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## **PRESS RELEASE Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Opening Soon the much-awaited brand new Robin Gibb Gallery: An Enduring Tribute to a 20<sup>th</sup> Century Music Icon**

Thame Museum is delighted to announce that following our very successful commemorative Robin Gibb exhibition in 2022, we are launching a permanent display gallery, dedicated to the outstanding music legend Robin Gibb, who with his brothers, Barry and Maurice, achieved worldwide fame as the Bee Gees.

Robin acquired a family home in Thame in 1983. He is buried in St. Mary's Churchyard, Thame, opposite his home.

The Gallery will comprise artefacts, photographs and other memorabilia from the personal archive of Robin's widow, Dwina. We are very grateful to be able to display these wonderful personal items. The exhibition has been generously supported by the Robin Gibb Trust who facilitated the acquisition of new display cabinets.

Some of the displays will be refreshed throughout the year, to allow our visitors to enjoy repeat visits.

Entrance is free,

**The official opening of the new Gallery will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm.**

**Dwina commented:** *Robin loved Thame because of its incredible history, its position between London and Oxford, and for the warmth of its people. I am grateful that Thame remembers Robin in this way.*

**Adrian Dite, Chair of the Museum Trust** said: *What was envisaged as a short temporary exhibition has been so popular with both local residents, and international visitors, that a new gallery has been established reflecting Robin Gibb's importance to modern culture, and his life in Thame. We are very grateful for the support and encouragement from Dwina and the Robin Gibb Trust. We are looking forward to welcoming back some old friends as well as introducing the story to new visitors.*

[Thame Museum](#) is an accredited charity, housed in the former magistrate's court. It is run entirely by volunteers. The museum tells the story of Thame and its environs, from pre-Anglo-Saxon time through to the present day, including Thame's pivotal role in the Civil War. It boasts a set of unique Elizabethan wall paintings, discovered in a house in Thame, and now displayed in a recently refurbished Elizabethan room. The museum also hosts temporary exhibitions and monthly talks and has regular children's activities. The museum shop has a variety of products on sale, all from local artisans, which can be purchased in person or online. See the website for opening hours.

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