

The Oundle Museum Autumn Newsletter, Sept 2018

Welcome to your Autumn Newsletter 2018.

With Autumn rapidly approaching we are planning our events for the end of year which is in the 'What's to Come' section. Page 2.

- However we would like to tell you of some changes that we have made over the Summer and how we fared with our events.
- Following on from our successful **Gents' Farm Tours** at the start of the season we enjoyed a successful time at **Music in the Park** albeit the very hot weather and the fact that England played their Quarter Final the afternoon of the festival somewhat diminished the number of visitors but nevertheless we considered it a success once more.
- Our extended opening during the end of July and all of August brought in a record number of visitors for the period, bolstered yet again by the Biggin Quilt display.
- We also had two days where we had two real working Tractors parked in the back yard to give adults and children alike insight into how and when they were built and the



opportunity to sit on them. We had a 1958 Massey Ferguson 65, plus a 1974 edition both still in use by the Gent family today. Again we are grateful to John Gent and family for their wonderful help this season.



- ***There are two important additions to the Museum this term.***
- ***Firstly we have introduced a digital feedback system*** that will help us with understanding what the visitors think about the various aspects of the Museum Exhibition, our staff and the individual elements such as the Theme room, Barn etc.
- ***Secondly a new 32" digital screen in the Map room showing a video of a Walk along the Willow Brook*** which runs between Corby and Elton, highlighting some of the interesting aspects of the Brook's course and its history.

1993 to 2018

- We hope that you have noticed from our header that we have reached a significant milestone in our history. It is our Silver Anniversary, i.e: 25 years this month since we opened in the Old Drill Hall along the Benefield Road. We will be holding a reunion later in the year.

'See What's to Come 2018'

*Mischief in the Ship Inn, Sept 1781
John Clifton reports: On Wednesday last a bloody battle was fought between Mrs Chapman and Mrs Brookshaw.*

What's to Come for 2018.

- **Your last chance to visit the Museum is on Sunday October 29th** as we close for another year.
- The Management Committee and Friends will be working on the 2019 exhibition concentrating on **'Transport through the Ages'**
- **The 2019 Exhibition** preview evening is scheduled for Friday March 1st 2019, timing and venue tba.

- In respect to the end of the first world war **'Our Autumn Talk on November 19th, will be given by Dr Paul Stamper, FSA (Heritage). entitled "Legacy of the First World War in England"**

The First World War had a huge physical impact on England, with the construction of coastal defences, munitions factories, training grounds and airfields and much else. Until recently this legacy has been little researched, but since 2014 Historic England and others have revealed forgotten sites and buildings across the land. This illustrated talk will introduce something of that legacy.

Dr Paul Stamper played a leading role for Historic England's work to mark the centenary of the First World War, and is co-editor of 'Legacies of the First World War' also Building for Total War 1914-18 (2018).

-The Venue is Oundle Bowling Club on Monday November 19th commencing at 7-15pm.

Tickets £5 on the door or from Keith Smith 273064. Bar Available.

- If you haven't yet been please come along and visit our **'Friends and Stewards Autumn Coffee Morning' on Wednesday October 17th at 'Dexters' as usual at 10:15-12am**, in

a convivial atmosphere. An ideal opportunity to meet and chat to other like minds, over *free tea/coffee and cake.*

- **Nene Valley Festival on September 15th, 16th and the 22nd, 23rd** weekends showing the Willow Brook Video.

- **The Museum Silver Anniversary celebrating 25 years of Oundle Museum.** This event is a reunion opportunity for the many people involved in establishing the Museum and those who have continued to support it over the 25 years. **By invite only.**

1565; The bed by the brook beyond the meadow adjoining Warrens Bridge on the South was called "Triangle Pigbeel"

The venue is the Hub on November 9th commencing at 6pm. There will be drinks and nibbles and an opportunity to discuss the common experiences and how the Museum has developed over the 25 years.

Can you Help?

We would like to invite more Friends and Stewards to be involved with the Museum.

Should you know a friend, neighbour or a relative that could contribute or just want to get involved then please let us know, we would be pleased to hear from you.

For the Museum to exist, it relies on our many volunteers who are committed to develop and share our local history. Please tel: John Hadman on 272735 or talk to any of the Committee.

