

# THE MAELDUNE HERITAGE CENTRE NEWSLETTER JULY 2021



## **News from the Chairman – Jill Hipsey**

We are delighted to have made such a positive start since reopening in April. So many visitors have said how glad they are that we are open again. This emphasises to us that we are making a positive contribution to both the local community and visitors from outside the district.

We now have feather flags outside to catch people's eye, to show everyone when we are open and to emphasise that we are no longer a church!

The inclusion of the Visitor Information desk has been a very welcome addition to what we already have to offer. From day one I have seen many a visitor being given great advice as to where to go and how to make the most of the town and district. It seems that the walking routes are particularly popular. The Visitor Information volunteers have fitted in so well and all seem to be enjoying being part of our team.

Our visitors and everyone involved have been thoroughly enjoying the variety of exhibitions so far this year, showcasing the wonderful local talent. I have given a few impromptu talks to small bubble groups which seemed to be appreciated.

There are lots of plans in place for upcoming events so do keep an eye on our website and our Facebook page.

## **The Maeldune Heritage Centre**

The Centre will continue to operate under Covid 19 guidelines and social distancing until restrictions are lifted on 19 July as announced by the Government. We are delighted to be open, welcoming visitors and committed to continue to provide a great arts, crafts and heritage experience to our visitors.

## Maldon Visitor Information Centre



Maldon ambassador volunteers are at the Centre to assist visitors in finding out about local events, other heritage venues, places of interest, travel information, tide times, walking routes and directing visitors to information on the new Visit Maldon website : [visitmaldondistrict.co.uk](http://visitmaldondistrict.co.uk)

## Craft Shop

As you enter the Centre the gift shop showcases a varied selection of unique and specialist products made by our talented local artists and crafts people. Choose from pictures, pottery, soap, glass, jewellery, woodcraft, books, greeting cards, postcards, Viking related gifts for children (and adults too) and local Honey, Maldon Salt and Tiptree preserves!



## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the making of the Maldon Embroidery



As a result of an appeal to the 86 Maldon Embroiderers who worked on the Embroidery we have made excellent progress with creating an archive of memories and gone a long way to identifying the names of the people who made

the individual motifs. This information will be added to the history already available and provide a digital copy for the future. If you know someone who worked on the Embroidery and have not yet contacted us we would love to hear from you.  
Email: [info@maelduneheritagecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@maelduneheritagecentre.co.uk) Or phone: 07483 950075. More news to follow on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

Individual and group talks on The Maldon Embroidery are available at the Centre by prior arrangement, email: [info@maelduneheritagecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@maelduneheritagecentre.co.uk) Bookings will be in line with the lifting of Covid restrictions as outlined by the Government.

## Exhibitions

We have a wonderful programme of exhibitions lined up for the rest of the year.

### **Hugh Beattie and Peter Dean 07.07.21 – 27.07.21**

We have an exciting exhibition of work by renowned military artist Hugh Beattie coming to the Centre from 7<sup>th</sup> to 27 July. The exhibition will include Hugh's North Essex Collection and unveiling new works in oil. Hugh is a traditional oil painter, illustrator and futurist specializing in portraits, landscapes and a wide range of figurative work. He is the only official oil painter in the British army, serving as a reservist Captain. Hugh has travelled globally on painting tours, in places as diverse as Bosnia, Rome, India Helmand and Estonia. He has won prizes for his military work and in between commissions, he also focuses on north Essex where he has a studio and immerses himself in the art community of the area.



**J Hugh L Beattie requests the pleasure of your company on Saturday 17 July, 2021, 11.00am – 6.00pm**

**Painting of his North Essex Collection and unveiling new works in oil.  
Ancient Essex**

**The Maeldune Heritage Centre  
St Peter's Tower, Market Hill,  
Maldon, Essex CM9 4PZ  
RSVP [hugh@jhlb.co.uk](mailto:hugh@jhlb.co.uk)**

**Exhibition opens 7 to 27 July 11.00 to 4pm  
[www.jhlb.co.uk](http://www.jhlb.co.uk)**

Joining Hugh during his exhibition will be Peter Deans, our local ceramic artist, a member of the Essex Craft Guild and a selected member of Anglian Potters. He has exhibited at Cambridge Emmanuel College, All Saints Church and the Undercroft in Norwich. Peter can also be found at craft fayres when they start up again. Peter holds a National Diploma and Higher National Diploma in Ceramics. His work includes experiments with glazes layered over another and creating pebble shaped vases throwing different coloured clays together and experimenting with porcelain and crank clay. Peter's exhibition will feature class hand thrown ceramics and new seashore forms.

