

# The Maldon Society

## OUR NEW YEAR IS ABOUT TO START!

With much better news on the Covid situation and vaccines, and the arrival of Spring, we can now at last look forward to our own new year.

### **Membership renewal**

Your Committee, having renewed itself with the inclusion of two new capable recruits, is looking forward to many interesting activities in the year ahead. We obviously hope you will join us too by renewing your membership using the attached form. As explained, we need to update all our membership records and would therefore appreciate your full details, even if some have been given before. Payment needs to be made in April please.

### **Talks restarting**

Although current Covid restrictions mean we still have to assume we cannot meet together until September, we hope all those that can will join us for a short season of Zoom meetings to cover the period April to July.

For those unfamiliar with Zoom we have already prepared simple joining instructions and attached these to the last members update. (*If you require a further copy please let us know.* )

If you don't have a computer, don't despair! You can dial in to at least hear the talk using your phone, but please be aware that your phone charges will apply.

Members of the public and other societies are also able to join us.

### **Thursday 1st April at 4pm**

Tony Tuckwell proved a popular speaker previously, and this time the former headmaster is appropriately giving a talk on Tudor Education in Essex, including reference to Thomas Plume. You can register now for this talk simply through the link shown in the covering email.

Alternatively the link to register can be found on the Maldon Society website on either the home or talks pages. Following registration you will be given the actual meeting link.

If you do not have access to a computer and would like to join us for this meeting by phone, please contact us to let us know, and then on the day simply ring 0203 481 5240 and when prompted give the meeting ID as 823 9915 1887 and then the passcode 309566.

The meeting will start promptly at 4pm but will be open twenty minutes or so before then to give everyone plenty of time to join and get comfortable.

### **Thursday 6th May at 4pm**

Most of you know how fortunate we are to have Tim Howson as the District's Conservation Officer. He has been closely involved with recent developments at 4 Silver Street (opposite the Blue Boar) and will specially give us a first taste of what's been found during the current renovations and alterations, and the intended new life for this historic home. Later in the year the owner has already extended an invitation for our members to visit.

If you wish to register ahead for the May meeting the link is already on our website's Talks page or you can do it now through the link in the covering email. More joining details will also be given in the next newsletter.

### **April Newsletter**

Items are already being prepared for the biannual newsletter and details of the further Zoom talks will be given then, along with how we propose to deal with the AGM, as well as news of blue plaques, planning issues and much else....

**Finally, we look forward to you renewing your membership and hope to 'see' you on 1st April for our first talk. With very best wishes from all the committee meanwhile,**

**Judy Lea, Chairman**