

marlow museum

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MEMBERS' & FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER WINTER 2020



Early Morning Christmas Lights
with thanks to MyMarlow

A Message from the Chairman

"Reasons to be Cheerful" was a song by The Blockheads several years ago, if I remember correctly. So I thought, what reasons do we have at the Marlow Museum?

- We are still here, even if each time we open, we shortly have to close again.
- We have a strong body of supporters.
- We have volunteers standing by to greet visitors as soon as we are able to reopen.
- We have quality displays and have ideas for many more.
- We have an excellent website www.marlowmuseum.org regularly featuring Objects in Focus from our collection.
- We are still in the black financially and
- We have recruited two new volunteers to help with future fund-raising. Welcome both.

I hope you are well, and carefully working out a safe plan for Christmas. As soon as we are permitted, we will reopen and look forward to seeing you, families and friends.

Keeping in touch

Probably the saviour of many associations has been 'ZOOM', an IT device most of us had never heard of a year ago. Your committee use it to keep in touch, as well as using email and telephone.

We have a wealth of talent in our midst, much of it already helping us, but if you would like to take an active part in the charity, your museum, do get in touch.

Librarian?

For example, we have a growing stock of reference books which need cataloguing and indexing, so that we can make full use of them during research, or in answer to visitor's questions. Would that role, I call it our Librarian, suit you? Is there something else you would prefer to do?

Hopes & Dreams

Over the next few weeks and months, we all will have time to think, even dream of the future. For over ten years, we (visitors too) have been saying it would be good to have larger premises. This year social distancing and restrictions on the number of people meeting indoors have made us realise how important it is for us to try to expand the present building or find larger premises. We think Marlow deserves it, to better promote our history and heritage, of which Marlovians are proud. What do you think? Will you help us? What ideas do you have to improve the role we have in the community?

Enjoy the spirit of Christmas and the New Year, keep safe - hands, face and space - and put the museum in your diary for when we re-open in 2021 (if not before).

Thank you. Mike Hyde.

For the time being, the museum remains temporarily closed, but you can keep up with us on our website and on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Objects in Focus

<https://www.marlowmuseum.org/features/index.php>

Are you following our series of Objects in Focus on the website? We are up to number 18 this week, which is the Nuremburg Kitchen. If you've never heard of one of those, neither had I, until I started researching our little model kitchen which dates from 1796. I found quite an interesting story. All the OIFs are well worth reading and they will help you pass an hour or two during the quiet winter afternoons.

Until we meet again, thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, and may I wish you all happiness at Christmas and good health in the New Year.

Della Fitzgerald, Secretary