

Radstock Museum and Somer Valley FM announce new partnership

Somerset Coalfield Life at Radstock Museum, in Partnership with Somer Valley FM, is working towards broadcasting items relating to local history and the museum in the coming months.

Thanks to funding from the Big Local, Dom Chambers, Manager of Somer Valley FM, is training Museum Development Coordinator, Miranda Litchfield and Publicity Volunteer, Lucy Tudor, in all aspects of scripting, presenting, recording and editing for radio.

Training has begun, and already Dom has helped Lucy to record a publicity piece for the museum's upcoming free Victorian Christmas event, complete with seasonal music. Both Miranda and Lucy have recorded interviews they have undertaken, and are busy editing those for future use at the station.

Miranda explained: "Dom is helping us to build our skills and knowledge to enable us to broadcast a

show once a month. The content will be really varied, as we have so much at the museum we would like to share with listeners; so for example, we are keen to give local people an insight into how the museum works behind the scenes, such as, how items are acquired, catalogued and stored in certain conditions to preserve them."

Lucy added: "We intend to invite museum volunteers for interviews about their roles within the museum, for example Julie Dexter, editor for 25 years of the museum's magazine Five Arches; how do Julie and her team go about putting together this tri-annual publication? And how do they go about arranging to meet and gather local

historical stories and information from local people?"

Miranda and Lucy, with help from some of the museum's research volunteers, also plan to tell of life in the Somerset Coalfield in days gone by, whether it be how a miner's wife and daughters managed the washing each week or budgeted for the family's food, to some of the hair-raising stories from miners still alive today about their days deep underground.

The hope is that the broadcasts will enlighten the local public enough to want to visit and re-visit this wonderful and ever evolving museum to help keep it open for future generations to enjoy.

Dom said: "Empowering people with the skills to make radio so they and their organisations have a voice across the region is at the heart of what Somer Valley FM is all about. I am delighted to be working with Miranda and Lucy to ensure our history and heritage has a central place in local radio.

"The enthusiasm and energy of these training sessions leaves me in no doubt that we are on track to deliver ground-breaking grass roots media that will be a cutting edge and contemporary celebration of



Radstock museum staff Lucy Tudor (left) and Miranda Litchfield work on their broadcasting items at Somer Valley FM, Midsomer Norton.

our past."

Once items are ready for broadcasting, details will be posted at: www.radstockmuseum.co.uk and www.somervalleyfm.co.uk.

The items will be broadcast on Somer Valley Radio at 97.5FM, DAB and online.

Lucy Tudor

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"All are welcome in this place"

Cinema at the Town Hall

Cinema returns to Midsomer Norton Town Hall on Saturday 25th November with a great bill. First up is 'Despicable Me 3' at 2.30 p.m., followed by 'Churchill' at 7.30 p.m.

'Despicable Me 3' continues the adventures of Gru, Lucy, their adorable daughters Margo, Edith and Agnes, and the hugely popular Minions. Joining Steve Carell and Kristen Wiig in this animated family hit is Grammy Award-winner Trey Parker, co-creator of the Broadway smash 'The Book of Mormon' and 'South Park'.

Parker voices the role of villain Balthazar Bratt, a former child star who's grown up to become obsessed with the character he played in the '80s, and proves to be Gru's most formidable nemesis to date.

In 'Churchill', Brian Cox plays the beleaguered PM as tensions mount in the days

leading up to the infamous Allied D-Day landings in Normandy, France in June 1944. Fearful of repeating his deadly mistakes from World War I in the Battle of Gallipoli, exhausted by years of war, plagued by depression and obsessed with his historical destiny, Churchill is reluctant to smash on the large-scale campaign, one that the entire war effort hinges upon.

Clashing with his Allied political opponents Dwight D. Eisenhower (John Slattery) and Field Marshal Montgomery (Julian Wadham), the troubled Churchill receives support and devotion from his wife, the brilliant and

unflappable Clementine Churchill (Miranda Richardson). With her strength and shrewdness, 'Clemmie' halts Winston's physical, mental and spiritual collapse and inspires him on to greatness.

All screenings feature cinema-quality HD projection on the big screen, with full surround sound and comfy cinema seating.

Refreshments are available at all screenings from the fully licensed Sarah Ann Bar.

Tickets can be bought in advance at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/mnct or by phoning: 01761 419133, with any remaining tickets available on the door.