

The P G Wodehouse Society visits the Museum

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Margaret Rogers (above) and members of the Wodehouse Society and Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust (right)



A splendid display of nibbles, fruit and cheese delights met Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust 's (EMHT) visitors from the P G Wodehouse Society (UK) as they entered the David Rudkin Room on Friday, 29th July. Margaret Rogers welcomed everyone and pointed out that a lot had happened in the Museum since the last visit by members of the Society. Museum volunteers had taken advantage of the enforced Covid closure by refurbishing the Main Room and moving the Wodehouse corner display into a central position. That display now shows to advantage a typically early 20th century town hall fireplace flanked on one side by a reorganised library of most of P G Wodehouse (Plum's) works and on the other by a desk with a typewriter. There is also a touch screen panorama of the correspondence between Plum and his housekeeper Mrs Lillian Barnett which began in 1914 and only ended after 60 years in 1974 on her death.

EMHT Chairman Trevor Davies then used the opportunity of the evening to surprise Margaret, who is now retiring, by outlining how over the years she had been extremely helpful in various capacities to the Museum. He then handed over to her a collage of Emsworth photographs beautifully prepared by Bernie Gudge, giving her a memento of her years in Emsworth before she joins other family members in North Hampshire.



Presented to
Dr Margaret Rogers
with best wishes from her many friends in the Emsworth Maritime & Historical Trust - July 2022

Members both from the Society and the Trust were then able to relax and happily chat and mingle for a couple of hours, exploring all the David Rudkin Room boards, Research Room cabinets and the Main Room exhibits. All agreed it was a good way to strengthen ties between the two and rounded off a very worthwhile visit.