Do go and see 'Survival!' if you have not already visited it.

Diary

Winter talks (WTs) held at the Peter Hall. Start time 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Refreshments before the start of the Talk.

MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY (WT)

'A World War remembered.' Fairlynch press officer Michael Downes will describe how he set about researching, writing and publishing the book *Oundle's War*.

MONDAY 5 MARCH 10.00 am

The next Fairlynch Stewards' meeting will be held at Fairlynch. We – the Stewards – will be given an introduction by those who are producing next season's exhibitions at Fairlynch. They will tell us what they are putting together and why, so we can pass on this information to our Fairlynch visitors.

We will also be told how the new cash register works, and finally we will have a short meeting where we can discuss items of more general interest to all Stewards. As last time, the Agenda for this meeting, as well as the Minutes of the latest meeting will be made available.

MONDAY 12 MARCH (WT)

Marion Lindsey-Noble, biographer of R.F. Delderfield, will talk about this local author as part of the centenary celebrations of his birth.

FRIDAY 6 APRIL 10.00 am -12 midday Friends' Coffee Morning at Fairlynch. 2.00 - 4.30 pm Museum open to visitors.

SATURDAY 7 APRIL 2.00 pm Museum re-opens.

MONDAY 23 APRIL 10.00 am General Committee meeting at Fairlynch.

SATURDAY 12 MAY Cream teas, stalls and entertainments at Fairlynch 2.00 - 4.30 pm. Contributions? Phone Marion on 446723.

MONDAY 14 MAY 7.00 pm

Annual General Meeting of Fairlynch Museum at the Peter Hall.

SATURDAY 2 JUNE

Fairlynch stall at Gala Week opening. Don't forget to keep aside any spare plants especially if you sow seeds or take cuttings. They are a popular item for sale.

Do you have an email address?

If so, and you are not already receiving online communications from Fairlynch, you may like to make sure that you are up to the minute with Museum news. Simply email the Editor via mr.downes@gmail.com and we will see that you are kept informed.

Tony Colmer (1940-2011)



Brought up in Wimbledon, Tony Colmer gained a degree in Modern History while studying at The Queen's College, Oxford. He spent his working life with the Inland Revenue as one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Taxes.

He met his wife Angela Traylen in the late 1960s. After Tony retired they came to live in Budleigh Salterton in 2006.

They became active members of both Fairlynch Museum and the Otter Valley Association. Angela, with a degree in Archaeology, contributed much to the Fairlynch archaeology collection, while Tony catalogued the Museum's map collection and joined the OVA Built Environment Committee.

Angela's death in 2007 after a very short illness was a major blow, but Tony soon decided to continue her work on the revision of the Fairlynch archaeological collection, and he remained dedicated to that task until the recent diagnosis of his own illness. He had recently paid for Fairlynch's acquisition of a medieval silver-gilt finger-ring found at Newton Poppleford, intending that it should serve as a memorial to Angela.

The meticulous approach to work which had served him so well as a tax inspector made him a valuable member of the Fairlynch curatorial team.

Those who saw Tony in his last few weeks were impressed by his quiet courage. He expressed no complaints, only appreciation of the support he received both at home in Budleigh Salterton and in Exmouth Hospital. He was a wise and a gentle man, and he will be much missed.

Tony Colmer, former tax inspector and curator at Fairlynch Museum, was born on 15 March 1940. He died on 18 September 2011, aged 71.

Fairlynch people



The Museum has gained two new Trustees recently, and the good news is that the latest to be appointed is looking forward to leading Fairlynch as its Chairman. Roger Sherriff and his wife Maureen are relative newcomers to East Devon, having moved from Lymington, Hampshire, but are full of enthusiasm for Budleigh and all it has to offer. Both retired, they enjoy walking, good food and theatre and are impressed by the number of festivals in the town. Roger's previous background was in the Civil Service. Before coming to Budleigh he was involved as a volunteer with Hurst Castle, the fortress originally built by Henry VIII to defend the western approach to the Solent and now open to the public.

Roger also participated in conservation work for the Forestry Commission in the New Forest and worked for the charity Tools for Self Reliance which provides refurbished tools to groups in Africa. He is hoping as Chairman of Fairlynch to work in partnership with a wide range of voluntary organisations and businesses in the area, as well as to develop a long-term strategy for the Museum's development.

