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# Museum *Update*

Summer 2008



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# Chiltern Open Air Museum

## 2008 Season

### 21 March – 31 October

### Major Events Programme

		<b>Visitor Numbers</b>
<b>21 – 24 March</b>	<b>Hands On History</b>	<b>465</b>
<b>12 &amp; 13 April</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Century Weekend - Soldiers, Civilians and Highwaymen (Lace Wars)</b>	<b>463</b>
<b>4 &amp; 5 May</b>	<b>Traditional Light Cavalry Displays (Windsor Light Cavalry)</b>	<b>971</b>
<b>25 &amp; 26 May</b>	<b>Medieval Pageant (Lion Rampant)</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>31 May &amp; 1 June</b>	<b>Prelude to D Day</b>	<b>970</b>
<b>22 June</b>	<b>Heavy Horse Show</b>	<b>486</b>

### Forthcoming events

<b>26 &amp; 27 July</b>	<b>Vikings versus Saxons</b>
<b>2 &amp; 3 August</b>	<b>Meet Soldiers from the English Civil War (Siege Group)</b>
<b>9 &amp; 10 August</b>	<b>Classic Vehicle Show</b>
<b>16 &amp; 17 August</b>	<b>The Great War (Great War Society)</b>
<b>23 – 25 August</b>	<b>Meet the Roman Army (Roman Military Research Society)</b>
<b>16 September</b>	<b>Antiques Valuation Day (4.00 pm – 8.00 pm)</b>
<b>31 October</b>	<b>Halloween (6.00 pm – 9.00 pm)</b>



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## News from the Boss

**Welcome to the new shorter mid season Update which provides an overview of the current and future Museum events and projects.**

We have not had the best season so far, with several of our special events and visitor numbers severely affected by dreadful weather. However, there have been some wonderful and very successful events blessed with good weather, such as the Light Cavalry event in early May and the Prelude to D-Day event in May/June.

The official launch of the thrashing machine restoration in March and the official opening of the Gerrards Cross artefacts store in April were also proud occasions.



*Stephen Mitchell from Ransomes Jacobsen Ltd. and Keith Baggaley project leader at the Thrashing Machine launch*

Our new ram has sired nine excellent lambs and the farm team is now busy making another hay rick in the arable field. In June regular corporate volunteers GE Healthcare helped the site team to carry out some hard landscaping in Astleham Garden, and we were delighted to welcome GE Money to the Museum this June as new corporate volunteers.

Thame Vicarage Room is looking splendid thanks to the building team's efforts to carry out necessary building repairs. Preparations are also well underway to begin the wychert layers for Haddenham Cottage and land girls and corporate volunteers have helped to strip the wychert piles at the Museum in readiness for the start of this phase of the project.

The Friends have been as active as ever in raising funds and promoting the Museum, and we welcome the new Chairman of the Friends, Anne Ratcliffe.

None of these successes would be possible without our volunteers and Friends. Thank you so much for everything you do for the Museum. I wish us all a sunny and successful summer season!

*Sue Shave, Museum Director.*



*Amanda Nicholson, High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire in April at the official opening of Gerrards Cross Hut*

## Buildings News

### Work Carried out

- ◆ Iron Age house roof repaired!! John Hyde-Trutch and Thatcher Keith Quantrill carried out the work in mid June.



- ◆ Blythe Road Pavilion's dormer rebuilt and new lead fitted. Building volunteer Jim Morton working on the lead flashings.

- ◆ Thame Vicarage Room straightened, painted, new front doors, and windows repaired and re-glazed.



## Site and Farm



- ◆ Nine additions to our rare breed flock.

- ◆ More work on Astleham Garden!! GE Healthcare Volunteers help unload the circular sculpture seat from beside Northolt Barn to the new location beside Astleham Manor Cottage.



- ◆ Fencing, Fencing and more Fencing!! (including the Arable Field and the proposed cherry orchard in Thomas field).  
GE Money corporate volunteers erecting fencing in Thomas Field under the supervision of site volunteer Sarah Lomas.

