

marlow museum

Court Garden, Pound Lane, Marlow SL7 2AE

www.marlowmuseum.org Reg. Charity No. 1187853

Affiliated to the Association of Independent Museums
Working Towards Accreditation with Arts Council England

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2024



At Marlow Regatta 2024, with thanks to MyMarlow

Reports of Recent Events

- **Open Day for new Volunteers**

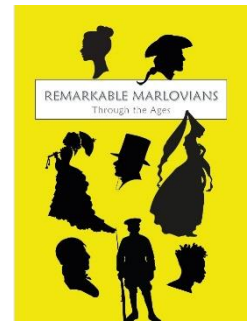
We had a good response to our appeal for new volunteers on Weds 24th April, with eight new people offering to volunteer. Not all of them have so far started as volunteers, but it's not too late for them to come and get trained. We still need more people!

- **Introduction & training for Volunteers**

In fact, we are developing a new induction or training programme for all our front of house volunteers (aka museum stewards). It will also serve as a refresher for existing volunteers. Tell Della if you'd like to be included: contact@marlowmuseum.org

- **Official Reopening of the museum and 15th Anniversary Celebrations 22 May**

The afternoon was a great success, in spite of the weather, which was just one deluge after another! About 50 people braved the rain to be there. Thanks to everyone who helped on the day, especially Caryl who made the wonderful 15th Birthday cake with drums on!



Michael Eagleton re-opened the refurbished museum and the new exhibition: '20 Remarkable Marlovians'. The exhibition booklet includes 45 Marlovians.



Trustees and sponsors from left: Cllr Alex Collingwood, Cllr Roger Wilson, Cllr David Johncock, Cllr Carol Heap, Chairman Mike Hyde, Secretary Della Fitzgerald, Vice Chair Dave Part, speaker Michael Eagleton.



- **The BBO Big Band charity event at the Royal British Legion on 30th May**



It was a most enjoyable evening and, including the raffle, it raised £595 for the museum. Thank you so much BBO, Roger Smith and Dave Part for arranging it for us.

Forthcoming events

A message from Mike

“Two important dates for all Museum Members to particularly note:

Saturday 6 July - Street Collection Day

An opportunity to impress on Marlovians and visitors to the town that we have a local history museum nearby in Higginson Park. Tell them the times when it is open and that it is free to enter. Should they wish to support the museum with a donation we would be pleased to accept it. Maybe they would like to join or become a volunteer steward?

I need Collectors - two at a time from 10.00 till 4.00pm to attend 60 or 90 minutes outside Liston Court in the High Street (by the road crossing). We are opting for the one site location this year, not spread around the town as previously. At our table base we will provide you with a hi-vis tabard, a collecting tin, a card reader, a stock of leaflets, etc. Sheila and I will open before 10.00 and close when we finish. Please ring me Mike Hyde 01628 485474 or email with your offer of help asap.

Tuesday 16 July:

The Museum's Annual General Meeting

to be held in the Garden Room, Liston Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Full details including Agenda, Minutes and any proposals, will be circulated. Please attend.”

There will also be refreshments and a talk:

The Hidden Rivers of London

After the AGM, about 8.15pm, there will be an illustrated talk by member Alan Fitzgerald.

All welcome.



New Exhibition opens Friday July 26th:

'From Noddy to Frankenstein – Writers in Marlow'

Devised by Dave Part (Marlow Museum), Heather Adams (Marlow Society), and Sophie Richardson (6th form, Borlase school). This exhibition will have something for everyone. Not to be missed!

The opening is also part of:



Together We Celebrate

which will run over that weekend, with special events at the museum on **Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July.**

An Interesting Opportunity



Membership of Marlow Museum

All are welcome to attend the AGM, but only Members can vote. We warmly welcome new Members, who can join at any time. Annual membership runs from May 1st to April 30th and is now £20 a year for individuals and £30 for a family. Membership forms are available on the website, from the museum, or at the AGM. Why not become a Member and support the museum further?

More Interesting Opportunities

Website Volunteer

With thanks to Kelvin Warne who has maintained our website loyally for 7 years as a volunteer, we are now planning a new website with a company in Windsor. We need a volunteer to be involved at the beginning, to have a say in how it's set up and to learn how to update it for us. It will then be no more than a day a month to maintain the site. This role might interest a young person who wants to make a career in IT, or a newly-retired person who has had such a career. If you might be interested, please contact Della.

Secretary and Trustee

We need a new person to take minutes at management committee meetings (6 a year) and the AGM, and answer email enquiries. If you might be interested in this vital role, please contact Della.

Volunteer Coordinator

We are seeking someone to look after volunteer recruitment, training and support and manage a new improved rota online. The plan is for volunteers to be able to put their names down for a shift directly, making it all much easier. This role might interest someone who has recently retired from teaching or business. If you might be interested, please contact Della.

Communications & Marketing Volunteer

This is an important new role. We're looking for someone to manage our brand, advertising, publicity and social media. This might interest a young person starting to make a career in Communications, or a newly-retired person who has had such a career. If you might be interested, please contact Della.

Volunteer Collections Manager

This role is suitable for someone who has already worked or volunteered in a museum, library or gallery. It involves taking care of the museum's collection of artefacts, pictures and documents, including the new lace collection, and ensuring everything is adequately stored and documented on an Excel spreadsheet. If you might be interested, please contact Della.



* Volunteers' News *

- **Monthly Volunteers' Get-togethers**
In Court Garden Café 2-3pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The next one is on July 24th. Bring your bright ideas and penetrating questions and we'll try to respond.
- **Volunteers' Rota**
For the time being, please carry on telling Barbara of your availability by phone or email rota@marlowmuseum.uk
But this will change in the next month or two. Watch for news.

Best wishes to all our supporters for a long sunny Summer, from Mike, Della and the Trustees.
contact@marlowmuseum.org