# Exhibition of Ceramics by Peter Deans

in conjunction with

## Paintings by J Hugh L Beattie



Main Exhibition paintings  
by J Hugh L Beattie  
[www.jhll.co.uk](http://www.jhll.co.uk)

Held at Maeldune Heritage Centre,  
St. Peter's Tower, Market Hill,  
Maldon, Essex. CM9 4PZ.

Open Tuesday to Saturday, 11am - 4pm  
from 8 July to 27 July 2021.

*Peter Dean requests the pleasure of your company  
On Saturday 10 July 2021. 11am- 4pm*



## Classic hand thrown Ceramics and new Seashore forms.

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Maldon, Essex. CM9 4PZ.

The exhibition is open  
from 8th - 27th July  
11am - 4pm Tuesday to Saturday



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## Threadworks 28.07.21 – 14.08.21

**ThreadWorks**  
VARIATIONS: AN EXHIBITION OF  
TEXTILES AND RELATED ART

MAELDUNE HERITAGE CENTRE, MALDON

29th July to 14th August 2021  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.  
Come and meet the artists

Email: [threadworks@googlemail.com](mailto:threadworks@googlemail.com)

We are traditional makers  
of textile and related arts.  
Please contact us to  
discuss commissions.

<https://www.facebook.com/ThreadWorks>

Maeldune Heritage Centre contact details and  
opening hours:

Tuesday to Saturday 11.00 – 4.00, closed Sunday  
and Monday.  
Entry is free – donations are welcome.

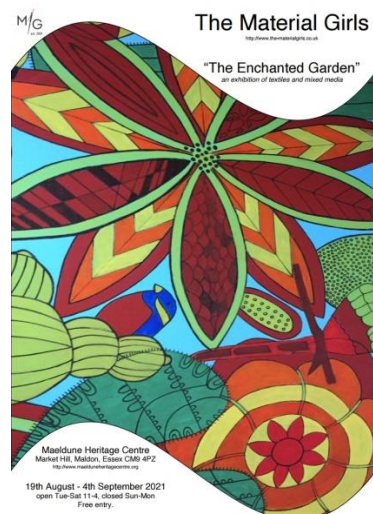
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## Material Girls 18.08.21 – 04.09.21

The exhibition will feature textile and mixed media pieces exploring what each artist finds magical about gardens.

The Material Girls hope visitors to the exhibition will enjoy leaving their troubles at the door and step into 'The Enchanted Garden'.



## Thames Sailing Barge Trust 08.09.21 – 28.09.21

The exhibition will focus on the cargoes they carried and the people who built and operated them.

The exhibition is funded by the Heritage Lottery and is part of The Pudge Project which is restoring the sailing barge Pudge in Maldon. Pudge was a Dunkirk Little Ship, and built in 1922 by the London and Rochester Barge Co. in Kent.

Entrance to the exhibition is free and the Maeldune Heritage Centre is open from 11:00 – 16:00, Tuesday to Saturday.



## Blackwater Quilters – 29.09.21 – 19.10.21

Poster to follow soon. Blackwater Quilter's exhibition will be celebrating 25 years since the commencement of the group showcasing vibrant and interesting patchwork and textiles.

## Gill Mitcham 20.10.21 – 09.11.21

Gill and Edd Mitcham were due to exhibit with us in March 2020 and his exhibition was ready to go when we went into lockdown and has to close the Centre. Sadly Ed passed away in Spring this year. Gill will be celebrating her late husband's work as an artist. Edd Mitcham was an artist painting mainly in oil on canvas board. He was a keen east coast yachtsman for many years and his main subject

is marine art although he sometimes branched out into figure work and landscape. For some years Gill and Edd cruised the Chelmer and Blackwater canal in their narrowboat, where Edd developed his own style of narrowboat art. Samples of Edd's work are below.



## Events

### Stow Maries

Come and see us on our stall at the Stow Maries Aerodrome event on Sunday 25 July to hear about the journey into the amazing history and culture of Essex!



