

Woodhall Spa Cottage Museum



The Cottage Museum in Lego

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A Note from the Editor

Well, we have made it through what has to be the strangest and most challenging of seasons. Thanks are due to so many people for making it all possible. We were given financial aid from the Government, via the East Lindsey District Council, a grant of £4300 from the Heritage Lottery Fund and practical aid from the Parish Council in the form of all the special signage and sanitizing equipment needed to be Covid safe. Our Reception staff, Meeters and Greeters and dozens of volunteers went the extra mile to ensure everything was made ready so we could be Covid safe and we were finally able to open for the 2020 season on August 1st. The museum was open on four days a week, Thursday to Sunday, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. In addition, thanks to the efforts of John Wilkinson, the museum was opened on Wednesdays for members of the Friends to visit, when members of the general public were not present; a gesture that



was greatly appreciated by many members of the Friends. As much of the Cottage Museum visitor experience is being able to touch and hold things, play the games in the Wield Room, use the Touch Screens etc. the board decided to make admission free this year and just ask for donations. Initial indications are that compared with the same period last year visitor numbers were up very considerably, but income was somewhat reduced. Did we do the right thing? What we certainly achieved was being able to offer all our visitors to Woodhall Spa a memorable visit at a time when very few visitor attractions were open for business.

Since our last Newsletter we have gained another Director, Annette Southcott, who introduces herself to you on page 4. David Hill is our new Chairman and Richard Sivill, a long standing Director has stood down from the board. Our Honorary President, David Radford has written an appreciation on page 12.

As this year draws to a close I am sure we are all hoping and praying that 2021 will see an end to this pandemic which has touched every aspect of our lives.

Philip Groves

Front Cover Story

This Lego model of the Cottage Museum was made by Clare Cox during the pandemic. Story on page 18

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Remembering Arnhem



Left to R:ight: Revd Joseph Snelling, Branch President Dave Mullenger, Branch Chairman Steve Hall and Branch Vice Chairman John Egleton

Whilst most of the normal events at the museum have had to be cancelled, the museum was able to host the Woodhall Spa & District Branch of The Royal British Legion for a wreath laying ceremony to remember those brave soldiers based in Woodhall Spa who in 1944 fought at Arnhem, many of whom did not return, or were wounded in the Battle. The service was sensitively conducted by the Vicar of St. Peter's, Woodhall Spa, Revd. Joseph Snelling. Branch Chairman Steve Hall laid the wreath and Branch President David Mullenger delivered the "Ode of Remembrance". Branch Vice Chairman John Egleton was in attendance, together with several museum directors and family, including our newly elected chairman, David Hill and his wife Jean. Steve Hall said how important it was to keep the remembrance of what happened at Arnhem alive and thanked the museum for making it possible to hold this event.



On September 13th the Cottage Museum welcomed Stewart Adams (Aka Sergeant Major Marmite) from the Staffordshire Regiment Association who laid a wreath at the Arnhem Memorial. Also, by chance Brian Elliott, Tony Stubbs and Mike Franklin from the Spalding PRA arrived to pay their respects. 2020 marks the 76th Anniversary of the Campaign.

A group of re-enactors, including Stuart Holmes, also laid a wreath on Sunday 20th September.

Philip Groves

Meet the Directors - Annette Southcott

Hello Friends

As a very new director of the Museum, I feel a bit fraudulent, as my lack of knowledge far exceeds any expertise at the moment. I'm hoping that will change as I get to know you all and share information about the history of this fascinating little gem.

A little bit about my background. Born and brought up in Glasgow, I trained as a nurse in one of the big teaching hospitals there before heading to London to take up my first ward sister's post in a coronary care ward. Then followed a nomadic spell working all over Scotland in hospitals and in the community.

Three children later, I ended up in Nottinghamshire via Aberdeen and the Isle of Skye, before arriving in Lincolnshire, and eventually Stixwold, our years ago.

