

Newsletter – September 2015

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your good wishes for our move to Norfolk. It is a great comfort to know that the museum will be looked after by a great committee and the group of Friends – you! The Friends Committee have decided to take on extra jobs until a new curator is appointed by the Management Committee in due course. I am sure that any help you offer to them will be warmly accepted!

I have really enjoyed the past 20 years as curator – my only experience of museums up until then had been visiting them! I remember that when I took over as Curator, I called a meeting to see who would be able to help and was re-assured by the immediate offer by Jane Cooper, who – realising my total lack of knowledge – took over the task of interpreting the White Horse. Many Friends have spent long – cold – hours on the floor of the museum sorting out documents, photographs, artefacts and exhibitions and I thank you all. Along with the (cold) hours I have enjoyed exciting events such as appearing on Countryfile and Escape to the Country, spots on local and national radio and, with Pete, a trip to Rugby in Tennessee.

The museum community – Oxfordshire Museums Council – have been most supportive and another great group to belong to. They helped us to achieve Accreditation Status and I know that they will be keeping a kindly eye on the museum in the future.

We could never achieved Accreditation Status without the help of the Friends Committee who have risen to every challenge and surpassed many of them – we have even been held up as an example to other independent museums who have visited to see what we have done!

The museum is a great asset to the village and it holds a wealth of information which has been collected over many years and everyone of you has contributed – and continue to contribute - to this wonderful resource.

(I will look out some photos for you from the museum)

White Horse Show

Unfortunately, it was another wet year for the show and numbers were down. Luckily, we were nice and dry in the marquee and because of the rain – received a lot of visitors! They were interested in seeing the displays on the computer and although selling is not the main purpose of being at the show, we managed to take about £50.00.

Even the Icknield Way morris men took shelter in the marquee and gave us a special performance!

Cooper Black

Simon Stafford and his group – Cooper Black – are coming to Uffington on Saturday, 14th November to give us another concert in aid of the Museum. Those of you who came along last year, will remember a fantastic evening. Jo Marshall (820955) will be selling tickets and they will also be on sale at the shop. Price : £9.00 each. I will be looking forward to seeing you then as we will definitely be coming back for that one!