

## Report on Arundel Museum (5 May 2022)

The Museum has held two very successful events recently. Both raised its profile and provided an interesting activity for visitors and residents of the town.

In February / March we held an exhibition about the US Liberator bomber aeroplane that crashed at Park Farm in June 1944. The crash site had been investigated by an American team and the exhibition displayed some of their finds and paid tribute to the airman who died in the crash. The exhibition also provided information about the German Junkers bomber that crashed at Swanborne Lake in 1940, during the Battle of Britain. We were very grateful for the Town Council's support with the exhibition.

In early May, the Museum's Jubilee Room was the venue for an exhibition of art work that will be sold by online auction to raise money for the GDWG charity. GDWG is the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group and the formal opening of the exhibition was by Lord Dholakia OBE, one of its patrons.

Looking to the future, Arundel Museum is planning an exhibition to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee from the 2-12 June. Again, we are very grateful to the Town Council for their help with this via a grant.

We have been working on celebrating Arundel's links with the South Downs and the National Park. This is through signage and retail items at the Museum (promoting walking in Arundel and the wider South Downs) and through talks and other events. We hope this initiative will significantly improve both the tourist information that is available and have ongoing interest for residents and visitors alike.