

# marlow museum

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## NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2021



*With thanks to MyMarlow*

### Open again!

It is as if we have woken from a long deep sleep. At last the Marlow Museum is open to the public again and with the help of our Volunteer Stewards and Duty Managers we have quickly returned to our regular opening days and hours. Have you seen us on the 'My Marlow' website?



[www.mymarlow.co.uk/2021/05/marlow-museum-reopens/](http://www.mymarlow.co.uk/2021/05/marlow-museum-reopens/)

### More stewards - please pass it on

We have recently had three new volunteers join us, but we still need many more, so please ask your friends to join us. It is fully appreciated that not everyone feels fine about returning just yet, but if you go shopping, go out to eat or meet friends and so on, there is little difference from attending the

museum with our Covid Rules in place. We regularly clean all touch points, wear masks, allow only 4 visitors at any one time and collect contact details for Test and Trace. It soon becomes an easy routine.

Please check the Rota online for gaps to be filled, or contact Barbara on [rota@marlowmuseum.uk](mailto:rota@marlowmuseum.uk)



### You are invited...

The first week of June is National Volunteers Week. To celebrate with all our many valuable volunteers past and present we are having a

**'Thank You' Tea & Cakes afternoon**  
**on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
**outside the museum**  
**between 2.30 and 4.30pm.**



Do come along even if you are not yet ready to steward. Come for a chat, tell us what you have been up to and what you think the future is for Marlow Museum. Like entry to the museum, it is completely free!

### Annual General Meeting 2020-21

The museum is holding its AGM on

**Monday 21 June at 3pm on Zoom.**

I am sure you are used to this nowadays. It means you can attend without having to leave home. You will be sent the Zoom link by June 19<sup>th</sup> at the latest, so please email [contact@marlowmuseum.org](mailto:contact@marlowmuseum.org) if you want to attend and have not received it by then.

This coming AGM is particularly significant. The museum is at a very important turning point. We have achieved 12 years in our current premises but are itching to expand and improve.

Your committee have been working hard during the past several months trying to map out a way to improve our status, to attract more support, both physical and financial, and to expand into the community.

## Our new CIO

At the beginning of May our charity status officially changed to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).



Full marks to anyone who spotted that our Registered Charity Number at the top of the Newsletter has changed from 1129346 to 1187853! We are closing the 2009-established charity and starting a new one with the same name, Marlow Museum Centre Project, but a new bank account and a new registered charity number. Being a CIO gives us more protection and we have ensured continuity. It will also work well alongside our move towards becoming an Accredited Museum.

All will be explained at the AGM, which in effect will close one door and open a new wider one. I am sure you want to hear about it all and be part of it. We do need your support.

## Exciting Pop-up Shop Window!



Marlow Museum now has a town centre face, until the end of June. We occupy **6 Liston Court** - which used to be Swish Fashions and was lately used by Dementia Action - by a special arrangement with Sorbon Estates, at no cost to the museum. We do not expect to staff it, but trustees may pop in from time to time. Great coffee shops near there too.

We have used display boards from previous exhibitions and may change them from time to time. The main thing is that we have a chance to show off our story and trust that the public will then visit the museum at Court Garden.

If you are passing Liston Court do look in the windows and speak to any member of the public who is also looking in. We have already had some new visitors as a result. We may even capture a few Stewards!

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