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Marlow Carnival 2021. With thanks to MyMarlow

To ALL Volunteers, Members, Friends and Supporters

Street Collection Sat. 9th October 2021

Do you remember the Beatles song 'HELP'? Like me you probably had the record. So ... **Won't you please, please help me?**



Two years ago some of you kindly agreed to stand in the High Street with a tin in your hand collecting for your museum. At last you can do it all again and we will have plenty of tins to go around. Our date is **Saturday 9 October 2021**.

If you can spare 60 or 90 minutes to help, it would be much appreciated, as not only are funds important but so is public awareness of the museum.

Please let me know if you can help for an hour or more, any time on that day.
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or 01628 485474.



Not long now - It's URGENT!

Stewards

Our Summer openings at the museum change at the end of October, when we move to Winter times (simply Sundays 2-4pm). Nevertheless we have many gaps in the rota between now, then and beyond.

Please check your diary and our website under 'Volunteers', and then contact Barbara on

rota@marlowmuseum.uk and help fill some spaces. Thank you.

We appreciate not all our volunteer Stewards want to return just yet and some may have resigned through various circumstances. In fact we have lost at least a dozen people. So we do need more if you can find them for us.



Why not Volunteer from home?

Of course, dealing with the public or answering questions about our town may not be your scene. Luckily there are many other roles waiting to be filled. Not all need attendance at the museum or at meetings, but can be done from home.

- For example, our Stewards Rota Organiser, Barbara, would appreciate help.
- Then there is a Digital Marketing/Social Media role, if you would enjoy keeping local people up to date about the museum.
- We also need someone to put our Visitors, Sales & Donations statistics onto Excel, a job which Jan Caddie used to do.

There are other roles too and you can give us as much or as little of your time as you decide. If you would like to find out more, please contact Della on della.fitzgerald@marlowmuseum.org

New opportunity to guide museum's future

As part of our work towards Accreditation we need to ensure we adopt good practice, so we intend setting up a small number of sub-committees covering: Governance, Finance, Collections and Visitor Engagement. A clear remit will be set out for each team with a Trustee allocated to report to the Management Committee on progress, any problems or requirements. We would like to involve Members, Volunteers and Friends in these groups if possible. It should be interesting and stimulating for them to have an active role in the functioning and success of the museum. If it sounds like it would suit you, or you want more information, please contact Mike on 485474 or Della.

Each one of us can make a
difference. Together we
make change.

Friends of Marlow Museum social group?



We are very lucky to have a fine bunch of Friends. It would be good if they met together to see how they might like to help the museum. It might be on Zoom to start with. Perhaps to arrange fundraising social events, or outings to other museums or galleries? Maybe 2 or 3 members would like to form a Friends Group. What do you think? Could you start it going?



'Thank You' Tea & Cakes afternoon

It was lovely to see quite a few of our volunteers on 6th June. Those not there were thought of too.

In Memory of Jan Caddie



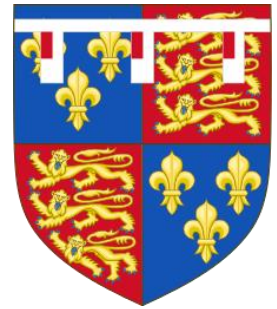
We're sorry to tell you that since our last Newsletter one of our longest serving volunteers, Jan Caddie, has died suddenly. She and her family kindly wished donations at her funeral to go to Marlow Museum. We are very pleased to say that we have received a generous £830 in donations. We are now discussing how we could best use this to buy something for the museum by which to remember Jan. Any ideas?

Early Christmas lunch get-together?

Wednesday 10 November at The Duke of Clarence

It's still rather difficult to plan anything, but we have to have hope. We're wondering if we could have our Volunteers' Christmas Lunch early this year, before the winter really sets in. Restaurants start serving Christmas from November 1st! We could also avoid the December rush this way. If you would be interested in getting together about 12.30 on 10th November at The Duke of Clarence (ex Baroosh), **please email Della asap**. Partners also welcome. Two courses £20.95. A £10pp deposit is needed if there is enough interest to go ahead.

28th November - Duke of Clarence Event



Talking of the Duke of Clarence, Dave Part is organising an event at the Marlow pub, on behalf of the museum, to highlight the historic 1st Duke and his son. The 1st Duke was the brother of Richard III and Edward IV. He was executed for treason against Edward IV and said to have been 'drowned in a butt of malmsey wine' in 1478. Sunday, November 28th is the anniversary of the execution of the 1st Duke's allegedly treacherous son, Edward, 17th Earl of Warwick, who was beheaded for treason against Henry VII on Tower Hill in 1499. Henry paid for his body and head to be taken to Bisham Abbey for burial.

So on November 28th this year the Museum will have a display and activities related to this part of medieval history at the Duke of Clarence in the High Street. Put it in your diary!

Our Intern has become a volunteer working from home



Kaitlin Hyde completed her paid work on Accreditation for us in July, and about the same time heard she was graduating from the University of Reading with a first in History. Congratulations, Kaitlin, and thanks for deciding to continue with us as a volunteer Museum Accreditation Assistant, working from home near Salisbury. She continues to work with Della via Zoom, to progress the large number of policies, plans and procedures that we need to put in place to meet Accreditation standards.

And finally...