I won't bore you with the details of my working life, but my last job before retirement was working at the Department of Health in London which involved five hours of commuting each day. You can only do that for so long; eight years in my case, so I was very ready for early retirement when the opportunity arose. I then was an elected director of the Alzheimer's Society for six years, the maximum time permitted by their constitution.

I've always been interested in history, so at last I was able to devote some time to study, which enabled me to gain a Masters degree in the subject. That led to an interest in research and archive work, which I carry out at the Windmill at Heckington, where I have been a volunteer for about seven years.

In addition, I do quite a bit of family and local history, including setting up a local history group in the village where I live. It was on a visit to the Museum that I picked up Marjorie Sergeant's books which were a fascinating read. I'm very much looking forward to getting involved as I learn more about the history of Woodhall Spa and the stories that lie behind some of the Museum's exhibits. Hopefully we will be able to meet before too long.



Annette Southcott

Annette Southcott

Volunteer Coffee Mornings Postponed

A coffee morning is normally held bi-monthly to enable volunteers from the various teams to meet each other and to meet some of the Directors. It affords a great opportunity to exchange ideas and make suggestions, or just have a general chinwag! Unfortunately while the current restrictions for Coronavirus are in place the event is **POSTPONED**.

2020 - How the Museum Has Coped

The 2020 Season for the museum is now over and what an experience it has been! The museum was finally able to open on August 1st with all the Covid restrictions in place, hand sanitizers at the entrance and exit, one way system through the museum to keep visitors safe, social distancing measures and Test and Trace registration. Our intrepid Reception Staff, Kelly and Gill, were suitably protected by face masks and Perspex screens and opening times were limited to 4 days per week, Thursdays to Saturdays, to keep operating costs down to an acceptable limit. Wednesdays have been reserved for members of the Friends to visit and was kindly organised by John Wilkinson, allowing members of the Friends to visit when the public were not present. The museum "Meeters and Greeters" have been at the museum, stationed in the Wield Room, which has been roped off so they can socially distance but still talk to the visitors. This has greatly enhanced the visitor experience and we extend our thanks to all our "Meeters and Greeters" who have helped out.



Kelly and Gill, our masked crusaders!

The museum has been supported by grants, including Government assistance, distributed through the ELDC, the Heritage Lottery Fund and the supply of sanitizers and fluid, and signage distributed by the Parish Council. We offer our heartfelt thanks, to all these organisations, as without their assistance this year would have been a disaster. As the full visitor experience couldn't be offered, with all the Touch Screens and the other items which can normally be handled by visitors being off limits, it was decided to offer free admission, but ask for donations. Visitor numbers held up well, with a 73% increase in August compared with the same period last year and a 63% increase in September.



"Sing It Loud" brave the weather to practice in the garden

following all government guidelines and our activity is fully socially distanced and risk assessed. It has been lovely to sing at the Cottage Museum with a few dog walkers and passers-by even giving us a round of applause!" For more information please contact Liz McIntosh on 07713 746679 or email singitloudwoodhall@gmail.com.

In early September the museum offered the "Sing It Loud" singing group the use of the museum gardens to practice every Friday morning. The group has managed to keep together using the internet and Zoom for their practice. Liz McIntosh who runs "Sing It Loud" commented that "Whilst keeping singing online has been wonderful (and a challenge!), meeting again in person has been really wonderful for our group. We are

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The two photographs for this newsletter are both from the first half of the twentieth century and demonstrate, then more so than now, the class divide. The first view is of a typical sport conducted at this time of year – the country shoot. This is not a vast event from an aristocratic estate but a middle-class affair in the environs of Woodhall. We do not know the members except for one and possibly the host and that is the gentleman kneeling in the centre. He is Dr C J Williams, medical superintendent at the Spa Baths and private physician to Lady Grace Weigall. Probably taken after their day's sport as they are relaxing with three ladies present. We see seven of the men are smoking, four

with cigars and one, a pipe. All have the de rigeur attire of plus twos or gaiters and many wear Norfolk shooting jackets.

Our second view is of a group further down the social spectrum but no less important. As with both of these views the interest is in the detail. Here we have a rural hard-working family from what looks like a two-horse farm. All, especially the women, look extremely hardy. Two of them wear boiler suits and the three to the left are smoking, one a pipe!



