

# marlow museum

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## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2026



**Current Exhibition until 17 May:  
'Game On! – Sporting Marlow'**



Pop in soon if you haven't seen it.

**The Museum will be closed for a  
changeover of exhibitions 18-22<sup>nd</sup> May**

*Could you join our team to welcome visitors? You don't need any special knowledge, just like talking to people. You will make new friends and learn so much about the history of Marlow while you volunteer. Please email Alice:*

**[manager@marlowmuseum.org](mailto:manager@marlowmuseum.org)**

**New Exhibition opening to all on  
Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> :  
'Marlow's Mr Jazz  
– Remembering Michael Eagleton'**



**Private Opening by Invitation only on  
Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.30pm**

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**Everyone is invited to a special  
commemorative Jazz Evening  
on Sat. July 18<sup>th</sup> 2026  
at Court Garden House**

**with music starting at 8pm from**

### **Five Way Split**

Top jazz musicians

Quentin Collins (trumpet),

Vasilis Xenopoulos (sax),

Rob Barron (piano),

Matyas Hofecker, (bass) and

Matt Home (drums).

**Tickets £20 each from [tickettailor.com](https://www.tickettailor.com)**



**[The Jazz Experience](https://www.tickettailor.com)  
[tickettailor.com](https://www.tickettailor.com)**

**And a new *Trip Back in Time* book** is in production by Ray Evans & Philip Kersey, with help from Ann Eagleton. Available later this year from Marlow Museum. More news soon.

**MAY HALF TERM  
activities for children at the museum  
– call in and see!  
Always something going on at the  
museum.**

**Come and see us at the Regatta!  
Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Look out for the museum gazebo and stand and come and say hi.

Not only that but...

We warmly invite you to join us on  
**Saturday 20 June, 2pm–4pm**  
to celebrate  
**100 years of Higginson Park**  
and to help bring its story to life.



This special afternoon will mark the park's centenary with a mix of history, community, and celebration. The Museum is unveiling

newly updated noticeboards across the park, sharing the fascinating story of the Court Garden Estate and the purchase of Higginson Park.

At **2pm**, family representatives of General Sir George Higginson—joined by members of his regiment, the Grenadier Guards—will plant a **Centenary Oak**, creating a lasting legacy for future generations.



Above right, General Sir George Higginson, aged 100, after whom the park is named. Centre, Princess Mary, the Princess Royal, only daughter of King George V and Queen Mary, who presented the estate to General Sir George, who then gave it to the town.

Throughout the afternoon, you can enjoy:

- Relaxed **short history walks** around the park;
- A **special exhibition in the Museum** commemorating the General;
- **Afternoon tea** from the Little Green Boat Café—or feel free to bring your own picnic.

But this celebration is about more than looking back—it's about **your connection to the park**.

As part of this year-long centenary programme, we're creating a changing display about how the community uses and remembers Higginson Park.

We would love you to be part of it. Whether it's a memory, a photograph, or a personal story, your contribution will help shape our shared history.

You can send your memories to: [contact@marlowmuseum.org](mailto:contact@marlowmuseum.org) or simply drop into the Museum with your photos or artefacts.

We very much hope you'll join us on 20<sup>th</sup> June and help make this a celebration to remember.

## Volunteers' Section

Welcome and thank you to our **new volunteers** since the last newsletter: Alison K. and Tim B. We hope you enjoy volunteering with us. We will be running some volunteer training and some refresher sessions for existing volunteers. Look out for emails advertising the date.

Introducing Alison Kidgell, our new Volunteers Coordinator:



*'Hello, I'm delighted to be joining the museum as volunteer coordinator. I've lived in Buckinghamshire all my life and although not a Marlow resident spend a lot of my time in the town. The knowledge and enthusiasm of everyone I've met so far, for the town, its stories and the museum is heartwarming and I look forward to meeting many more of you over the next few weeks.'*

*Until November 2025 I was Volunteering & Community Manager for the National Trust's Hughenden Portfolio and I hope to be able to use my experience in my new volunteer role with the museum. I will try to introduce myself to all volunteers as soon as I can and If you see me in the museum please do say hello.'*

## **Volunteers' Summer Social**

Thank you to all those who have signed up for our **Boat Trip on Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 6.30pm.**



**There are just a few places left and it's now open to anyone associated with the museum and their partners.**

**Are you interested?** If so please email Della at [vicechair@marlowmuseum.org](mailto:vicechair@marlowmuseum.org).

Thank you.

*With warm wishes to you all from*

Alex Collingwood, Chairman

Della Fitzgerald, Vice-Chair

Jacqueline Roberts, Secretary

Rick Krajewski, Treasurer

Alice Le Page, Development Manager

Philip Kersey, Exhibitions & Displays Designer