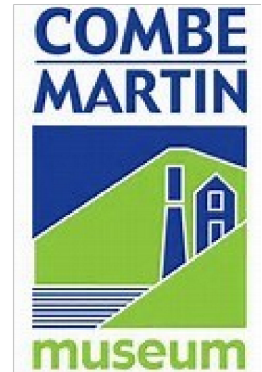


# COMBE MARTIN MUSEUM

## NEWSLETTER



# JUNE



*From Shirley, Chair of Trustees*

### *News Update*

The visitor season is in full swing from May 2026, with the two bank holidays and half-term week. [Combe Martin Museum](#) has been really busy and we've been kept on our toes. With quite a few of our usual staff away or ill we have had to rely on several of our volunteers taking on extra shifts – they are always so willing and we are grateful. [This June 2026 newsletter includes a busy calendar of events.](#)

### *Museum Coffee Mornings*

It was good to see lots of our regular customers back again, and it was lovely to see several visitors joining in with our coffee morning and raffle.



### *Museum Shop*

The museum shop has also had a lot of interest in the new items for sale and has been particularly busy with visitors coming in to buy maps and books about the local area.

### *Liz Shakespeare Talk*

On Friday 22nd May we welcomed local author Liz Shakespeare. She gave us such an interesting talk on the research involved to ensure that her novels are historically accurate. It was good to hear extracts from some of her books and she made her talk fun and fascinating.



It was really great to have a full house of people attending the Liz Shakespeare talk, many of whom had not been to the museum before. The wine, fruit punch and nibbles all went down very well and it was a really good evening.

## Website

Paul has been working hard on keeping [our website](#) technically up to date and we are so lucky to have him on board. We are introducing a monthly newsletter to be added to the site, so that people can see what we have been up to, and what events are coming up.

## Seashore Safaris

We are hoping to publish details of dates for our Seashore Safaris soon. They are being worked out as we write and of course they depend on tide times, so keep a look out for when they will be.

## Dates for your Diaries

**3 COFFEE MORNINGS this month – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.** We are sure they will be really busy as usual so do come along early to book your seat! 11 am – 12.30 pm and the price includes free entry to museum, so how about staying a bit longer and having a look around.



**CRAFT TEA CLUB** – dates to be confirmed for June – has got a bit out of kilter because of the bank holidays so do keep an eye out for dates on Facebook, posters, and website.

**STRAWBERRY GROWING IN COMBE MARTIN – 7.30pm on FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.** This should be an interesting talk led by Sonya Moore illustrating the history of strawberries in the village. The price of £7 per person will include prosecco, a Devon cream tea and strawberries!! Tickets need to be booked in advance so please call in to the museum or telephone 01271 889031 during opening hours. You can also book by email [combemartinmuseum@googlemail.com](mailto:combemartinmuseum@googlemail.com)



Will volunteers please note that the next meeting is on **MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE at 1.45 in Sail Loft.** A lot of people were away last month, and we need to be able to confirm rota sheets for June and July please.

**THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 10.30/11am** – this is the re-arranged date for the hosting of the North Devon museums group in the Sail Loft. It would be good if we could have some extra volunteers around that morning to welcome our visitors.



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