The three girls look well-nourished but what is at the feet of the man at the far left? Is it a dog with his rear to us or a sheep facing us?

Nicholas Duke-Cox

New Museum Publication - "Taking the Waters"

Taking
the waters
at
Woodhall
Spa

N.M. DUKE-COX



The Museum is delighted to announce the latest addition to its list of publications, "Taking the Waters". Publication is timed for late 2020 – just in time for Christmas!

Following on from the success of 'The Gardens at Petwood' in 2017, its author, Dr. N.M. Duke-Cox, has embarked on another facet of local history, namely the Spa Baths.

This is another thoroughly researched piece of work which considers the entire Baths complex, namely the Baths and its treatments, the Victoria Hotel and grounds, the Bandstands and the Tea House in the Woods. It delves into its history and characters, finally bringing the story to the present day.

Like its predecessor it is copiously illustrated with photographs, prints, engravings and paintings from the extensive archive held at The Cottage Museum, many of which have never been published before.

Pre publication orders have commenced and can be made by contacting the Museum, by phoning 01526 352456 or by email at info@cottagemuseum.co.uk. The

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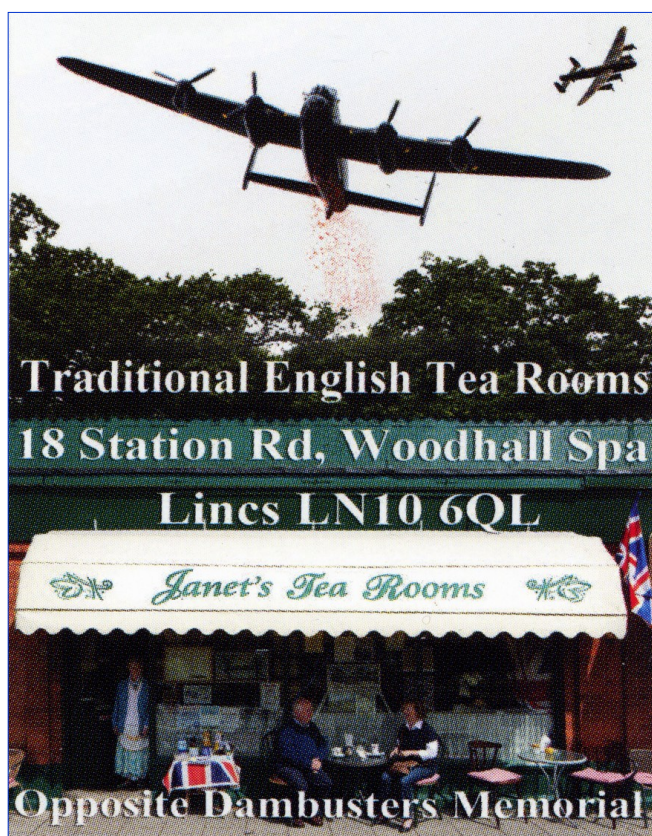
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David Hill - New Chairman of the Cottage Museum

It is with great pleasure that I pen these few words to announce that David has taken on the important role of Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Woodhall Spa Cottage Museum after the successful chairmanship cycle of Mrs Patricia Duke-Cox.

David's connection to the Cottage Museum has been a long and important one. Despite the calls on his time by many other Lincolnshire bodies, 'Heritage' has always come to the fore.

You may or may not know that David has served as a Justice of the Peace, as Deputy Leader of East Lindsey District Council, as Chairman of Lincolnshire Cathedral Fabric Fund for East Lincolnshire, as a staunch supporter of Lincolnshire farming and as the spokesperson for the National Farmers Union, Lincolnshire.



David Hill, newly elected Museum Chairman

Locally he served as Chairman of St Andrew's School Governors and as active supporter of St. Peter's Church, Woodhall Spa, Woodhall Spa Parish Council and the Spa bridge players scene.

