

Newsletter – May 2014

Launch news + photos

It has been a hectic few weeks since the Launch of the museum in April. It was lovely to see many of you at the Launch when the Exhibition ‘Remembering 1914’ was officially opened by Cllr. Yvonne Constance. Emma Banks – who pointed us in the direction of a Micro Consultancy grant for our new technology – and our Museum Mentor, Carol Anderson, also came to see our new presentations in operation and were impressed with what we had achieved.

If you haven’t visited the museum yet, do look out for the computer presentation which links a map of the village in 1914 with the 1911 census and gives information on the men who went to war and a picture of their house at the time.

Betjeman filming + photos

A.N. Wilson and a BBC 4 film crew came to film a programme about Sir John Betjeman and visited Garrards Farm, St. Mary’s Church and the Museum. They were very complimentary about the museum and A.N. Wilson wrote in our visitors’ book – ‘*the best local museum in England*’! He is also very interested in Thomas Hughes and we were trying to persuade the producer to make a programme about his life and works too! The programme is due to go out in July.

Visit from The Yeomanry Museum

When I was researching for the exhibition, I was greatly helped by The Yeomanry Museum and their supporters; Andrew French and Wayne Ratcliffe who both came to visit the museum. It has been good to exchange information with this Museum and they were pleased to have local knowledge of the men that had served in the Berkshire Yeomanry.

Oxfordshire Museums Council

Museum volunteers are welcome to attend the OMC meetings. This year the following events are planned:

22 May at 6.00 pm Social Networking Meeting at Aston Martin Museum,
Drayton St. Leonard.

19 June at 2.30 pm General Meeting at the Museums Waterperry Rural Museum

9 September at 6.00 pm Social Networking at Soldiers of Oxfordshire – new museum at Woodstock.

8 October at 2.30 pm Annual General Meeting at The Oxford Bus Museum at Long Hanborough.

Please let me know if you would like to attend any of these meetings.

Art Weeks + photos

We are very pleased to host 'Uffington Artists' at the museum as part of Art Weeks. They had a very busy weekend over the May Bank Holiday with over 200 visitors to our museum. It was lovely to see the Museum so well used with pottery, pictures and lampshades complementing our displays.