Roger is keen to meet Friends of Fairlynch, and welcomes approaches from those who would like to share their ideas about the Museum's future with him. He can be contacted by email at r.d.sherriff@waitrose.com



The late Tony Colmer's good work at the Museum will be carried on by local archaeologist Jill Cobby. Jill has had a longstanding interest in the excavations that have been carried out on Woodbury Common, having worked closely with Professor Chris Tilley and his team. She has an Archaeology degree and recently completed an MA on the subject of Medieval Gardens.

The Museum's Trustees are delighted that she has agreed to join Fairlynch's team of volunteer helpers.

A round-up of recent news

Fairlynch Museum's volunteer gardeners - Ann Hurt, Lynn Weeks and Sylvia Merkel - were awarded a top place by the 2011 Budleigh in Bloom judges in the 'community gardens' category.

Books on sale in the Museum include *The Longest Winter* by author and Antarctica expert Meredith Hooper, a recent visitor to Fairlynch who made a special visit to see the 'Survival!' exhibition which she praised as 'very accessible, clear, and inviting.'

We said farewell and thank you to Hugh Williams for his contribution as a Trustee of Fairlynch Endowment Fund, following his move from Budleigh to London. An article in the *Daily Mirror* of 7 October showed Fairlynch Museum coming top in the list of places to visit in Budleigh Salterton. Local author Jan Oake, whose *Major Glad, Major Dizzy* was published last August, acknowledged her "considerable" debt to Fairlynch records in the Museum's Local History Room during her research for the work, her second book for children.

Speakers at the 2011-12 Friends of Fairlynch Winter Talks have included Devon-based craftsman Tobias Kaye explaining how his wooden sounding bowls are used in music therapy, including palliative care; in addition, Simon and Sue Lilly gave an insight into the work they do as teachers of a range of subjects including Tree Spirit Healing, Essences, Crystal Therapy, Core Shamanic techniques and Astrology; recently, therapists Yig Labworth and Will Wilson explained how they help people recover from trauma.

Two displays illustrating aspects of Fairlynch Museum took place in Budleigh Salterton Library in June and September. A birthday cake to celebrate the Jurassic Coast's 10th birthday was ceremonially cut by the Town Mayor Cllr Dick Mitchell, who met the Museum's Chairman Roger Sherriff, pictured right with Fairlynch volunteer helpers.

The latest Fairlynch Museum newsletter is now on the website at www.devonmuseums.net/fairlynch If you would prefer to receive the newsletter online rather than hard copy, please let the Editor know this by email to mr.downes@gmail.com



Money matters



The Museum has recently received some generous legacies which will enable us to proceed with much needed work on refurbishment of the shop. Such gifts by those who remember Fairlynch with affection and value its place in Budleigh Salterton are deeply appreciated by all those concerned with running the Museum.

In addition, donations totalling £56.85 were made by participants in the Walk with Words on 18 September as part of Budleigh Salterton Literary Festival. The cream tea event on 24 September at Fairlynch, with stalls selling everything from books to plants, raised £465.80 for museum funds. Organiser Marion Johnson said she was delighted with the success of the event and would like to thank fellow-volunteers for their hard work, as well as Budleigh businesses Daniel K. Neaves and Ocean House Café & Deli for their contributions to the raffle. The showing of the film *The Great White Silence* on 26 October, an event organised jointly with the Otter Valley Association and the Budleigh Salterton Film Society resulted in a boost of £238.35 for Museum funds.

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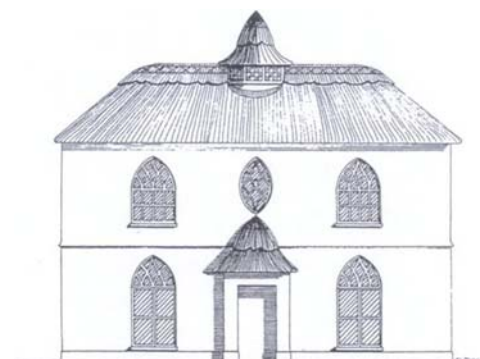
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From the Editor

I continue to learn all kinds of interesting facts about Fairlynch. I was fascinated to discover from the Acquisitions and Disposals Committee's policy document which I came across recently that the Museum has 500 or so toys and dolls from the 19th century onwards in its collection.

I've also learnt that we are not immune to change. A neighbour of mine claimed that Budleigh Salterton is the town that time forgot. But Fairlynch, like any other institution these days, is having to keep up with the times.

I learnt this the hard way recently when I came across our recently re-vamped 'new look' Devon Museums website at <http://devonmuseums.net/fairlynch>. Some webmonster or other seemed to have ditched overnight all the material which I'd been carefully gathering to update the Fairlynch content. Our site looked as if it had been standardised to look depressingly like the other 74 museums in Devon.

