



Update of our summer 2018 season

It has been six months since we published our last newsletter. Another season of open weekends at the museum has come and gone! It has been a very busy summer with over 1,000 visitors to the museum. The stonemason has completed the repairs to the Old Schoolroom, overseen by the Parish Council. The Friends are now organising the annual Christmas event and work is underway with the Curator on the new exhibition for 2019.

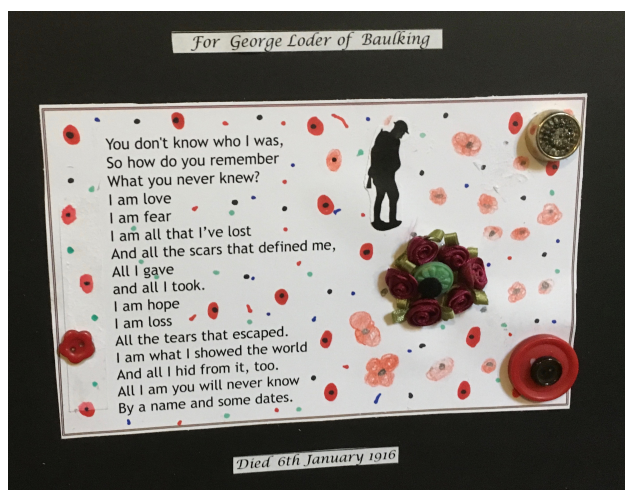
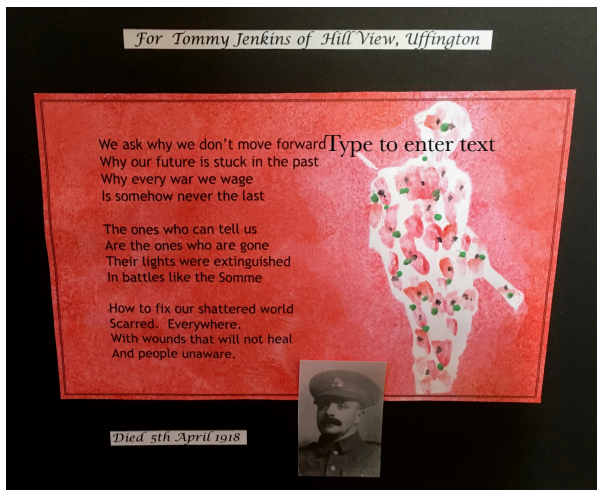


Christmas Event - Sunday 16th December

This year's Christmas Get Together will be held on Sunday 16th December between 11am and 1pm. It is hoped that by arranging the event during the day it will avoid the need to venture out on a Friday night when it's dark and cold! We hope lots of you will be able to join us. It is always a pleasant event and a good opportunity to catch up over a drink and nibbles!

Exhibition - There but Not There

Feedback on this year's exhibition commemorating the end of the First World War has been very positive. Over one hundred and sixty local men served in the Great War from the Uffington area, sadly thirty did not return. Biographies told the story of some of those men and explained the affect the war had on village life. The Beavers produced a wonderful collage that was displayed in the museum alongside the exhibition.



The Brownies used some of the information from the exhibition to create a display in the church on Remembrance Sunday. The museum opened for an hour after the Service and over forty people visited to see the exhibition for the final time.

Update on the Old Schoolroom repairs

For those that live locally you will see that the long awaited repairs to the Old Schoolroom have been completed by the stonemason. Jan Kerr and his team have done a fantastic job of repairing the walls, reducing the height of the chimney, adding metal guttering to both sides of the building and landscaping outside the building. Fernham Road adjacent to the museum has been made wider with the surprise discovery of a sarsen wall holding up the museum bank. Following a donation of 2,000 bulbs from the Faringdon Rotary Club, we are looking forward to a carpet of crocuses in the spring. The Parish Council held a 'thank you' event at the end of October to formally acknowledge everyone who had contributed to the fund raising. Funds have also been set aside to enable repairs and cleaning for the windows in the spring.



A reminder that the museum is selling White Horse jewellery this year which would make lovely presents for Christmas. The necklaces come in pewter, bronze and sterling silver and the key rings and brooches are also in pewter. We also have a stock of polo shirts, caps, pens and books that would make ideal stocking fillers. To order and for more details please contact the curator Karen Pilcher on 01367 820978 or uffingtonmuseum@gmail.com



Curator's Report

I'm delighted to report that over 1,000 people visited the museum this season. This included a number of 'out of hours' visits from groups such as the Betjeman Society, Faringdon Probus and Wokingham U3A. Together with attendance at various local markets and the White Horse Show sales and donations have continued to increase. Uffington Museum Trust is responsible for the day to day running of the museum, so whilst Friends subscriptions go towards Friends activities, the Trust is reliant on sales and donations to cover the annual costs.

Thanks must go to Steve Cowlam who continues to work on the now very small backlog of items that need to be logged onto MODES. The Friends would also like to take the opportunity of thanking Callum Skeat who volunteered his time on a Tuesday morning. Unfortunately for us (but not for Callum!) he has returned to full time work. Amongst the many jobs he carried out were; making advertising signs for the White Horse Hill, compiling a full list of all the reference books and carrying out the annual inspection of the loft space!

We continue to meet every Tuesday between 10am and 12pm so if you can spare a couple of hours even if once a month then we would love to see you.



Do you recognise any of these cricketers?

This picture of Uffington Cricket Club was taken on the 3rd September 1928 and donated to the museum in 2016. We do not have names for any of the gentleman so if you can help with any details please contact the curator.



How you can help publicise the museum

Please take 5 minutes to put a review on TripAdvisor and/or like Tom Brown's School Museum Facebook page. Both mediums are used by prospective visitors to the White Horse and Uffington so positive reviews can only help increase visitor numbers.

https://www.facebook.com/UffingtonMuseum/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g315985-d3296751-Reviews-Tom_Brown_s_School_Museum-Uffington_Oxfordshire_England

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