

## Woodbridge Museum 2018-19

### What's the Museum Doing This Month?

Talks will be in the Woodbridge Community Hall 2-30 – 4pm  
£3 Friends £4 Visitors

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| February         | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <b><u>Yukon – The Great Gold Rush.</u></b> Peter Booth-Smith.<br>The rush that changed the history of America   |
| March            | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <b><u>The History of Notcutts.</u></b> Julie Murray<br>How did it all start, develop, grow and alter?<br>What are its challenges and opportunities for the future by the firm's Marketing Director.<br><i>Please note that today we begin at 2-15pm with our short AGM. The talk will follow at 2-45pm.</i> |
| April            | 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b><u>The Story of Shingle Street.</u></b> Sarah Margittai<br>The community from the beginning to the end.<br>Part One!   |
| May              | 17 <sup>th</sup> | <b><u>The History of the RAF at Martlesham Heath.</u></b><br>Martyn Cook Between the wars the top RAF Station in the UK.  |
| June<br>Tuesday  | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | <b><u>Visit</u></b> to Martlesham Heath Aviation Society<br>ControlTower.   |
| July<br>Thursday | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | <b><u>Visit</u></b> to Kenwood House, English Heritage<br>To include a Kenwood Highlights Guided Tour   |
| September        | TBC              | <b><u>Woodbridge Walk.</u></b> Route not yet chosen but a different one from previous ones.   |

## FRIENDS OF WOODBRIDGE MUSEUM

### Winter Newsletter January 2019



### Chairman's News

Dear Friends,

After so many newsletters talking of delays it is so good to be able to report great progress at the new Museum and to launch our new logo. The fitting out of the building is almost finished and this includes a very smart looking galley. As many of you know, having already visited on one of our Open Days, the Visitors' Centre was up and running in September and now the disabled lift has also been installed. Both of these have been paid for through the money raised by the Friends. Thank you for all your support. We are keen for you to pop in and watch progress in action and so our new red 'Open Sail' will be put outside the door when someone is working inside. If you are passing do pop in.

The New Museum will open to the public for the first time on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>. There are hopes that our opening days will be the same as the Tide Mill but this will only be possible if we have sufficient stewards. As there are 2 floors we will need 2 stewards, morning and afternoon, each day. Thank you if you have already volunteered to help. Please could you fill in and return the enclosed form. If you have not been a steward before would you consider it? Bob will provide training and you can do as much or a little as suits you. We did not have enough volunteers for every day in the old Museum so it is even more of a challenge for us in the new. We do need your help so if you would like to know more give Bob a ring.

We will also need cleaners!! This is generally means helping twice a year, for about an hour, at a time to suit you. Could you consider it?

Back to the theme of fundraising, the event **A Taste of the Tudors**, an evening of Elizabethan music and food with **Colchester Historical Dance** was a huge success and raised £640! We have plans for more events this year and these will follow in the next newsletter.

We also have our summer visits to come and booking forms are enclosed if you would like to be involved with any of them. On Tuesday **June 4<sup>th</sup>** we are going to **Martlesham Heath Aviation Society Control Tower** and on Thursday **July 4<sup>th</sup>** to **Kenwood House** for a Kenwood Highlights Guided Tour. There will also be a **walk** round a different part of Woodbridge in **September**. (Route, date and time to be confirmed.)

Our next **Day School** on **Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2019**, when Dr Andrew Lacey and Dr Sean Lang will be talking on the topic *Wider Still and Wider: Britain 1830-90*. The cost for the day is still only £25. Let me know if you would like to know more.

Anne Merrett (385572) Chairman of Friends.

### **From the Museum**

The final stage of setting up the Museum has now been reached. Most of the material for the main display has been finalised and the display panels are slowly being assembled. By next week I hope to have mastered making the runners on which the panels will be mounted and will have slowly started to fix them. If all goes well it should be possible to have all boards up within four to six weeks. Please come in and inspect the progress whenever the lights on the ground floor are on. Your comments and suggestions on the display will be welcomed.

Bob Merrett (385572)

Manager of the Relocation and Transformation Project.

## **AGM of THE FRIENDS OF WOODBRIDGE MUSEUM**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 at 2.15pm**

**Community Hall, Woodbridge.**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting.
3. Matters Arising.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Treasurer's Report and Appointment of Independent Examiner.
6. Election of Officers and President's Remarks.
7. Report by Chairman of Management Committee.
8. Ideas for 2019-20.
9. Any Other Business.