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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2026

Catching up…

It has been such a busy summer that we didn't get round to sending a Summer Newsletter this year.

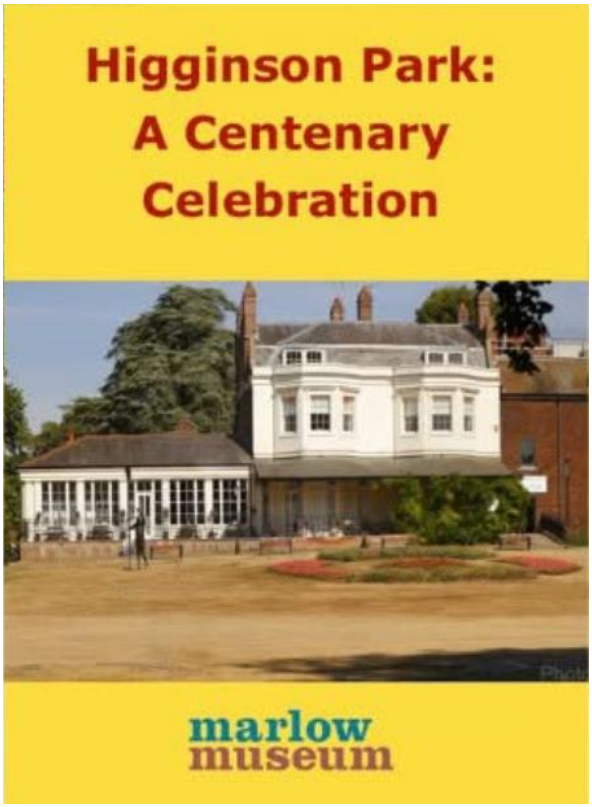
June 20th: Higginson Park centenary celebrations marked 100 years since the park was purchased for Marlow's people.

Planting a Centenary Oak, with Grenadier Guards and General Higginson's family.

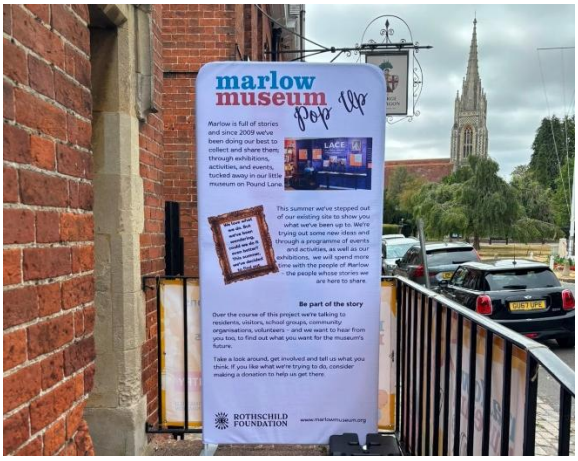
The Museum worked with Bucks Council to organise the celebrations, commission new park information boards – have you seen them yet? - and held a display of General Higginson's medals, his sword and an intricate silver model of the Tower of London, where he was Lieutenant Governor.

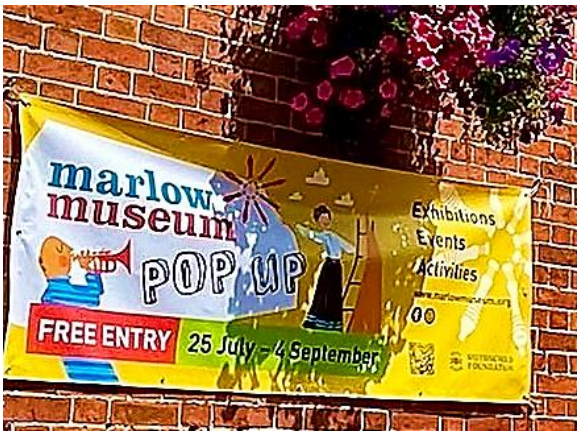
Popular jazz band Esta B & The Stings and the Marlow Ukulele Group entertained the crowds, while guests had afternoon tea in the cafe. There were also activities for children and a guided walk.

A new booklet about General Higginson's life and Higginson Park is available from the Museum price £5.:



MUSEUM POP-UP!





Our summer Pop-Up Museum at All Saints Church Hall was sponsored by a grant from the Rothschild Foundation. The aim was to find out whether we'd be better in a more central position. With free entry, it opened five days a week for 6 weeks, welcoming 1,690 visitors and residents and generating £1,669 in income.

As well as displays on Lace, Marlow's Mr Jazz and Legends of Marlow, there was a very popular 'handling objects' table. There were ongoing children's activities, jazz concerts, lace demonstrations and 'have a go' sessions, a talk on jazz and a children's jazz workshop.

We also hosted Dementia Action Marlow, using familiar objects and photographs to encourage reminiscence. Together, these events enabled us to reach new audiences and share more local stories. There is an Evaluation Report on the Pop-up if you'd like to know more.

Now back at Court Garden, but we will be CLOSED FOR WINTER this year.

We are back in the museum, so drop in during opening hours next time you're in Marlow. Until Sunday November 1st we're open Weds 2-5, Friday 10-2, Sat & Sun 1-5.

After that we will be closed, except for visits by appointment, until 1st March 2027.

Could you Volunteer for the Museum?

Marlow Museum depends on volunteers who are passionate about the area and its history. Whether welcoming visitors, supporting events or helping behind the scenes, there is a place for you, whatever time you can spare. Find out more by emailing: manager@marlowmuseum.org.

VOLUNTEERS' SECTION

Welcome and thank you to our **new volunteers** since the last newsletter: Izi, Sofiia, Ruby, Charlotte and Rozy. We hope you enjoy volunteering with us.

Volunteers' Summer Social

The Boat Trip on July 29th was great fun, with thirty people participating. In spite of the heatwave there was a nice cooling breeze on the river.

Volunteers' Christmas Lunch

We hope as many as possible of us will get together on **Monday 23rd November** at 12.30 at The Britannia on Little Marlow Road/Bobmore Lane. Plenty of free parking! The cost is £28.50 for 2 courses and £32.50 for 3. A few places left. Della has already sent the menu, but it can also be seen here:

https://www.mcmullens.co.uk/app/uploads/2024/05/CG-Festive-Menu.pdf

NB If you haven't yet received the email about this, please check your Spam or Junk folder.

(In monotone because it's only October)

Volunteers' Get-togethers

These have returned to the fourth Wednesday in the month, 2-3pm in the M Café, at Court Garden, at the request of a number of people who couldn't make Fridays.

The November get together is replaced by the Volunteers' Christmas Lunch on Monday 23rd November.

We don't usually meet in December (too near Christmas). So the next one after that will be on January 27th 2027.

We hope to organise some visits to other museums while our museum is closed. Look out for emails about this!

But before Christmas it's Halloween!

Why didn't the skeleton go to the party?
He had no body to go with.

Why did the vampire go to the doctor?
She couldn't stop *coffin*!

What do birds say on Halloween?
Trick or *tweet*!

What's the spookiest piece of cutlery?
A sp*oooooooooo*n!

What type of music do mummies like?
Wrap!

Why are ghosts bad liars?
You can see right through them!

Where do zombies go on holiday?
The Dead Sea!

What's a monster's favourite dessert?
Ice *scream*!

What does a ghost panda eat?
Bam-*BOO!*