## A Time for Essex

Sunday 25th July 2021



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GREAT WAR GIRL GUIDES

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10TH ESSEX DAUGHTERS OF BRITAIN

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WE'RE GOOD TO GO

VISIT ENGLAND

SMGWA operates a policy of Social Distancing within its exhibitions & open spaces throughout all events

STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME

FLAMBIRDS CHASE, HACKMANS LANE, PURLEIGH, NR MALDON, ESSEX CM3 6RJ

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY - MUST BOOK ONLINE

www.stowmaries.org.uk/events

Adult ticket: £17.50, pre booked

15 years & under: £5

Doors open at 10am

BBQ, REFRESHMENTS, EXHIBITIONS, GIFT SHOP & FREE CAR PARK

\* Flying displays planned subject to weather, serviceability & CAA conditions

Registered Charity 1151099

Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome is supported by









## Flower Festival 6 -8 August

We are taking part in the St Mary's Festival of Flowers in Maldon – the theme is JOY and our joy is that we can continue to celebrate and showcase arts, crafts and heritage at the Centre!!

## Heritage Open Weekend

The Centre will celebrate Heritage Open Weekend in Maldon this year over the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September, the theme is Edible England. The Centre will be open 11.00 – 4.00 and entry is free.

A local Anglo Saxon and Viking Re-enactment group will be joining us on the Heritage Open Weekend and the proposed timetable for the event in the grounds is set out below:

<b>10.00</b>	<b>Show starts</b>
<b>10:30-11:30/12</b>	<b>Training</b>
<b>11.00-11:30</b>	<b>Games</b>
<b>2.00-2:30</b>	<b>Arming the warrior</b>
<b>2:30-3.00</b>	<b>Battle</b>



Talks on the Maldon Embroidery will be available on request. Also new to the Centre this year we have:

1. A life size figure of Bryhtnoth to demonstrate how tall he was in battle and for visitors to take photos.
2. A Battle of Maldon Project pack. The main part of the pack is a Teachers' resource pack consisting of maps and information sheets. The second pack of sheets are Pupil Activity Sheets on various aspects of Saxon and Viking life.

The pack has been updated from the original Millennium pack by Jill Hipsey. That pack and this updated version were compiled by local teachers and originally financed by D. Ketley Asphalts. This updated version has been verified by Keith Bannister, retired local headteacher, who was involved in compiling the original pack. This is not intended to be a definitive programme of study and can be looked upon more as resource pack to aid

good primary practice. However, the National Curriculum History programmes of study for KS2 have been linked as far as possible.

### **Christmas Market**

The annual Christmas Fair will start this year on Friday 12 November and run until Thursday 23 December. More news to follow later in the year.

### **The Maldon Society**

The committee say a partial farewell to their Secretary Wendy Howell. Wendy has been a very busy secretary for the last sixteen years. She has taken on various additional jobs to ensure the smooth running of the Society. Wendy is going to continue to manage the oral history recordings which can be enjoyed at the Maeldune Heritage Centre and on our website [www.maldonsoc.org](http://www.maldonsoc.org) for which the committee is extremely grateful. Committee members would like to thank Wendy for all her dedication and the time she has given to the Society. We all wish her much enjoyment with new ventures ahead.

The Society welcomed their 100<sup>th</sup> member, Suzanne Wood with a celebratory certificate and a bottle of wine presented at the Maeldune Heritage Centre by Jane Senior, our membership secretary.

We have asked our members to complete a short questionnaire relating to their monthly talks to ascertain whether there is the desire to continue our zoom talks or to hold our meetings at a local venue. We will be publishing our selection of speakers for the Autumn season and the outcome of the questionnaire soon.

We will be entering St Mary's Flower Festival, so please come along to the Festival which is being held over the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August.

Please contact [maldonsociety@aol.com](mailto:maldonsociety@aol.com) if you would like to become a member (£10 for single membership and £16 for joint membership).

### **Volunteers**

We are always looking for volunteers to join our dedicated team – full training will be given. Apply to [info@maelduneheritagecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@maelduneheritagecentre.co.uk)

### **Newsletter**

If you are interested in hearing more about The Maeldune Heritage Centre or know someone would like to become a Friend sign up for our quarterly newsletter via our website: [www.maelduneheritagecentre.co.uk](http://www.maelduneheritagecentre.co.uk)



## **Donate**

The Maeldune Trust relies on sales, funding and donations to continue to operate and advance the education of the public in the history and heritage of the Town of Maldon, Essex. **Donate online** at: [www.maelduneheritagecentre.co.uk](http://www.maelduneheritagecentre.co.uk) or at the Centre.

**We are open Tuesday to Saturday 11.00 to 4.00**

**Admission is free. Donations welcome.**

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