

**Museum Management Working Group**  
**Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
**Museum Society Chairman's Report**

We were pleased to welcome Jennifer (Jenny) Oxley who took her appointment as Collections Officer (Human History) in August. On 10<sup>th</sup> August we previewed the exhibition *Worlds under glass: Adventures in taxidermy* curated by Charlotte Pratt and helped by Sarah Kenyon and James Lumbard. Jenny Oxley then presented on the 5<sup>th</sup> October the current exhibition *Collections Re-Crafted*. We welcomed members of the Eastern Region Textile Forum who have provided the majority of the objects on display. The Piano in which the gold coins were found has now been delivered to the museum and will be displayed at a meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Our winter series of talks began in September with Charlotte Pratt showing us how to get involved in taxidermy. In October we heard about the Archaeology dig at the Crematorium site in Great Chesterford. In November we heard about the great war through the eyes of women poets. Thank you Paul Salvidge for such a varied and interesting set of talks so far.

The change of 'General Data Protection Regulations' and in particular the action taken by the Board to ensure that the Museum Society complies has now been completed. It has reminded us that the articles of the society as a company limited by guarantee contain a liability on members to provide a limited £10 contribution in the event of a deficit of funds in the winding up of the company. Our current assets include the value of the Museum Buildings and the lease on the Shirehill store and a very healthy balance in investments and in the bank.

Now that the Museum has been restored to full staff the Curator and the Development Committee will be in action early next year in moving forward the planning for the next developments of the Museum. Meanwhile, volunteers will be busy in November and December in helping arrangements for the re-decoration on the Ceramics Gallery. November's object of the month will be the British Legion standard recently donated to the museum following its laying up.

Keith Eden recently accepted an invitation to join the Board as a Director and will be formally appointed at the next Board Meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> January.

***Tony Watson***