



- Oundle Museum Celebrating 25 Years -

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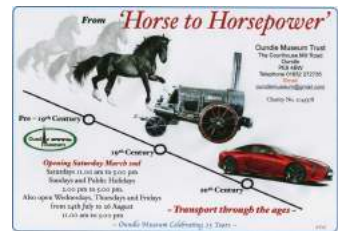
Welcome to our Spring Newsletter

- It's that time of year again when we change our 'Theme' to reflect the diversity of our community and the changing nature of our times. This year nothing reflects these statements more than our theme which pays homage to the rapid changing nature of transport over the last two centuries and how its affected our community and the world we live in today.

We sincerely hope that you enjoy the exhibition which has been put together by the usual suspects, our management committee but, more importantly, local people whom have made a wonderful contribution. Notably Brian Fosh, Alan Malt, Mr Chandler, Alison Howard, Pat Nicholls and 90 year old Jim Hancock.

- **This year's theme is entitled:** from *'Horse to Horsepower'* transport through the ages

The exhibition endeavours to show some of the people, places and businesses that transformed the way our modes of transport changed over two centuries and fueled our need to explore and travel.



Featured is **Donegani's** garage of East Road, **Arthur Howitt's** saddlery in New Street, the introduction of the bypass, the construction of the North Bridge, stage coaches, trains and



Model of Triumph T80

many exhibits and models of two wheeled and four wheeled modes of transport.

Also on display is a magnificent book which describes in detail **Queen Victoria's** trip in 1864 from London through Northamptonshire to Burghley House.



- So you think you know your cars then try our quiz and identify the models, courtesy of Jim Hancock.
- Alternatively if you like horses, then have a go at guessing the name of our horse in the stable next door to Arthur Howitt's shop, the saddler. *Please ask the Steward for a quiz sheet.*
- **Children** can operate as a ticket officer in the Oundle Station waiting room making sure all passengers are issued with a ticket.

Do you know how One Horsepower was so defined?
What did mining have to do with capturing the formula?
Visit the Museum and discover the secret of how the power of your car engine is now defined.

We hope the train is not delayed?

Turnover for the 'Oundle Inns Quiz' Do you know them?

☀️ **Coming Up over the next few months.**

- **Come along to our 'Friends and Stewards Spring Coffee Morning' on Wednesday March 20th 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 Museum will also be open Good Friday April 19th 2-5pm, Easter Saturday 11am to 5pm, Easter Sunday and Monday 2-5pm.



Model Steam Roller
made from Matchsticks

- **On Monday May 13th** we are holding our first Annual talk related to our theme, and is about the rebuilding of a 'Patriot Class Steam Engine' named **"The Unknown Warrior"** The talk will be given by Kevin West who is the Chief Engineer on the project.

To be held at **Oundle Bowling Club** at 6-45pm. Tickets £8 from a member of the management committee or on the door.

- **On the weekend of May 18th we are participating in the 'Vintage Weekend'** by raising money for the church bell and clock. This will be on two fronts namely by holding a Market Stall (details to follow) and having several vintage vehicles on show in the Museum Courtyard for observation, eg., 1972 Rover 2000, Model T Ford, 1953 Austin Somerset etc.

☀️ **Things to look out for during the year.**

- **We will have two Quizzes running throughout the Summer.**

~ If you are a petrol head then have a go at naming the cars in one of our displays. You can collect the list from a steward with all the car names given and all you have to do is put them in the correct order. Simple!

~ The second, if you enjoy horses, is to name the Horse in the stable next to Arthur Howitt's shop. *There are 'Prizes for both quizzes'*

- **Music in the Park 6th July.** We will have a stall as usual. See you there.

Who residing in Oundle owned a 'de Dion Bouton' in the 1890's when the speed limit was 4mph?
The answer is in the museum.

Do you know where 'Arthur Howitt's' shop was located.
How about Donegani's garage. Do you know where he was located?
Answers: Both of these can be found in the Museum display. Marvel at the real 1938 Triumph motorbike in his garage.

- **This year our 32 digital screen in the Map room will be showing a video of 'Oundle School Archive footage 1920-1956'**

So You think you Know Oundle? Out of these anagrams can you name the Inns of the past ?
Gash Dean:1828
Son Sam Rams.....1894
Duks Reath.....1682
Hermit Dame.....1678
Answers available in the Museum.

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