Initially I was furious. I've since realised that I was just being a bit old and grumpy. In these harsh economic times Devon Museums have had to make their site "sustainable": it now carries advertising. The new site is also easier to manage, and, most important, it positively encourages individual museums like Fairlynch to maintain a flow of published news items. So those Friends of Fairlynch who use the internet will find that the website is somewhat more up to date than this newsletter.

Do look at the site if you can, and feel free to respond to it. Devon Museums are keen to encourage the use of Facebook and Twitter by site visitors, and statistics are now available to show the popularity of each museum's website. Since 14 June when the new site was launched we have over 1,000 visits. So keep clicking!

Our Membership Secretary Alexis Zane is keen to ensure that her records are up to date, particularly if you have an email address. Please let her know of any changes to your contact details by phone (01395 443437) or by email: Alexis@downderryhouse.co.uk

Diary

Winter Talks (WTs) held at the Peter Hall. Start time 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Refreshments before the start of the Talk.

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER is part of Heritage Weekend – the Museum will have free entry on that day.

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 10.30 am - 12.00 noon

'A walk with words' - a literary tour of Budleigh Salterton, part of the town's Literary Festival. Meet in Fairlynch Garden.

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm

Cream teas in Fairlynch Garden. Books, plants etc. Contributions to Marion Johnson (446723) on 23 September or at Fairlynch.

MONDAY 17 OCTOBER (WT)

A talk given by Tobias Kaye, a Devon-based craftsman, about his unique sounding bowls which he sells around the world - a combination of fine-turned object and musical instrument - which can be used therapeutically.

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 7.00 for 7.30 pm Public Hall

Film: 'The Great White Silence' - a tribute to the Antarctic Polar Expedition 1910-13. In association with the Otter Valley Association. Tickets £5 from Orchard Wholefoods and Richard's Menswear, High St, Budleigh, to include a glass of wine/soft drink.

MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 10.00 am

Stewards' meeting at Fairlynch.

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"Our journey into the Eternal past." A talk by Simon and Sue Lilly, who have been exploring and working with different aspects of ancient wisdom for many years.

FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

Late night shopping when Fairlynch will be open from 6.00-8.00 pm with mince pies and mulled wine.

MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2012 (WT)

"Out of the Darkness, Into the Light" a talk by Will Wilson and Yig Labworth on the brighter possibilities of recovering from trauma.

MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY (WT)

"Lupton House - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Graham Glynn will give a talk on the history, current renovation and future use of Lupton House and Gardens as a community-run project.

MONDAY 12 MARCH (WT)

Marion Lindsey-Noble, biographer of R.F. Delderfield, will talk about this local author as part of the centenary celebrations of his birth.

Praise for Antarctic heroes' show



"A first-class exhibition full of interest," is how John Killingbeck, former member of the British Antarctic Survey described 'Survival!' following his visit to the museum. Rachel Morgan, Director of the United Kingdom Antarctic Heritage Trust was impressed by the

hard work put in by Fairlynch volunteers involved in the project. She made special mention of the "fantastic" scale model of the snow cave created by former Fairlynch Museum Chairman Roger Kingwill, pictured above. A photo of the snow cave now features on the UKAHT website at <http://www.ukaht.org/>

Education



The Budding Explorers Day on Saturday 7 May brought crowds of visitors both old and young to Fairlynch, inspired by tales of adventurers like Sir Walter Raleigh and Murray Levick.

The Bicton College students who organised the event had put a lot of effort into some innovative thinking to make it attractive and interesting, from the bunting decoration to the various activities on offer. Hannah Flett, (on the left in the photo) explained that sustainability had been one of the themes of the day. "It's been a fabulous event, a really good experience with excellent feedback," she said. It was the first time that Bicton College had used the Museum in this way.

Another link across the pond



A recent stay in Budleigh Salterton by visitors from Canada has led to a friendship link between Fairlynch and the Eva Brook Donly Museum in Simcoe, Ontario.

Simcoe House, on Budleigh's Fore Street Hill, was the summer residence of the 18th century British army officer who was Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada for five years from 1791.

Notable for his achievement in helping to abolish slavery in North America, John Graves Simcoe, pictured above, is also revered in Canada as the founder of what is now Toronto, and was responsible for introducing into Canada institutions such as the courts, trial by jury, English common law and freehold land tenure.

2012 displays

The Queen's Silver Jubilee, the Olympics and the centenary of East Devon author R.F. Delderfield are all set to feature in next year's displays at Fairlynch. Various items at Fairlynch came from a royal nanny who disposed of garments which would have been worn by Victorian princes and princesses. The Museum also has numerous examples of sportswear through the centuries.

