



The Moorings

Newsletter of the Deal Maritime and Local History Museum

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

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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

New Museum Website

Welcome to the spring edition of The Moorings, to our exciting new season which starts on Saturday 1st April and to our new Deal Maritime & Local History website <http://www.dealmuseum.co.uk>. The new website has a wide range of facilities including, in the near future, the opportunity to pay subscriptions online and to book and pay for event tickets amongst other things.

The website will make it far easier for researchers and supporters from around the country and overseas to get in touch and to send us material. In particular we are asking for stories and memories for our Royal Marines exhibition and these can be sent online.

Please take the opportunity to look at the site if you are on-line, and share the page with others. Anyone wishing to support us with a donation will be able to do so through the MyDonate link online (coming soon) and we hope that this service will help boost our much needed funds.

Royal Marines Exhibition

Our current Royal Marines exhibition has been revamped for the 2017 season and includes a section on Wrens who served in Deal, on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Wrens in 1917. Our new permanent Royal Marines exhibition will open in the stable block from 2018.

Archives

Museum volunteers have been working hard all through the winter to help organise and prepare the archives and library which will be reopened for enquiries from 1st May. Please see the museum website for details.

Winter Work at the Museum

Work never stops at the museum or behind the scenes during the closed season. Important remedial works were carried out to the windows to the boatyard in the main building. The upper room in the stable block has been re-organised, repaired and plastered to form a storage area and a new display space which will house an exhibition from 2018.

Trustees

We welcome new trustee Sheila Legg who writes: "I have lived in Deal for four years, moving here from North Oxfordshire. However, my grandmother's family were from East Kent and I am proud to count amongst them several Cinque Port Pilots - so I have interests in both local and maritime history. This year I completed an Open University history degree and particularly relished studying the rich Roman history of this area. Originally a primary school teacher, I finished my career working in a men's prison which was considerably less demanding. I'm an avid reader and walker; most holidays are related to historical interest and involve as many museum visits as I can persuade my husband to accept. I'm looking forward to my time as a trustee and all the 'hands on' history it will entail."

We would like to thank Martin Child who has stepped down as a trustee. Martin has given his unstinting and generous support to the museum and we thank him for all his invaluable help and hard work and wish him the best for the future.

Roof Fund Update

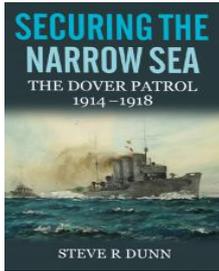
We thank everyone who has donated money to our vital roof repair fund. The total now stands at £1,447.50 but we need £6,000 before the work can commence and so would be grateful for additional donations.

Funding towards our new permanent Royal Marines exhibition space that will open in 2018 now stands at £986.45.

Famous Faces

Deal has always attracted the famous amongst its residents and produced its own home grown talents who have gone on to do great things. Now these celebrities and personalities are celebrated on our Famous Faces wall, our new permanent display, on the stairs to the first floor Upper Gallery.

April Talk and Book Signing



Award nominated maritime author Steve R Dunn is giving a talk and book signing on his new title *Securing the Narrow Sea: The Dover Patrol 1914-1918* in April, generously donating proceeds from ticket sales to the museum.

The book, which was published in January, tells the story of “probably the most arduous, continuous naval campaign of the war, demanding much sacrifice of men and materiel.” Steve’s previous titles were nominated for the Mountbatten Maritime Book Award in 2014, 2015 and 2016 (twice) and were shortlisted for the Rubery International Book Prize in 2014. He is a member of The Society for Nautical Research and the Britannia Naval Research Association.

The talk will take place on Thursday 20th April, the 100th anniversary of the Second Battle of the Dover Strait, at Deal Angling Club 1919, 13 The Marina, Deal CT14 6NF, at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 each and can be obtained by sending a cheque to the museum made payable to Deal Maritime and Local History Museum, along with a SAE so that tickets can be posted to you. Online booking will also be available nearer the date of the talk. **Book early to avoid disappointment.**

Lifeboat Boards

We are honoured to have been given an important collection of boards from Walmer Lifeboat Station that detail the many vessels that have been saved by the Deal, Walmer and Kingsdown lifeboats since the mid 1800s. These, along with photographs, artefacts and other memorabilia will be housed safely at the museum and become a permanent exhibition from the 2018 season.

Printing of the Moorings

John and Heather Corley have kindly agreed to continue printing editions of The Moorings during 2017. The couple run John Corley Stained Glass Studio, and their tempting shop, in West Street, Deal. Their new gallery, Linden Hall Studio Contemporary Art Gallery, is in St George’s Road, Deal and is proving a major and popular arts attraction in the town. All details of their current and forthcoming exhibitions and events are on their website <http://lindenhallstudio.co.uk>.

Quiz Night at the Alma

A fun quiz night to help raise much needed funds for the museum will be hosted by experienced and popular quizmaster Simon Howes. The quiz is on Friday 19th May 7pm for a 7.30pm start at The Alma, 126 West Street, Deal, CT14 6EB. Teams of up to eight can book a table for £5 per person. Bring your own food and drinks are available from the bar. There will be a raffle and raffle prizes would be appreciated.

See the museum website for online booking information or send a cheque and SAE for return of tickets or collect at the door on the day. Tickets can also be purchased in person from 1st April when the museum is open.

2017 Calendar of Events

Supporters and Volunteers Opening Reception - Sunday 2nd April 12.30pm - 2.30pm at the museum. Raffle.

Dover Patrol Talk and Book Signing By Steve R Dunn - Thursday 20th April 7pm for 7.30pm at the Deal Angling Club 1919, 13 The Marina, Deal CT14 6NF. Proceeds to the Royal Marines Exhibition.

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Strawberry Tea - Sunday 30th July 3pm – 5pm at the museum. Tickets £10 each, including a complimentary glass of wine or fruit punch. Raffle. Proceeds to the Royal Marines Exhibition.

Autumn Cheese and Wine evening Friday 8th September 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the museum. Tickets £10 each including a complimentary glass of wine or fruit punch. Raffle. Proceeds to the Museum Roof Fund

Christmas Party for Supporters — Friday 8th December 6.30pm – 8.30pm at St Andrew's Hall, West Street, Deal. Raffle.

Looking for Stewards and donations

We need volunteers to become Stewards, if you are willing please contact Susan Phillips 01304 239579

Raffle Prizes - *We need raffle prizes for all our fund raising days and reception evenings*

Board of Trustees: Robert Action

Sheila Legg

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