To find time for the Woodhall Spa Cottage Museum must have been difficult, but find time he did serving as a day to day volunteer with many hats plus the role of a Director and as Company Director to the Board of Trustees.

Here I must mention that David's wife too, has been a staunch supporter of the museum, running the museum shop for ten years and earning valuable funds at an important time in the museum's development. No easy task! Thank you, Jean.

From this brief summary, it can be seen that David has long been giving and will continue to give his expertise to the museum which will be in the safe hands of the Chairman, Board of Directors (all volunteers), wonderful hands-on supporters and Friends. The on-going story of Woodhall Spa and its community will never be forgotten as a result

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David Radford, Founder and Hon. President



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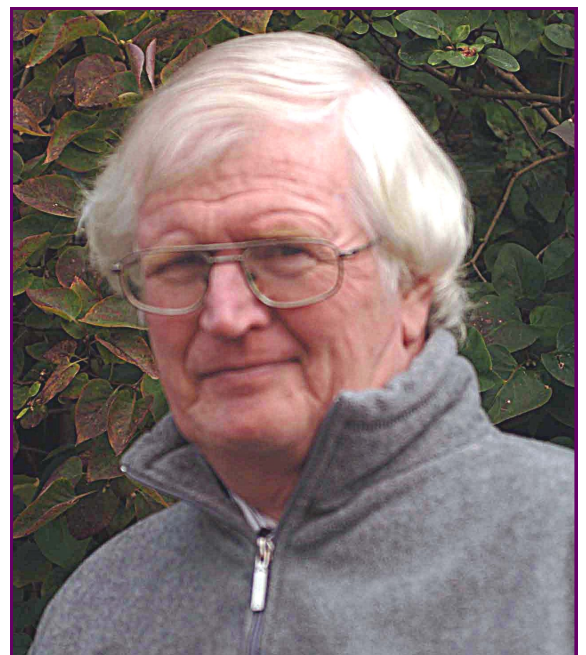


Richard Sivill Retires from the Board

Thank you, Richard Sivill, for at least 15 years of volunteering as a supporter at all levels and as a Director of the Woodhall Spa Cottage Museum.

Richard must have 'Save our Heritage blood' in his veins! As a youth, he treasured an ancient prehistoric axe which he discovered in Tumbly Swamp. His aunt, Mary Bailey of Tattershall and Coningsby, was a renowned local heritage personality.

He is a repository, in his own right, of a vast amount of local knowledge. Following on from Bill Skelton, one of our first four Founding Trustees, Richard was a great help to Cottage Museum publicity by virtue of his photographic skills and local Press contacts. In addition to these, he was always at hand to offer valuable transport and setting up help for various events like the Woodhall Spa Xmas Market or the Woodhall Spa Show. Latterly he became a Director: a valuable all-round volunteer.



Richard Sivill

Sadly, space precludes my writing more, other than to record here our sincere gratitude to Richard for all his time, effort and encouragement over the years.

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Woodhall Spa - October 1920

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This photograph was taken by John Wield who hand coloured the flames

On 4th April – it was Easter Day – a fire started in the boiler room, spread to the linen room above and roared through the building.

It was discovered at about 3 a.m. by Mrs. Rose – her husband, Jimmy Rose, was a porter. Fire extinguishers and buckets of water were of little efficacy. The manager rang for the Fire Brigade and the Horncastle men came too but the Lincoln engine broke down at Metherringham.

People of the village awoke to see smoke and flames swirling high above the trees and rushed to help. Guests were speedily evacuated and taken for shelter in St. Andrew's Church – it was very cold - but several gentlemen helped local men carry the expensive furniture outside onto the lawns.

There was insufficient water – only a single jet from a hydrant on the Broadway and a stream running down behind the Teahouse. Mr. Overton who had just resigned as captain of the Fire Brigade said the Brigade had worried about the possibility of fire; he did not know why there was no lake in the grounds – there was just about everything else.

My Perce says he has heard the hotel had a turnover of £25,000 a year!

We do not know if it will be rebuilt but it is dreadful to see the bare walls which are all that remain.. Woodhall Spa is diminished without the Victoria Hotel.

