



## Southwold Museum

### Jan Holloway retires as Museum Curator

When Jan Holloway accepted my suggestion that she should become Curator of Southwold Museum, in October 2013, she was quite unsure that she was the right person for the job. In fact, she proved brilliant. Her down to earth style meant that she was able to cajole volunteers to do more than they had intended and her background as a teacher enabled her to find the right touch with children – taking objects from our collections for them to handle at school and devising all sorts of things to engage their attention when visiting the Museum. In the winter months, she and Neil could often be found re-painting the walls or helping me re-organize the displays. Best of all, from my point of view, was that we formed a happy partnership - cheerfully arguing together as I dreamed up new ideas for the Museum and she reminded me of what was practical.

So it is with many regrets that I have to announce Jan's retirement. She has been undergoing treatment for cancer and has had to hand over her role a few months earlier than planned. We wish her the very best for a swift and complete recovery and want to express our heartfelt thanks for all that she has done for the Museum, and for Southwold.

Jan's successors as Joint Curators are twin sisters Jo Flunder and Val Waters. They will obviously need time to become familiar with the running of the Museum, so we ask for your patience and wish them well.

Simon Loftus

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