

## Woodbridge Museum 2019-20 What's the Museum Doing This Month?

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

- February 21<sup>st</sup> **Woodbridge Myths and Misconceptions**  
Bob Merrett Do not believe all you are told.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> **Fate and Arthur Ransome's Boat Nancy Blackett.**  
2-15 pm start Mike Rines. Mike was no *Swallows and Amazons* fan so why did he spend £40,000 restoring the author's boat?  
*Please note that today we begin at 2-15pm with our short AGM. The talk will follow at 2-45pm.*
- April 24<sup>th</sup> **Woodbridge Tide Mill Past and Present**  
Nigel Barratt. Serving the town C12th to C21st
- May 15<sup>th</sup> **Keep Taking Ye Tablets.** Liz Wood The story of what became of the Apothecaries, their Hall and the London City Livery Companies.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> **Visit to Wingfield College.**  
A guided tour followed by tea and cake.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> **Visit to The Apothecaries' Hall** in London in the morning and to **The Old Operating Theatre** at Guy's Hospital in the afternoon.
- September 11<sup>th</sup> Visit to Dunwich. Meet for lunch at the **Flora Tea Rooms** followed by a visit to **Dunwich Museum?**

## FRIENDS OF WOODBRIDGE MUSEUM

### Winter Newsletter January 2020



### Chairman's News

Dear Friends,

We are now right at the end of January so I hope you are all into the Happy New Year offered at the start of the month. We have already had our first talk of the year which was all about the 2015 earthquake in Nepal. All the other events for the year are on the back of this newsletter. Please note that I have corrected the error on the last programme. The date of **April 24<sup>th</sup>** is what should have been written.

**Subscriptions** are due now. If you wish to rejoin please could you send £5, along with the completed form and a stamped addressed envelope, to the Membership Secretary, 18, Bury Hill, Woodbridge. IP12 1LF.

**Booking forms** are enclosed for the **Visits** this year. If you are interested please return them with the appropriate payment. A separate cheque is needed for each. Our local visit to **Wingfield College** is on June 4<sup>th</sup> for a tour of the Church, College, tea and homemade cakes and free time to look at the gardens. Our national visit on July 1<sup>st</sup> is to **The Apothecaries' Hall and Old Operating Theatre** in London and on September 11<sup>th</sup> we are going to the **Flora Tea Rooms** for a fish and chip lunch followed by a visit to **Dunwich Museum.**

Also on June 20<sup>th</sup>, the longest day, **Gill Notcutt** has kindly offered to hold another Garden Party.

The next **Day School** by Dr Andrew Lacey, is on Saturday March 7th and is entitled *The Long Armistice: Britain 1919-39*. I have heard this series of talks by Andrew and they are excellent. Let me know if you would like to know more or to come.

The new Museum is doing very well and Hazel Richards has taken over the **Stewarding**. She sends her thanks for all the help given so far and is wondering if anyone else would consider becoming a steward. If you would like to know more do contact her on Woodbridge 383795. She stresses that you can do it as little or often as you like and you choose your own times. **Cleaners** are also needed. This is generally means helping twice a year, for about an hour, at a time to suit you. Could you consider it? If so ring Maureen Higgs Woodbridge 383334.

I enclose the Agenda for the **AGM on March 20th**. At this time I will be standing down as Chair of the Friends but will continue to be Membership Secretary, Organiser of the Talks, Visits, Special Events and Day Schools. We are taking nominations for someone to become the next Chair. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please could you contact the Secretary Liz Wright on Woodbridge 388787. She will need a nominator and seconder for each person.

### **News from the Museum**

The Museum has been open from 11am-3pm, Friday to Sunday, since November. We are grateful to the stewards who have volunteered. Numbers have varied with the weather but are regularly over 20 per day. We are not charging for entry but are hoping to cover our costs with donations and souvenir sales. Continuous opening will start again in April and we are planning a major Thomas Churchyard exhibition from 9 April- 3 May.

We shall need lots of stewards over this period and Hazel Richards ([hazel.richards@talktalk.net](mailto:hazel.richards@talktalk.net)) would be delighted to hear from any new volunteers. There are no minimum time commitments and training will be given.

Do drop in over the winter - we've reorganised the front desks to make things more accessible.

Caroline Matthews  
Vice Chair (in the Chair's absence on holiday)

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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 2.15pm**

**Community Hall, Woodbridge.**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 2019 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 2020-21.
9. Any Other Business.