

marlow museum

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MEMBERS' & FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2020



Marlow from Winter Hill, courtesy of MyMarlow

GOOD NEWS:



RE-OPENING SEPTEMBER 5th!

During July and August, Museum volunteers have

- undertaken a Covid-19 Risk Assessment, following government guidelines;
- deep cleaned the museum - you might smell Dettol when you visit!
- set up new procedures for operating safely in the current circumstances, including asking volunteers and visitors to wear masks and use hand sanitiser, a one-way system and social distancing, with no more than 4 visitors in the museum at once, and track and trace recording.
- introduced contactless card payments for sales and donations;
- recruited and trained many new volunteer stewards;

- been awarded the Visit England 'We're Good to Go' badge for tourist sites.

OPENING HOURS:

Starting on Saturday 5th September, we will reopen the museum at our normal opening hours of Saturdays and Sundays 1-5pm and Wednesdays 2-5pm.

If we gain sufficient volunteers, we will consider opening on other days too. Opening times will be advertised on the door, on www.marlowmuseum.org and on www.facebook.com/themarlowmuseum

WHAT'S NEW:

Thanks to **Community Impact Bucks' Volunteering Matching Services**, and a number of contacts from our website and Facebook page, we have been most fortunate to acquire a good number of new volunteer stewards, who are being introduced to the museum and given training in their role.

Since a number of our loyal existing stewards are not able to return to duty at present, we are still on the lookout for more volunteers, in particular someone to take over **Fund-raising** to keep the museum going.

Our **current exhibition** is '**The Story of Marlow**', an illustrated history from 5,000 years ago to the present. As well as a selection of local artefacts, we will also have a display on '**The Vansittart Family**' of **Bisham Abbey**.

During lockdown, our website and social media have been showing key '**Objects in Focus**' from our collection, ranging from General Higginson's drum to 'Wind in the Willows'. Look them up on www.marlowmuseum.org

Although we lost our Street Collection Day and a **Walk to the Trenches** in May, the latter will now take place on **Saturday 17 October**. If interested, please book places through contact@marlowmuseum.org

We are also hoping to be able to stage our annual **Bridge Evening in October**, subject of course, to Covid regulations and sufficient volunteers.

We look forward to seeing you at the Museum in September. Please follow the Stewards' instructions. Thank you.

