



The Moorings

Newsletter of the Deal Maritime and Local History Museum

Patron: Admiral Lord Boyce KG, GCB, OBE, DL

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Admission Times

April, May, September and October

Tuesday to Friday

2pm to 4.30pm

Saturday

11am to 4.30pm

Sunday

12 noon to 4pm

June, July & August

Tuesday to Saturday

11am to 4.30pm

Sunday

12 noon to 4pm

Closed Mondays except Bank Holidays

12 noon to 4pm

Admission

Adults £3.00

Concession & Children

£2.00

Family £9.00

Our New Patron

The Trustees are honoured to announce that Lord Boyce has accepted our invitation to become the new patron of the Deal Maritime and Local History Museum. This follows the death of our former patron Lady Fleur Boyce in June.

Lord Boyce KG, GCB, OBE, DL is Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and with his family paid a visit to the museum in August. The Trustees, on behalf of the museum members, are delighted to welcome Lord Boyce as our new patron.

Autumn Social and Fund Raising

Cheese and Wine Evening

Join us for our annual cheese and wine evening at the museum on Friday 23rd September from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Tickets are £10 each, including a complimentary glass of wine or fruit punch.

The event is open to museum supporters and the general public. Raffle prizes would be appreciated for this event which helps raise much needed funds for the upkeep of the museum.



Supporters' End of Season Reception

As our 2016 season closes we invite our supporters and volunteers to an end of season reception on Sunday 30th October 12.30pm - 2.30pm at the museum. Join us for a chance to catch up with friends at this lunchtime event with complimentary glass of wine or fruit punch. Raffle

2016 Season Fundraising

Our annual Strawberry Tea in July raised £625.39 towards museum funds and a profit of £242.45 was made at the annual BBQ in the Boatyard in August. Thank you to all those who helped make the events a success.

Our Roof Fund Appeal now stands at £1,358.44 and we would welcome any help members and friends can give to increase the total.

Behind the Scenes at the Museum

Behind the Scenes at the Museum would make a good title for a book but it is also the heading to explain the very hard, and sometimes laborious work, our Trustees have been carrying out over the past year on behalf of the museum.

The museum's constitution has been modernised because the original was written in the 1970s and was no longer fit for purpose. The Trustees have set the museum up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to ensure we meet the standards expected by the Charities Commission and this has been approved by the Commission. The trustees have also developed new policies to provide a framework for day to day operations. These include a Collections and Disposals Policy, a Financial Policy and policies on Health and Safety, Safeguarding, and Volunteering. All these processes lay strong foundations for the development of the museum and future funding bids.



Museum Facebook Page

Interest in our Facebook page continues to grow, not least because of the amazing variety of content Kevin Joyce is adding regularly that is gaining much interest worldwide. The page is currently reaching 20,000 people a week with 2,500 people engaging in the posts. Male/female split is pretty even with the largest group of fans in the age range 45-54. The majority are from Deal and the surrounding area, but at the beginning of September there was a lot of interest from the west of Ireland, particularly in the Walmer lifeboat video. However, the post about the Fosters' lager advert, filmed on Deal seafront has been breaking all records.

Donation from Joyce Clewer

Sadly Joyce Clewer, mother of our Trustee and Treasurer Joy McDonagh, passed away in February. Joy and her family have very kindly donated £200 to the museum in memory of Joyce.



Thanks To Jilly's Dry Cleaners

We must thank Jilly and Jamie of Jilly's Dry Cleaners, Park Street, Deal for all the help they have given the museum during the year. We are particularly grateful for the laundering of uniforms and clothing for our exhibitions that the couple carried out free of charge.

Mr & Mrs Peters

Annabelle Peters and her husband visited the museum in July to view our Lt Col Sherman exhibition. Annabelle, daughter of Lt Col and Mrs Sherman, kindly donated the archive to the museum that was used in the exhibition. They donated £200 to the museum during their visit and from this the trustees created life memberships for the couple. We look forward to their staying in touch with the museum over the coming years and thank them for all their support.

Linden Hall Studio

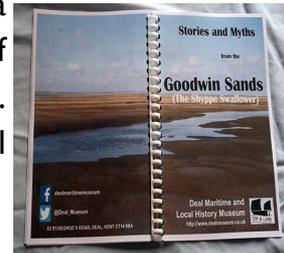
We must thank John and Heather Corley of Linden Hall Studio, St George's Road, Deal, for their continuing kindness in printing our editions of The Moorings. Linden Hall Studio presents an impressive variety of exhibitions and events. The current exhibition is *Two Painters and a Potter* from 4th September – 2nd October 2016 displaying paintings and ceramics by Arthur Neal, William Plumptree and Charles Williams. Autumn exhibitions continue with Robert Persey sculptures and Paul Tonkin paintings- from 8th October - 30 October 2016. This is followed by *Working in the Abstract* - paintings by Carol Goodchild and John Horne from 5th November – 27th November 2016.

Booklets, Keyrings and Fridge Magnets



We have an exciting new range of gifts in the museum shop to join the local history books, 'I Love Deal' mugs, range of greetings cards and postcards and other items already on sale.

First in a series of booklets, priced £2.50, is *Stories and Myths from the Goodwin Sands*, soon to be joined by *The Chequered History of Deal Pier* and *Smuggling in Deal*. Some titles will include a 50p donation to local good causes e.g 50p from the sale of each Goodwin Sands booklet will be donated to the RNLI. Later titles will follow and all the items on sale make ideal gifts, Christmas presents and stocking fillers.



Interactive Quiz



Some of you may have tried the interactive quiz towards the start of the season. This is now complete and is being used in the museum. And if you want to know what the fuss about the Fosters advert is on Facebook you should pop into the museum and try the quiz out for yourselves.

Christmas Party for Supporters

On Friday 16th December from 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Board of Trustees: Robert Action Martin Child David Hossack
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