

Doverly Manor Museum Summer Newsletter 2018

The museum's summer exhibition featuring the stained glass, paintings and felt sculptures (Woolhenge) of Clare Maryan Green is now open to the public. My Farming Year was enthusiastically received by our stewards, in their preview of the exhibition, and by our guests at the official evening opening. A farmer, as well as an artist, Clare's work reflects her farming year and all its seasonal and colourful changes.

In addition to Clare's work there are her scrap books that tell the story of her career with images of her stained glass over the years. As a special project Gail Crane and Barry Hitchcox have produced an outstanding book of images and text relating to the stained glass windows in the churches in our area.

The team helping Clare and I to stage the exhibition included Gail, Steve Rawle, Colin Strange and John Hammond. A huge thank you to them all.

On the 5th of May the museum welcomed a visiting group of 13 Americans for a special guided tour. From various States, they were an interested and appreciative group.

Our annual coffee morning is on Saturday the 26th of May from 10:30 until 12. There will be the usual array of homemade cakes and biscuits and it is a pleasant way to catch up with friends, support the museum, view the collection and visit the summer exhibition in the Solar.

The Museum's annual Quiz Night is on Thursday July 5th at the Village Hall. Our Quiz Master, John Thorne has set the questions and his usual team will be checking the quiz sheets. Tickets are available from the Visitor Centre and the Museum. £5, includes a light supper. Drinks will be available at the bar. It is always a good event and we are grateful to John and his team for making it possible. The doors and bar will open at 7 and the quiz will start promptly at 7:30.

After many years on the Museum Committee, several as our Chairman, Peter Leather has left the committee. We are grateful to Peter for his years of service. His role as Garden Coordinator has been filled by Eileen Ireland. Eileen will be there every Monday morning that the weather permits and anyone who can spare an hour or two to help would be very welcome. Coffee and biscuits are provided. We are grateful to Roz Lawton for keeping the front garden tidy and to those who are helping Eileen. As we all know, it has been a difficult spring for gardens and gardeners.

Colin and Ann Strange have beautifully mended and painted a cabinet donated to the museum. For the summer season it is holding artifacts from WWI, as part of our display commemorating the end of the conflict.

Colin and Ann also kindly update the children's 'Can You Find Me' quiz paddles every year. It is fun to see our young visitors intently looking in the cabinets and at the exhibits trying to match objects to the photos on the paddles. Anne has also designed two images relating to the exhibition for children to colour as part of a competition.

Jeff Cox has compiled a book listing every man and woman who served on the home front and on the battlefield in WWI. It is an important piece of local history and we are grateful to Jeff for the time, research and effort that went into it. It is available in the Great Hall and many of you will find your family members listed.

Wilfred and Winnie have taken up residence in the Upper Room. They are two village children, C.1900, whose costumes have been designed and sewn by Mij Kaye. It is a child friendly room and has the recent addition of a comfortable antique chair for parents to sit in and read to their children from the many children's books available. The chair was crafted in Porlock in the early 1900s and kindly donated by Mary Rivers.

We are a local history museum and many of your family's items and memories are held and recorded within its walls. I hope you will visit them.

I will see you at the museum.

Lita Strampp, Curator.