



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN / WINTER 2021/22

At last after all the delays and setbacks we opened the museum on July 2nd, albeit for a shorter season. We were delighted to be back in action again and most of our attendants were able to return. The summer exhibition “Time and Tide - the changing face of Mersea” was well received and many visitors commented on how glad they were to see us open again. Free admission was offered to encourage people back and we had some very generous donations which gave a welcome boost to our funds. All the special safety measures we put in place such as the one-way system worked very well. All in all we are very happy with the way things went and with the excellent visitor numbers.

We are now into our autumn programme with the fortnightly opening of the Resource Centre on Saturday mornings when everyone is welcome to come for a coffee and chat.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Due to Covid restrictions we had to cancel both the 2020 and 2021 AGMs but will be holding one on Friday November 12th which will cover both. It will be preceded by a talk from Sue Howlett and museum members will receive the details and agenda with this newsletter. We hope to get a good turnout as there are some new developments to discuss about the way we operate. The seating will be arranged to enable social distancing and refreshments will be served at your seat to avoid crowding.

LOOKING FORWARD

Several talks have been arranged for early 2022 on our usual 3rd Friday of the month.

January 21st “Making Sense of Old Documents – new information about hidden local history” by the Mersea Archives Research Group.

February 18th “A Drone’s Eye View – local archaeology from the air”
by James Pullen.

March 18th “Travellers’ Tales – East Anglia through the eyes of travel writers
through the centuries” by Sarah Doig.

Finally, many thanks to all our members and supporters and we hope to see you over the coming months.