

**Museum Management Working Group
Meeting to be agreed
Museum Society Chairman's Report**

During the last two months we have been involved in meetings related to the current consultations for the re-development of the Museum. The interim report is over eighty pages long with two appendices. The Societies Development Committee and Board have discussed this fully in preparation for a meeting with the consultants on the 10th February. There are numerous options suggested which we have discussed and have identified those which we feel are the most realistic. Further details will be available at the re-arranged MMWG meeting.

The preview of the current exhibition "From Death Masks to Diaries" was held on the 15th November and we were pleased that some Councillors were able to join us. There was the usual support from members and a number of visitors. The annual Xmas party held on the 9th December was a great success and a relief from the election process! We had the usual excellent quiz arranged by Paul Salvidge and a profitable draw organised by Peter Walker. We were again well supported by members despite the weather.

The monthly talks programme continued in November with an excellent talk by Councillor Paul Fairhurst on "The Battle of Rorke's Drift. We discovered from questions at the end that a number of those present have been to Rorke's Drift and were grateful for the view of the Battle from the viewpoint of the Zulu's. January we were entertained by Peter Layzell with The Essex Regiment during World War One. This was so well attended we had to get out more chairs before the talk could begin. Our thanks to Paul Salvidge and his committee for these excellent talks.

Tony Watson