R.F. Delderfield, noted for books such as 'To Serve Them All My Days', lived at Shortwood Lodge in Bear Lane, Knowle, before moving to Sidmouth. He will be one of the local writers mentioned on the 'Walk with Words' event on 18 September, part of the town's Literary Festival.

From Spitalfields to Salterton: the story of a silk dress

Margaret Williams is a volunteer helper at Fairlynch Museum with a keen interest in costumes, particularly lace. She writes of the exciting moment when a rare item with a special place in textile history became part of the Museum's celebrated costume collection.

It arrived in pieces with other things inside an old trunk. What a surprise when material wrapped around an old wooden rolling-pin turned out to be beautiful flowered woven silk. And, with further sorting of the pieces, to be most of an 'open robe costume' of the 18th century.



Taken to textile conservator Sharon Manitta at Salisbury in 2001, the item was cared for thanks to money from a grant. A replica mannequin doll was dressed in hand painted silk to show the costume in its original design.

A tiny pair of corsets was also made to illustrate what was worn at that time.

Further research at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London indicated that the costume was made of silk woven at Spitalfields, London, around 1740.

The area was where many Huguenots from Europe had settled after fleeing religious persecution and had set up their trade of weaving beautiful flowered silk materials.

Pic: Spitalfields silk in Salterton: this beautiful flowered design pictured above dates from the 18th century.

New stewards' system is a piece of cake



Almost half of the Museum's 50 stewards attended the tea-party on 11 June. "Bring your own cake" was the message, resulting in an enjoyable event. This year's Stewards' duty system is working satisfactorily. It's based on 'Create your own

Rota' by preferably sticking to the same day of the week, and booking the duty-dates as far ahead as possible. *Pictured I-r in the photo are Hazel Harland, Joan Walker, Betty Briggs, Iris Ansell, Joy Gawne and Iris Cooper.*

A round-up of recent news...

- Local resident Glenn Sismore Hunt was recently appointed as a Fairlynch Trustee.
- Alexis Vaughan, of Budleigh-based Otter-IT, has kindly offered his services as a volunteer computer consultant for the Museum.
- 'A Father for my Son', the play based on the life of Kathleen Scott, and staged on 25 May in association with the 'Survival' exhibition, raised £180. We are most grateful to its co-author and star, Jenny Coverack, for her decision to support Fairlynch with this generous donation.
- The Fairlynch Gala Week stall raised £71 for the Museum.
- Recent free events at Fairlynch included professional storyteller Steve Manning on 8 August and the 'Smuggler's Gold' performance by the Common Players on 27 August. Both events proved popular.
- Discussions have taken place regarding a generous offer by some of Budleigh's musicians to take part in a fund-raising concert to help restore Fairlynch's Broadwood square piano.



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Budleigh Film Society
<http://www.budleighfilm.org.uk>

Budleigh Salterton Literary Festival
<http://www.budlitfest.org.uk/>

Budleigh Salterton Tourist Information Centre
<http://www.visitbudleigh.com/>

Budleigh Salterton Town Council
<http://www.budleighsaltertontowncouncil.gov.uk/>

Otter.IT
<http://www.otter.it/>

Otter Valley Association
<http://www.ovapedia.org.uk/>

Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge
<http://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/>

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Budleigh Salterton
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<http://www.devon-online.com/chapterhouse-budleigh/Welcome.html>

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3 Northview Road
Budleigh Salterton
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EX9 6BY
<http://www.hansardhousehotel.co.uk/>

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EX9 6AH
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EX9 6HS
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EX9 6NG
<http://www.bedandbreakfastbythebeach.com/>

Pooh Cottage
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EX9 7AQ
<http://www.poohcottage.co.uk/>

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Budleigh Salterton
Devon EX9 6BU
<http://www.rosehillroomsandcookery.co.uk/>

Seaview Budleigh
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Cricketfield Lane
Budleigh Salterton
Devon
EX9 6PA
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Simcoe House
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EX9 6PE
<http://www.simcoehouse.co.uk/>

Stoneborough House
21a East Budleigh Road
Budleigh Salterton
Devon
EX9 6HW
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Syon House Hotel
Oak Hill
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Budleigh Salterton
Devon
EX9 7DW
http://www.syonhousedevon.co.uk/the_hotel/

Tidwell Manor
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Budleigh Salterton
East Devon EX9 7AG
<http://www.tidwellmanor.co.uk/>

Westbourne House
2 Westbourne Terrace
Budleigh Salterton
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