

Open Day Stories:

The Open Day on 30th March was a great success and I met some lovely people who were visiting the island. We opened the **Buoy Masters Museum** to the public for the first time and 136 people came to see it. The first visitor was a lady called Margaret Tennant.

Her grandfather was named John Mottley who worked for Mersey Docks and Harbour board from 1939 to 1969. He worked on salvage and survey vessels on the Dee and Mersey estuaries and his work included making sure the channels were free for navigation. He was referred to as 'Skipper Jack'. How nice that a lady with a maritime background should be the first person to visit the Buoymasters!



Lawrence Carter & fellow walkers

Another visitor to the island was a gentleman called Lawrence Carter. He was walking Hilbre as part of a 3500 mile trek around the coast of England and Wales. He is raising awareness of **Cervical Cancer** as his wife had sadly died from the disease. Details of his progress can be found at www.3500toendit.com you can also follow the link to make donations to this very worthy cause.

Dave Gregson

Editor's note: The 1st Open Day of 2019 was a lovely sunny day and was well supported by 18 FoH Volunteers. We made £208.81 by selling refreshments, other sales and donations.



Please help us to continue to make the Open Days and Seal Watch a big success. When we have sufficient volunteers we can provide Seal Watch, open the Telegraph Station and Bouy Master's Museum, **and** provide refreshments to visitors. All these activities help us to inform the public and enable us to fulfil the aims of the Friends of Hilbre.