

## **Report from the Archivist**

### “Snapshots in Time: Mapping Wells” collaborative exhibition

Since the last report, the visitor numbers for this joint exhibition at The Bishop’s Palace have been received. The Palace’s Visitor Experience Manager calculates that an incredible total of 45,930 people saw the exhibition. Comments in the Visitors’ Book include, “Lovely exhibition. Informative and well documented”, “Brings social history to life – very interesting” and “Fascinating – especially the maps”.

### “Search and Learn” Galleries at Wells Museum

The Archivist continues to play a significant part in the project for establishing the new galleries, which will tell the story of secular Wells. The development of a community history resource is also part of the plan.

### Twinning Visit

Visitors came from Bad Dürkheim in November, and the Archivist produced for them a leaflet about the Wells City Charters.

### Training courses

In November, the Archivist attended an extremely useful day’s workshop in Taunton entitled “Documentation and Digitisation of Collections”.

### Talk

In December, the Archivist gave a talk about the City Archives to Pilton History Group.

### Deposit of papers of Joint Burial Board

The RFO has deposited in the Archives a collection of historic documents relating to the Joint Burial Board, including two plans of the cemetery.

### Victorian Dinner

On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018, a charity Victorian Dinner took place at the Swan Hotel. The idea of this dinner arose from finding, at an Archives Box Listing session, menus for the banquets at Victorian Mayormakings. The Archivist helped plan this enjoyable event, and reproduction documents from the City Archives were on display at it.

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