

# Friends of Woodbridge Museum

Newsletter November 2022

Dear Friends

The next speaker meeting is this Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at the Community Hall, 2.30 start.

Unfortunately, Andy Calver is now unable to come on that day but he has arranged for Gerry Dunlavey, a Landguard Fort Guide, to come to talk to us about the history and uses of Landguard Fort.

The visit to the Apothecaries Hall in London went very well. It was not very well attended but those of us who went agreed that it had been a very interesting tour. Liz Wood, a Friends member, was our guide. The Hall has some beautiful wood panelling and a fascinating display of instruments that used to be used.

The last speaker meeting was about the Elmsett Tithe Wars. Stories of how cows and other animals were moved from one farm to another so that when the tithe collectors came in the morning, the cows that had been in farmer Jones field were now in farmer Smiths fields and other cunning ways of avoiding the tax. Beverley Read certainly kept us entertained.

The last Day School in the series led by Dr Andrew Lacey brought us up to the 1970's with the music and fashion revolution and the creation of the NHS and so much more. Nearly every aspect of life in Britain and our position in the world was affected and of course brought back a lot of memories for all of us who were young in that era.

We hope to run a Day School in the spring.

The museum is now on its winter opening times. It is open Saturday and Sundays only from 10.30am to 3.30 pm. We may open for the week between Christmas and the New Year.

We have a new committee member, Christine Holding, who I am sure will be a great asset to us. We could do with at least one more person so if you feel

you would like to help please get in touch with me, Hazel Richards, [hazel.richards@talktalk.net](mailto:hazel.richards@talktalk.net) 01394 383795.

## **CURATOR'S CORNER**

### **Woodbridge Museum is on Facebook**

In September, Woodbridge Museum set up a Facebook page as another way of informing the public and involving them in its activities. Our Facebook page is more informal and interactive in character than our website. Users 'follow' a page they find interesting and can comment on its contents and recommend it to their friends. In this way, the number of users 'snowballs' and the Museum benefits from the free publicity.

Our page will provide information about the Museum, such as seasonal opening times and new products in the shop. It can also publicise special events being held in and around Whisstocks Place, events that may help to increase the footfall in the museum.

In addition to this, to add variety and interest, the Museum's Collections Team are using the page to showcase some of the fascinating objects that are in our store rooms and that have been rediscovered during the inventory work they have been doing over the summer. The Team aims to put up two images per week highlighting one or two items. The first two posts have been of a 'carte de visite' showing a 19th-century pensioner at the Seckford Almshouses, and a request for information about another artefact in the collection.

To help make this page a success, please 'follow' the page and comment on or 'like' the posts that the Museum has put up. The more of us that do this, the greater our audience will become. If you have your own Facebook page, you can use it to search for the Woodbridge Museum page. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can find the Museum page by following this link: <https://facebook.com/WoodbridgeMuseum>

And don't forget to tell your friends about it too!

We look forward to seeing you at the next Speaker Meeting.

With best wishes from the committee

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