

**Museum Management Working Group
Meeting 22nd July 2015
Museum Society Chairman's Report**

The Board have postponed the date of the Annual General Meeting to the 25th September 2015. This follows the resignation of the Treasurer Andrew Penman owing to a change in his personal circumstances. David Laing has agreed to return as a temporary Treasurer, but needed more time to complete the preparation of the annual accounts and have these examined. The Board are most grateful for David coming to help out until such time as we can find a new Treasurer. We await formal confirmation that Barbara Light has been appointed to the Board of Directors to replace Keith Eden. The Board thanked Keith Eden for his support during his time as a Director at its last meeting.

Work on the New Store shelving is at last complete. Work proceeds with the packing at Newport and work continues in the new store in anticipation of the move in the next couple of months. By the time of the AGM all should be complete and we hope to have a viewing for members in the autumn. The Board appointed a new Committee to consider the future development of the Museum, now that the planning for the new store and the transfer of contents is complete. The new Development Committee has met twice and is making progress in setting up the framework for the plans for the re-development of the Museum Buildings. The Committee spent some time visiting all the back rooms of the Museum and looking at the proposed site. We hope to have a Design Brief to consider at our next meeting.

Both the Society Website and the Museum Website have been re-launched. Tony Morton, a member of the Support Committee, has made an excellent job of bringing both these sites up to date. If you have not yet visited these do have a look, there is now up to date information of the Societies affairs and the Museum site is full of interesting information. As a result of suggestions made by the Support Committee the Donation Box has been moved to a more prominent position in the entrance hall. Try flushing your money to hear the audible thank you!

The main event of the spring has been the Waterloo event which went with a big bang! 30th May began with the volunteers erecting the array of tents and the arrival of a detachment of British Soldiers. Their demonstrations of the one shot muskets used at the time of Waterloo were well supported. It was also possible to fight a virtual battle on laptops. The pop up tea room and the bookstall were well supported and resulted in funds for the Society.

The spring series of talks is now complete and two outings have just been published by Carol Law and Heather Salvidge. A visit to the Polar Museum and Fingringhoe Wick and will have taken place by the time of this meeting.

Tony Watson.