



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

CHRIST CHURCH CELEBRATION & COMMEMORATION

Christ Church, on Sandown Broadway, have celebrated a successful 175th Anniversary exhibition, with Sandown and District Historical Society providing artefacts for the display and the archaeological dive society for permission to use their report on the SS Venezuela wreck, the exhibition attracted countless visitors and local school children.

Rev Mark Williams said 'Thanks to Frank, Gina, Kevin and Derek for putting the exhibition together, with support from Sandown Town Council, and in particular all those that were able to pop in and share in our history, including a visitor from Germany and also the daughter of a verger for 50 years at the church'.

Derek Poole, from Sandown Historical Association added 'Christ Church was the Garrison Church, and the Gateway to the Town, and has a rich history and we were privileged to help bring the story of the church to the wider community, in particular our younger residents'.

The Church is also working with the local school and Shanklin VYCC on the production of a 175th anniversary film, charting the story of the church.

Sandown Town Mayor Paddy Lightfoot concluded 'The church has been at the heart of community for over 175 years, involved with events such as the building of the War Memorial, and annual Remembrance Day Commemoration, and we hope to develop projects in the future building on the research of the exhibition'.



Picture Kevin Weeden - L-R Gina & Derek Poole, Sandown Mayor Paddy Lightfoot, Rev Mark Williams & Frank Blackwell.