



Maldon Art Trail Newsletter – February 2016

We are happy to announce that plans for 2016 are underway.

We will once again be towards the end of the Essex Summer of Art events, with our trails opening in September. The 'town' trail will open on the 24 September and we have decided this year that this one should run for an additional day as the Saltmarsh 75 event will be taking place in the town on the first Sunday of October and with lots of supporters following the race and waiting for the runners/walkers to arrive from Maylandsea, it is a potentially new audience for us.

For similar reasons, our sculpture trail, which will once again be at the Museum of Power will open earlier than the town trail, on the 17 September, to benefit from a wider audience there for a 'Steampunk' event.

We had, what we feel was a really good mix of our ever popular returning artists and new ones last year. We were also lucky to have a few new venues and an open studio on our High Street. We are hoping that you will all support the event again this year (our 9th) and that together we can give both the residents and visitors to the town another visual treat.

As we have the Maldon half marathon at the beginning of our trail week and the Saltmarsh 75 (a 75 mile walk/run along the coast of the Maldon District) at the end of our trail week, Maldon events are the theme for our young persons art competition this year. More details about the competition will be in our next news letter as well as news of how our local schools are planning to be involved this year.

A young persons art workshop event will be happening at the town hall on the first Saturday of the trail. The workshop last year was as popular as ever and it is encouraging to see so many creative people growing up in our town. We are also hoping that we will be able to have some demonstrations or activities scheduled in the town over the course of the trail and if you are interested/able to be involved in these, that you let us know as soon as possible.

2016 will also see us return to the Maeldune Centre. The centre is right in the middle of our town and is home to a variety of different exhibitions throughout the year. We are very pleased to add the Maldon Art Trail to that list and will update you soon about our plans there.

We will continue to try and share information about the trail via newsletters, our facebook and twitter accounts as well as on our website. We have recently added some FAQ's to the website which, we hope, will help and encourage new venues and artists to take part. If you think we have missed anything, please let us know.

Applications to take part in 2016 are now being accepted. To help you decide whether to take part, we are offering an 'early bird discount' of £5 to anyone who applies before the end of February.

Please go to our website to download an application form.

If you can spare a little time to help with organising the trail, if you have any ideas or suggestions to make it better or if you just want to apply to take part right now, we'd love to hear from you.

Finally, we have received an enquiry about a painting that appears to be by a local artist as it has the following written on the label "Dolly's bedtime" Carole Linsley, The lodge, Hill House Park, Market Hill, Maldon.' If anyone has any information about the artist, could you please let us know so that we might pass it on.