



## NEWSLETTER      SPRING / SUMMER 2024

Now that the summer season is almost upon us we can look back on a busy autumn and winter. Our monthly talks started with a fascinating overview of the archaeological excavations at Brierley Paddocks, or Sanderling Reach as the development is called, revealing the thousands of years of occupation on that site. Some of the new residents came to the talk and a group was later taken on a guided history tour by Alan Mogridge. The local history talks on Mersea and the Blackwater by John Pullen-Appleby were very well attended and we hope he will find a new subject for the autumn. The **Mersea Archaeological Research Group** has continued every fortnight in the Resource Centre. A series of workshops on the making of Tendles, the traditional Mersea oyster baskets, have proved very popular and will feature in our new exhibition this summer.

The fortnightly Resource Centre mornings have been so busy that there is barely a spare seat to be found. A great way for people to come together for an informal chat, to do research and have a coffee and biscuits.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING                      Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024      7.30pm**

Museum members will receive their notice and agenda with this newsletter. The AGM will follow the same format as last year, with the meeting followed by drinks and snacks and a chance to preview the new exhibition which opens to the public on the following day. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **SUMMER EXHIBITION                      Wednesday 1st May to Sunday 29th September**

This year we are taking a look ***“Beyond the Strood”*** to visit our neighbouring villages of ***Peldon, Salcott cum Virley, Great Wigborough, Little Wigborough and Tollesbury.*** Displays will cover some of the most interesting buildings, events and people from these communities with many fascinating old photos, postcards and memorabilia, not forgetting our own ***East and West Mersea.*** There will also be a small exhibition about local connections to ***D Day.*** We hope to hold at least one mini exhibition over a weekend, details to come later.

### **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Annual membership subscriptions are due, £5 (single) or £10 (family), you can pay with Cash or Cheque, payable to **“Mersea Island Museum Trust”**, by sending the correct fee to Mersea Museum @ 12 High Street, West Mersea, CO5 8QD. Or by BACS Payment to **Mersea Island Museum Trust** at Sort Code 20-22-67 Account Number 50778729 and **please use your name as a reference.** Or you may pay at the AGM, where a credit/debit card payment can also be used to pay your membership fee.

Finally, we look forward to a successful season and hope to see you all in the museum soon.