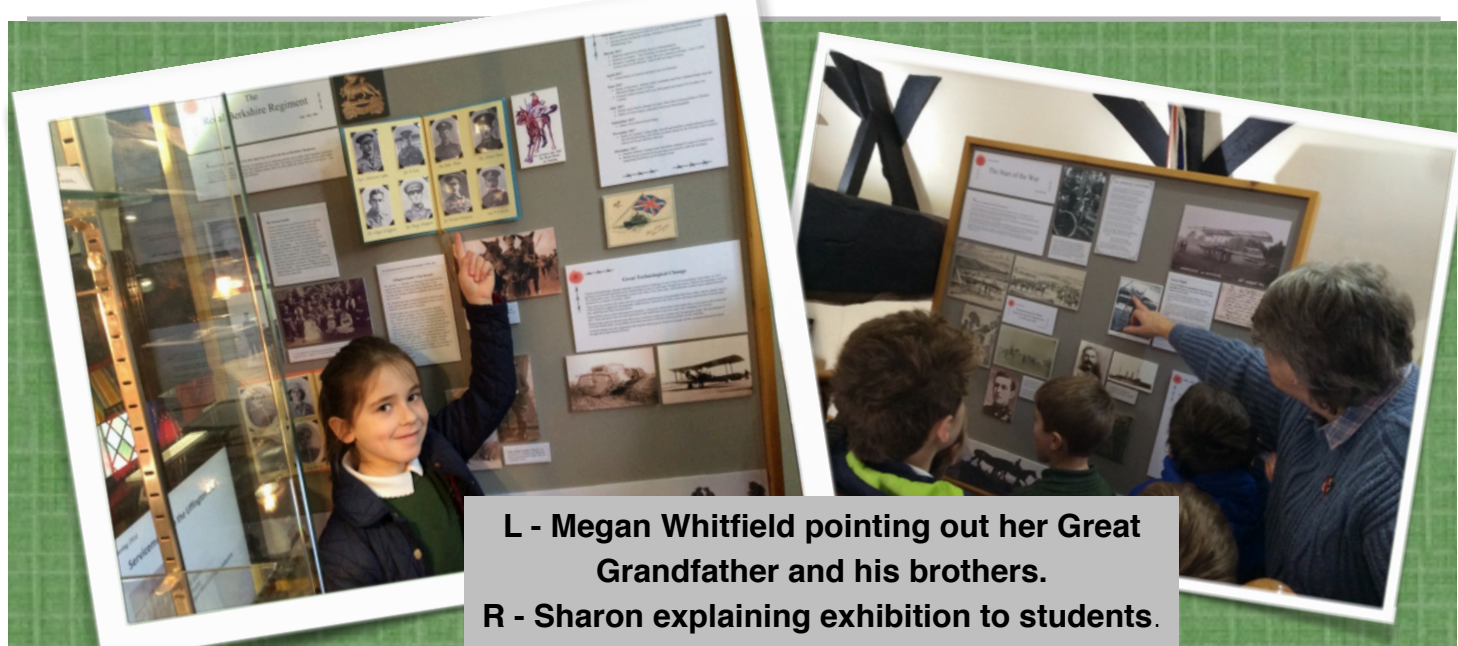


Tom Brown's School Museum

Friends Newsletter

December 2014



**L - Megan Whitfield pointing out her Great Grandfather and his brothers.
R - Sharon explaining exhibition to students.**

Uffington Primary School visit WWI Museum Exhibition

Remembrance preparations

We were pleased to welcome all the pupils and staff of Uffington Primary School when they visited the museum as part of their preparations for Remembrance Day. They looked at the World War 1 presentation on the touch-screens and were able to see if a First World War serving soldier had lived in their house. Some of the children were able to see mention of their ancestors.

Many thanks!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the Friends who have given up their time to officiate in the Museum throughout the summer months. Also to those who helped with the extra days when we decided to extend the museum season to accommodate Remembrance Day and Candida Lycett-Green's Memorial service. Candida was a strong supporter of the work of the museum and will be greatly missed.

With your help we welcomed 1,433 visitors this summer, an increase of almost 50% on last years visitor numbers. Time these days is a most precious thing and we really appreciate the fact that you are willing to give up your afternoons.

The museum is completely dependent on your help and we do hope that you will help again next year. It is always possible to exchange your date, just notify Lucy and tick your memory box.

We are always looking for more recruits so please pounce on anyone you think may be interested and have a free afternoon available.

Friends news



Derek Kelsey

We lost another of our Friends when Derek died on 1st November this year after a long illness. Derek moved to the village with his wife Ann 33 years ago and immediately became involved in village life. As an enthusiastic supporter of all things Uffington Derek became a Friend of the Museum. The Friends benefited from the grant funding process which he established when acting as secretary to the White Horse Show Trust. His business acumen revitalised the White Horse Show thus enabling many other organisations in the village to thrive as well.

