

## **NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR – JANUARY 2024**

**Thank you to all our members for your continuing support during 2023, and we wish you all the best for 2024.**

**Trustees** The committee now has seven Trustees who are working well together to keep the Friends going, and **we would welcome further volunteers to join us.** This is not an onerous job, as we only meet 4 times a year and would welcome some input and help at the occasional talk or film showing. Contact the secretary for further information. [carolallen004@gmail.com](mailto:carolallen004@gmail.com), 07971 514091

**Donations** The Friends had a very sociable afternoon of tea and cakes and enjoyed a viewing of the Viking replicas in the summer. These were purchased with a Friends donation of £1,000, enabling the museum to have the fabulous replicas for use with education groups. We have also donated £500 to the museum to assist with the new Community Garden which will be open to all users of the library and museum.

**Talks and Film Showings** These were regular events throughout 2023 and are continuing in 2024. Don't be put off by the titles as all the talks were really excellent and most interesting, informative and entertaining. Talks in February, March and April will be held on Thursday evenings, and in September, October and December talks will be held on a Thursday afternoon to see if this is a more attractive time for some members. All talks and films are now shown in the Regalette and are preceded by refreshments and chat. Film showings are on a Tuesday afternoon in February, March, April, September, October and November and full details are available on the website.

**Visit to the Museum Archives** We are hoping to arrange a visit to the museum archives in Winsford to see what they are keeping in their stores. It is hoped this will be in the warmer summertime, and there will be refreshments. We will let you know the date and arrangements when finalised.

**Membership** Please note that membership fees, due on 1 May 2024, are now £10 per person, and £18 for a couple, so you may need to change your standing order.

**We look forward to your continuing support and to welcoming you to all our events.**

**John Glaister - Chair**