



## Happy New Year from all the Crew at Langham Dome Museum!

Our Membership Secretary, Fiona Pridham, stepped down at the end of December after having done a sterling job in the position for the past 3 years. She made major improvements to the system in that time, including all of the renewals now coming around annually.

Hence, we are urgently looking for a suitable person to fill the role. It is a voluntary position, but it is a vital part of the Dome's well being. Without our FoLD Members the museum would almost certainly be in jeopardy.

If you feel you are **THAT** person, please contact Deborah Preston at [deborahlangdome@gmail.com](mailto:deborahlangdome@gmail.com)

**Langham Dome Museum.**  
Anti-Aircraft Gunnery Training Site & RAF Base in WW2  
**"The BIG Anniversary"**  
**Open Day 2024**  
**Sunday 21st July**

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I hope you will all put Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July in your diaries!

The Dome will be celebrating several important anniversaries.

We are busy putting together a great Open Day for all the family. Please advertise it to all your family and friends.

As in past Open Days it will be FREE to enter, but there will be collection buckets being rattled and the chance to purchase the Grand Draw tickets, with cash prizes of £9.50 being given away, when it is drawn in October.

We took the decision, this year, to leave the Spitfire on its plinth through the winter! It is both time consuming on both the Trustees, and Volunteers, and costly to lift her off, dismantle her and then cart her to the Barns at the other end of the village. Then doing it all in reverse in the spring. There is also a degree of risk involved that something might go wrong, something breaking or someone being in the wrong place at the wrong time. So why take the risk if 'Douglas' (the pilot!) is happy to sit up there all winter. So far she has weathered the autumn and winter storms admirably. Our aim is to get a cherry picker up there next spring and give her a wash and polish ready for the season.

I decided to step down as manager at the end of December, and have now moved across into Administration. The role of Manager has been taken over by our experienced Scott Eltringham who will, I'm certain, be more than up to the task. It will be one of his priorities to get more local schools to come and try our hands-on history experience.

He will be advertising for new volunteers to join us this year. He had 14 volunteers this past season who made a heroic effort to fill the Rota. Many doing extra shifts to cover shortages. If you are interested please contact Scott on [manager@langhamdome.org](mailto:manager@langhamdome.org)

Best Wishes. Deborah Preston. Administrator.