

FRIENDS OF WOODBRIDGE MUSEUM

Autumn Newsletter September 2019



Chairman's News

Dear Friends,

Autumn is here again and so I write the Newsletter to round off the old programme and publicise the new. Our series of Talks is inside along with the visits for next summer. I hope they are as well received as last year. The attendance at the talks was very high and also on our visits.

We went to The Control Tower and the Martlesham Heath Aviation Museum and to Kenwood House. I can recommend both if you were unable to come this time but suggest you check if there is a Festival on at Kenwood before you set out. We were not told that such an event was on. It caused long delays on the approach roads and very busy grounds. I apologised but everyone said how interesting to see what the young people were wearing! We then went on the visit Highgate Cemetery. This was not in the original plan but, when we realised how close by it was, our friendly coach driver from Felixstowe Travel said, 'Yes of course'! Among others, we saw the grave of Karl Marx.

Our next **Day School** with Dr Andrew Lacey is on **October 19th 2019** when the topic is *Pack Up Your Troubles! Britain 1914-18*. The cost for the day is £25. We still have places.

The number of Friends of the Museum continues to grow which is very encouraging. At present we stand at 308 but we are so sorry to hear recently of the deaths of Alison Dillon, Beryl Tierney, Maud Tyler and Paul Watson.

One question which is often asked is 'Why are there three committees for the Museum, what do they all do and who is on them?' The Management Committee run the Museum and report to the Trustees. The Friends were set up for fundraising purposes to support the Museum. At present the people involved are as follows:

Trustees

Julian Royle (Chair)

Ann Banister

Caroline Blois

John Hampton

Bob Merrett

Sheena Rawlings

Martin Sylvester

John White

Friends

Anne Merrett (Chair)

Bob Merrett

Una Mitchell

Hazel Richards

Liz Wright

Management

Brian Higgs (Chair)

Bob Merrett (Treasurer and Custodian)

Louise Crich

Mike Cullington

Warwick Faville

David Goldsmith

John Hampton

Daphne Lloyd

Anne Merrett

Hazel Richards

Fiona Stewart

We would like to double the size of the Friends' Committee so we get more ideas and help for events. Is anyone interested in joining us?

Anne Merrett (385572) Chairman of Friends.

From the Museum

We have been very pleased with the first season at the new Museum. The number of visitors is 4 times what we had on Market Hill and the Visitors' Book is full of comments praising the display. Bob Merrett (385572)