Bertha

November 1920

Marjorie Sargeant

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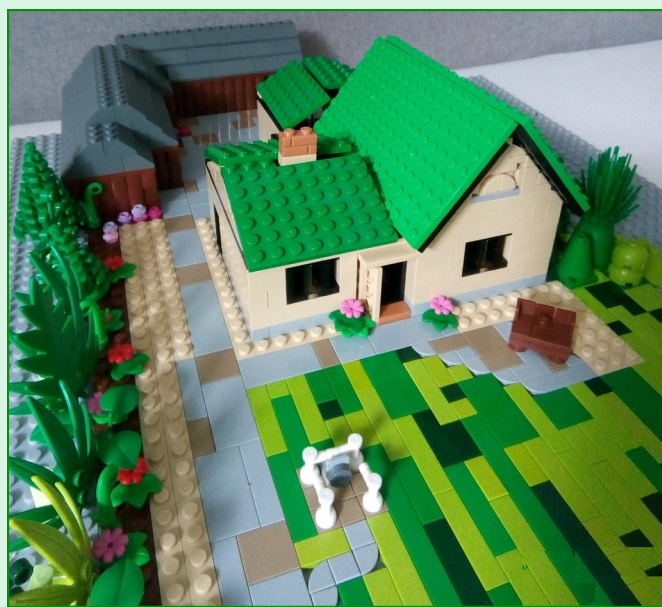




POPPY'S PAGE Hello again everyone. Hope you all managed to get some sort of holiday this year. I was taken to St. Audries Bay in Somerset for a week in a lovely dog friendly caravan. Lots of super walks and outings - just what the doggy doctor ordered! Next big event will be Christmas. Hope you all manage to have a lovely time in spite of the virus
Bye for now, Poppy



The Cottage Museum in Lego



Lockdown has seen many pastimes come back into favour. Clare Cox, a talented Legoista, has applied her talents to the Cottage Museum and produced this superb model.

Her mother Patricia Duke-Cox tells us that "Clare was a volunteer at the museum in its early days, often working in the garden with Mark Ashton. Now aged 44, she is a Legoista in her free time and has made models of stately homes which have been well received by the owners and/or managers and the images posted on facebook or newsletters. Leeds Castle included her efforts in their newsletter. She constructs a wide range of objects and my facebook image is of a lady playing croquet!"

Missing the Christmas Pantomime?

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Dear Friends

At this time, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect all of our lives. We are fortunate in Woodhall Spa that at the moment (touch wood, and there's plenty round here) this area seems to be escaping the worst of it. Apparently, there will be a "new normal", but no-one knows quite what that will be.

Nigel and Margaret have stood down from the committee for personal reasons. Thank you to them for the work they did planning for this year, most of which has not been able to take place. The Memorial Lecture has been cancelled, as has the village Christmas fair.

During September the Museum was open on Wednesday's for "Friends" to visit, look around the Museum taking all the time they wanted. Over the four weeks about 10% of the 'Friends' membership visited the Museum.

So, moving on, we have some new committee members and we are starting to think about events and planning for next year. As we still don't know what next year will bring, we would particularly welcome your ideas of activities that can be carried out remotely, or outdoors. Meetings, like AGM's and monthly coffee mornings cannot take place at this time.

Your membership renewal form is included with this newsletter.

John Wilkinson



What's On Guide

At present all events are either cancelled or held over to 2021

For the latest information visit

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150 Club Winners

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£10 [53] Robert Barr

September 2020

£20 [150] Sue Stennett

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£10 [95] Margaret Cole

October 2020

£20 [82] Linzi Elliot

£15 [77] Nigel Bush

£10 [28] Clare Preston

Come and Join Us

The backbone of the Cottage Museum is our volunteers and some of them are putting a lot of hours in and could really do with a hand. Can you help? Do you have a few hours to spare in the month? It does not have to be a massive commitment. There are numerous opportunities to suit most interests. If you would like to find out more without committing yourself then please call us on

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