

Tom  
Brown's  
School  
*Museum*  
UFFINGTON



## BBC come to TBSM



As part of our publicity campaign, we approached the BBC to ask if they would cover our 400 year celebrations on the local BBC news either at the launch or the exhibition. To our surprise they came back a week later and said yes! Matt from the BBC spent a couple of hours filming the inside and outside of the museum & we featured on Radio Oxford on Good Friday morning. Although Teresa May did her best to bump us off by announcing a General Election the same day, we also appeared on BBC TV's South Today the following Tuesday.

### Did you know?

Tom Brown's School Museum has a Facebook site. Why not become a Friend and keep up to date with all our latest news and events?



## Museum Opens with new Exhibition

After a number of months of planning and preparation the 2017 exhibition is open to the public!

400 years is a fantastic milestone and we are celebrating the founding of the old schoolroom by Thomas Saunders in 1617. This year's quadricentennial exhibition tells the story from Thomas Saunders through to the present day primary school including artefacts from a Victorian schoolroom. There is also a display about the history of the building and how it has survived the 400 years.

The permanent exhibition explaining the history and archaeology of the area is now housed in the gallery recording the changes in village life in Uffington over 3000 years from the White Horse to the Steam Train.

**400**  
YEARS  
OF EDUCATION  
IN UFFINGTON



2017 Exhibition 15th April to 29th October 2017  
Opens every weekend and Bank Holiday 2-5 pm  
FREE ENTRY



FREE ENTRY PRIZE DRAW  
AVAILABLE TO ALL VISITORS  
THREE HAMPERS TO BE WON!

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## 400 Year Exhibition Launch

The official launch for Friends and guests welcomed nearly 50 people to toast the new exhibition. Sharon Smith our previous curator cut the ribbon. We were also delighted to welcome a number of previous Headteachers from 1977 to the present day – Peter Le Jeune, Ron Hursey, David Burrows, Liz Robertson and Lisa Bradbury. Thankfully they didn't find any spelling mistakes in the displays!

The museum has a new merchandise area for 2017 with mementoes for sale and visitors can enter a free prize draw to win one of three hampers. We would love to have a record number of visitors this year so please do come and see us and bring your friends and family. We have class photographs from as far back as 1905 so you could be a feature of our display

## Message from our previous curator.

I was thrilled to be asked to 'cut the ribbon' at the launch of the new exhibition at the museum on **400 years of Education**. It was lovely to be back and see old friends and to see how wonderful the museum is looking. Karen and her team have produced an excellent exhibition and have introduced some splendid new features such as the children's desk. Jane would have loved the new chairs and furniture and I know she would have joined me in congratulating you all! Well done! Sharon.

## Support Uffington's unique and valuable asset TBSM

The museum is a community asset so why not become a Friend of Tom Brown's for either £10 a year per household or life membership of £100 per household? Alternatively, if you can spare three hours on a Saturday or a Sunday afternoon once during the summer season, you can join the rota and become a Friend for free. No experience is required and you can speak to a current volunteer on duty any weekend to get more information or telephone the curator Karen Pilcher on 01367 820978. If you are already a Friend a gentle reminder that membership fees for 2017 were due 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Link to application form:

<http://www.museum.uffington.net/support-us/>

## 400 years? Rugby's 137 dwarfed.....Saluting our British sister museum marking 400 years in 2017

Tom Brown's has an historic connection with Rugby Tennessee, where Thomas Hughes founded a colony in 1880 after he wrote Tom Brown's School Days. We sent an article to the Historic Rugby editor and they featured our exhibition on the front of their newsletter which is shared with their members and Friends. It would be wonderful if we could welcome visitors from Rugby USA to the museum. You can read the full article via this link: <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1103025184173&ca=d8c05f18-78f4-45c7-ad8c-dc4b029b8be5>



## And Finally.....



One of the most important jobs that had to be completed over the closed season was cleaning the museum. Whilst not quite 400 years of dust and cobwebs, the spiders had settled in over the winter and an infestation of ladybirds added to the collection! This photograph shows Jo Coad, Chairman of the Friends, tackling some of the dirt and dust – although we're not sure if she was just trying to escape through the window! What would your caption be??

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