Nigel Tilling

Our thoughts also go to Mandy Tilling, after Nigel passed away this month after a long illness.

Donations from Jeanne Ayres family and new Friends

We have been overwhelmed by people's generosity in memory of Jeanne Ayres. After some discussion on how to mark this gift to the museum, Jeanne's family are supportive of our idea to buy a new computer for the touch screen in the gallery. This will ensure that it is compatible with the other machines in the museum and will be able to run our presentations.

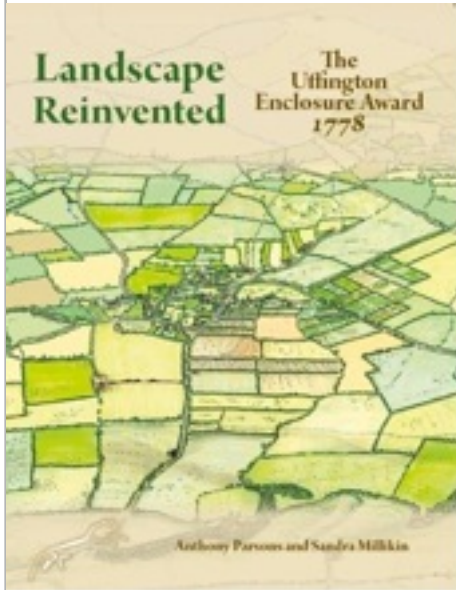
As well as the donations, we have been pleased to welcome new Friends to our organisation.

Successful WWI Exhibition

This year's WWI Exhibition has been very successful. Our visitor numbers increased by fifty percent. There have been many complimentary comments in our visitors book, worth a browse next time you visit. We kept the exhibition open longer this year to allow visitors to the village for Remembrance Day to see the story of the local men who saw active service during WWI.



New Exhibition for 2015



Preparations are underway for our new exhibition for 2015. It will cover the effects the Enclosures Act of 1778 had on our surrounding countryside. The exhibition is linked with Anthony Parson's recently published book "Landscape Reinvented". Anthony's book is co-authored by Sandra Millikin, The book is on sale in the village shop for £5. Funds raised by the sale of the book will go to the museum.



L to R , Giles Darkes (cartographer) Sandra Millikin, Bronwen Thomas (artist) and Anthony Parsons.

Oxfordshire Museums Council meeting

Tom Browns School Museum is part of a network of museums located in Oxfordshire. Sharon was asked to give a talk on our World War 1 presentation at the AGM in October. Everyone was most impressed with the touch screen poppy map presentation and all wanted to know how it was done! Sharon was able to bask in the glory of Dave Kennedy's and John Henville's hard work. We are expecting to see versions of it all over the county!



Reminder.....

At the last AGM it was agreed that the annual subscription for the Friends will increase to £10.00 from 1st February, 2015 and the Lifetime Subscription to £100.00. We rely on your support to continue our work to safely maintain and add to the archives of our historically rich area for the benefit of future generations. We really do appreciate your support,.Our next Annual General Meeting is on 24th February 2015 and you are most welcome to attend.

Archives from Jenkins family

Peter Jenkins visited the museums recently. to donate a huge collection of photographs and books from his family. Peter's father was Thomas Jenkins, son of John Jenkins of The Wharf – Amongst these treasures was a lovely photograph of the family when they moved to 'Hill View', now known as The Walnuts. Thank you Peter!

Cooper Black

Many thanks to Simon Stafford and his group, Cooper Black , who gave a concert, ably assisted by the White Horse Whisperers in aid of the Museum. A great time was had by all at the village hall on 15 November and we were able to raise funds for the Museum at the same time. Cooper Black have promised to return in 2015.

Local schoolchildren visit for Victorian Day



Sharon and village school children dressed the part for Victorian Day make peg dolls.



*Happy
Christmas
and
A Wonderful
2015
to
All our Friends*



You can support the museum while Christmas shopping on the Internet!

Easy Fund Raising

Easyfundraising.org.uk. Please use this site if you are ordering goods on line. As it's name suggests it does seem to be easy to use. The companies you purchase from will make a donation to the good cause of your choice. The companies involved are all well known ones which we are sure you already use. This will not cost you anything, the donations are funded by the many companies who are part of the scheme.

This is a useful way of raising money for the museum – at no cost to yourselves! We have raised £180 so far for the museum in this way.

Please look at the site by clicking on this hyperlink –

<http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tom-brown-school-museum>

You don't pay any more for the goods – it is just a way of the big firms contributing to a charity - good for them and good for us! There are a large number of retailers who operate in this way – you can check out the A-Z list on the site where you will find names like Amazon, John Lewis, Debenhams. Even your Christmas food treats from Marks and Spencer can be ordered through EasyFundraiser!

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