

**Museum Management Working Group
Meeting 31st July 2019
Museum Society Chairman's Report**

Following the changes in Councillors at Uttlesford District Council we were pleased to hear that Cllr Dr Barbara Light has been re-nominated as a Director of the Board. We look forward to meeting the new members of MMWG. The Board has now appointed Alice Wilson as minute secretary.

The Development Committee is in the process of working with the Curator and Collections Officer on our 'Preparing for transformation' project, funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund, which will pave the way for the re-development of the museum.

Our winter series of talks has now come to an end. Vice-Chairman Paul Salvidge was unable to attend the final talk of the year in June so I took this opportunity express our thanks for all the hard work he has put in arranging a complete season of talks. These are all reported in detail in the Societies Newsletters.

On the 24th May we had the members' preview of the latest exhibition "Take Away the Walls". James Lombard has not only produced an exhibition of interesting natural history but – with Charlotte Pratt - also led activities outside the museum involving children and other interested bodies which include moths and bat surveys.

The Piano, in which the gold coins were found, was delivered to the Museum last August and has now been installed in a permanent position in the local history gallery by Jenny Oxley. We have provided volunteers for the 12th Century history event in the Castle grounds in June and are now preparing for the second "Wallace's Great Bake Off" on the 9th August

We have received excellent support for donations to our recent request for funds to acquire further treasure. We exceeded our target so we have now paid for the items we applied for and these will soon be on display in the treasure cabinet in the Great Hall.

Tony Watson