

# marlow museum

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## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2021



With thanks to MyMarlow

### Yuletide greetings to all our Volunteers, Members, Friends and Supporters

As we enter the Winter period, we reduce our opening times to 2-4pm on Sundays only (unless we get requests for group visits at other times). So for four months we need fewer Managers and fewer Stewards, although please keep an eye on the rota because we do need to fill any gaps. We will not open on Christmas Day or New Year's Day and only on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December (Bank Holidays) if we have sufficient volunteers.

By March 2022 we will need all volunteers who can to be active once again, and if possible we need to recruit new people too. There will be lots of empty slots on the rota and Barbara will be hoping to hear from you.

### Christmas Cards?

If you like the photo of the High Street above, you can buy it as a Christmas card from the Museum on Sundays from 2-4pm.

### Early Christmas lunch get-together at The Duke of Clarence



Now that we're double jabbed and boosted, nineteen of us attended the excellent Christmas Lunch at the Duke of Clarence restaurant in the High Street on November 10th.

### 28<sup>th</sup> November – Duke of Clarence Event

Thanks to Dave Part and the restaurant staff, the museum is holding an **all-day event commemorating Marlow's medieval history** on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November at the Duke of Clarence. It's free and everyone is invited. Medieval crafts, music and more...



Historical background for those interested:

**George Plantagenet, Duke of Clarence** (1449-1478), was the brother of Edward IV and Richard III and cousin & son in law of Warwick the Kingmaker. He played an important role in the Wars of the Roses, but forfeited his title after being convicted of treason against his brother. He allegedly met his end being 'drowned in a butt of Malmsey' and was buried in Tewkesbury Abbey. His only surviving daughter, Margaret Pole, Countess of Salisbury, last of the Plantagenets, lived at Bisham Abbey.

**Richard Neville, 16th Earl of Warwick** (1428-1471), known as **Warwick the Kingmaker**, was an English nobleman and military commander who changed sides in the Wars of the Roses. He became Earl of Warwick through marriage, and was the wealthiest and most powerful English peer of his age. He was buried at Bisham Abbey.

His title passed through the female line to George Duke of Clarence's son, **Edward Plantagenet**, who was known as **17th Earl of Warwick** (1475-1499), and was a potential claimant to the English throne during the reigns of his uncle, Richard III, and Richard's usurper, Henry VII. Edward was (unjustly?) executed for treason on 28 November 1499 aged only 24. Henry VII himself paid for Edward's body and head to be taken to Bisham Abbey for burial.

## \*New Organisational Structure\*



Calling everyone who is interested in seeing the museum succeed! With your help, we are keen to develop a new structure for the management of the museum as we move towards Accreditation.

We are setting up three sub-committees (see below) to assist and advise the museum's Management Committee. At least one Trustee will be part of each sub-committee team, to work with its members and report back to the main committee. The teams will meet by arrangement as often as required. They will be given a detailed briefing note which will include the following subjects for the three teams:

### A. Governance, Planning, Finance and Funding

- scope for a lot of thinking, debate and new ideas, including Premises Maintenance and Development.

### B. Managing the Collections

- Acquisitions, Care, Conservation, Storage and keeping track of everything.

### C. Volunteers and Visitor Engagement

- Access, Communication with Visitors, Marketing and Promotion. Recruiting and training Volunteers.

There are likely to be overlaps, and roles may change as we progress, but as a new venture, most of all we need your support. Interesting and challenging times for you to join in. It is down to you.

Please contact Della or Mike to talk this over further. We hope you'll enjoy being part of it.

## In memory of Jan Caddie

You will no doubt be pleased to learn that the 'Jan Caddie' appeal raised £1,000 and will be used for a project in her honour.

## New Exhibition - 20 years of Archaeology



From 14<sup>th</sup> November at the museum, the newly formed Marlow Archaeology Group (formerly MAS and AIM) are presenting an exhibition of their past projects and future plans, entitled '20 years of Archaeology'. This will be featured alongside the 'Story of Marlow'. Do call in to see them both. Other ideas for displays are under consideration.

## SV2G

We continue our relationship with the St Vincent Association (SV2G) in High Wycombe, by virtue of Marlow's 'Beautiful Spotted Boy' George Alexander Grattan. Perhaps another concert from their Wycombe Steel Orchestra next year?

## Street Collection 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021

The 2021 Street Collection in Marlow amounted to £229.46. Thank you to all our volunteer collectors.

## Bridge Evening?

If Helen Glover can recruit sufficient willing helpers, we hope to restart our annual Bridge Competition Evening. May be the 'Friends' would like to assist in this and other possible fund-raising events for the museum. How about organised visits to other museums or places of interest not covered by other local societies? Could an informal meeting of Friends be an idea? **Will someone start the ball rolling?**



And finally, if a little early...  
May we wish you and yours  
a healthy and Happy Christmas  
and a wonderful 2022

