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# The Oundle Museum Summer Newsletter



*Touring Gent's farm in the Sunshine Bank Holiday Monday.*

## Welcome to our Summer Newsletter 2018.

As you maybe aware this year's theme is very much about Farming?

- This year's exhibition is attracting a high amount of interest featuring various aspects of farming ancient and modern including different varieties of wheat being grown in the Museum backyard.
- ***Our Spring Bank Farm Tours.*** We are very grateful to John Gent his staff and family for making the Farm Tours so enjoyable during the Spring Bank holiday weekend. On the Sunday they took 30 visitors on a tractor trailer tour of their very impressive environmental farm and on the Monday 40 visitors. We were entertained with the Special Breed Cattle, the art of Bee Keeping, Sheep Dog trialling and some of the history of Stoke Doyle not to mention the tea and biscuits in the Barn at the end. Our thanks go to the visitors and their contributions but above all to the Gent family in telling us about the contribution our farming neighbours make to the community.
- Our activities have also been well attended and we very much appreciate Stewards and the Museum Friends attending our ***Coffee Morning at Dexters in March.*** We shall also be holding an ***Autumn*** Coffee morning. See dates for your Diary 2018 below.
- We thank everyone for their contributions to our Market Stall in April which kicked off the year after the very cold snowy period.

- Thank you for supporting the Spring Talk at Oundle Bowls Club titled “The last 100 days of the first World War” and presented by the U3A military group and our thanks go out to them once again for a job well done.

*Visitors enjoying the sun & aspects of Bee Keeping*

## • **Further Dates for your Diary**

- We will have a stand at ***The Barnwell Music in the Park*** event on ***July 7th*** so come along, bring the family and enjoy the entertainment.
- In association with ***Oundle Town Festival*** we have planned two ***Walking Tours of the Town*** on Sunday July 8th. One at 11am starting at Benefield Road car park with tour leader David Parker and a tour length of one hour. The second tour lead by Stephen Ealzell commencing at 2pm.



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## • **Extended opening during July and throughout August.**

- ***Commencing on Wednesday 25th July*** and throughout August on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 11am to 5pm. Also weekends as usual Sat 11-5pm, Sun 2-5pm.

## • **Special events during this period include the following:**

- We hope to run ***Two Special Tractor Open Days one on August 5th and the other August 19th.*** This will consist of two old vintage Tractors, Massey Ferguson 65's for Children and Adults alike to learn about and appreciate, plus other items of interest.
- ***Throughout August we will have a Special Silhouette Competition*** for budding farmers and those familiar with the land to have a go at identifying obscure equipment used on the land and for farming. Think you know your tools, then have a go!
- ***The unique Biggin Quilt will be on display August 26th and 27th.*** It's a must for all to see and wonder how many unique patches have been hand stitched into one piece.

- ***The Museum will be participating in the Nene Valley Festival Sept 15th & 16th also 22nd & 23rd,*** showing a video of the course of the ***Willow Brook*** and the interesting features along it.

- ***The Autumn Talk*** planned for November.  
(Title, Speaker and Venue tba).

- ***A Friends and Stewards 'Autumn Coffee Morning on Wednesday October 17th at Dexters 10:15-12am,*** in a convivial atmosphere. An ideal opportunity to meet and chat to other Stewards and Friends over free tea/coffee and cake.

*The answers to the Question in the Autumn Issue of where did the Roman Catholic Church hold services for 40 years from 1807 was: Above the building that housed the International Stores in West Street.*

**Did you know?**

**That the Museum has its 25th anniversary in September.**

