

WEST NORFOLK & KING'S LYNN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SUMMER FIELD TRIPS 2019

Please note that while visits to both sites are free of charge, donations would be very gratefully received.

Marshland Maritime Museum, Clenchwarton

Saturday 18th May, 10.30 a.m.

This small award-winning museum is the creation of Royal Naval veteran Mike Smith and his wife Jo. It is housed in two purpose-built buildings at their home in Clenchwarton and contains over 3,000 items of Royal Naval memorabilia, mainly dating from the 1950s to the present day. It is one of the largest collections of Royal Naval artefacts permanently on display anywhere in this country.

Mike and Jo had been collecting 'Naval Curios' for over 25 years when they realised that the collection had outgrown their home and they need to be displayed in a manner better suited to encourage visitors. In 2004 they erected the first building in the grounds of their home followed by the second in 2009. They now welcome a steady stream of visitors, both summer and winter, mainly former sailors, Royal Naval Association Branches and ship associations. The museum also attracts young people from local Sea Cadet Units and schools and has been used for fund raising events such as the Poppy Appeal and Help for Heroes.

Mike is pleased to share his memories of service at sea in destroyers, submarines and minesweepers. Many of the exhibits are directly connected to ships in which he served. In recent years the museum has extended the range of exhibits to include ships and uniforms from some other navies and an extensive collection of equipment from Ton Class Minesweepers.

More information is available at www.marshlandmaritimemuseum.com

The visit is expected to last around 2 hours and will include cups of tea (toilet facilities are also provided!) and we have a booking at the Victory Inn directly afterwards for those who wish to stay in the village for lunch and continue the maritime theme!