## Events

### Special Events to date.

**Thank you very much to all those who have helped to organise and run our special events or offered your support by visiting on those occasions, despite the often dreadful weather! As ever, our volunteers and the living history re-enactors have demonstrated how resilient we all are and proved the old adage “the show must go on”.**

Our programme of family activities for the **Hands-on-History** Easter event was supported this year on the Friday and Saturday by the History Re-enactment Workshop, a group of enthusiasts and professionals who provide historical interpretations for museums. During the weekend they provided an interactive experience for visitors to learn about historical portraits focusing on the late 17<sup>th</sup> Century and the paintings of Vermeer. Visitors of all ages were able to dress up in clothing from this period and pose as if for a portrait sitting.



On Easter Sunday and Monday, the Vicus once again joined us, bringing the new province of Britannia to life through living history and combat displays. Throughout the two days they showed visitors how the Romano-British people lived, their craftsmanship, their medicine and how Romano-British civilians, armoured Roman soldiers and native warriors managed to live together nearly 2,000 years ago. There was also the chance to join the Roman Army and to take part in some military exercises, albeit inside some of our buildings this year.

For those who can remember that far back, you will recall that it snowed nearly all weekend and we are very grateful to the 465 visitors who braved the wintry conditions to join in the fun!

Our next event included **18<sup>th</sup> Century civilians, cavalry and soldiers** provided by The Mannered Mob and Lace Wars on 12 and 13 April. The Redcoat soldiers, Jacobite rebels and the Dragoons on horse back gave spectacular displays of firing,



drill, cavalry skills and skirmishes from this period. The Mannered Mob occupied Leagrave over the weekend and used the oven to bake bread and pies.

For the early May Bank Holiday we were joined by the Light Cavalry for a **Cavalry Skills at Arms Display**, demonstrating the riding and weapons handling skills needed by 19<sup>th</sup> century cavalry.



*year – but it will be in August, due to their commitments to the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings throughout May.*



On Sunday 22 June the Hertfordshire Heavy Horse Association joined us for the **Heavy Horse Show**, when the weather was kind, and the horses and their owners helped to cut some of our hay and cultivate part of the arable fields.

For the late May Bank Holiday the Lion Rampant provided our annual Medieval Pageant and, of course, once again our re-enactors put together a wonderful show for our visitors despite the weather.

Once more our small village was overrun with allied troops for the **Prelude to D-Day** on 31 May and 1 June. This year the weather was wonderful for them, and there were a few more bangs than last year (well a little bit louder anyway!). British and American troops and British civilians brought 1944 alive throughout the weekend, and there was even a couple of murders (I'm glad to say that they were pretend ones). *Our 1940s friends hope to be with us again next*



## COMING UP!!!!

The Summer Holidays are almost upon us, and we have an event every weekend from the end of July throughout August. We also have hands-on fun for all the family every weekday.

### **Saxons versus Vikings 26 & 27 July**

An exciting opportunity for visitors to meet Viking and Saxon soldiers and civilians, learn about the Viking and Saxon way of life and watch combat displays demonstrating Viking and Saxon armour, weapons and fighting techniques. Plus join in the “Kiddie Vike” at 12.30 pm and 3.30 pm (limited places available and a minimum age will apply).

### **Meet Soldiers from the English Civil War 2 & 3 August**

The Siege Group will have a living history encampment to show how soldiers and their camp followers lived through the English Civil War. There will also be demonstrations of soldiers’ training at specific times during the weekend. Times of demonstrations are available on the Museum web site.

### **Classic Vehicles Show 9 & 10 August**

Join us again this year for the spectacular sight of classic vehicles on show at the Museum. There will be a range of vintage vehicles from carts, agricultural machinery, cars, motorbikes and bicycles.

If you (or a friend) have a classic vehicle you would like to show then please contact Jenny Cassidy on 01494 875542 or [officecoam2@btconnect.com](mailto:officecoam2@btconnect.com).



**The Great War  
16 & 17 August**

Members of the Great War Society will portray a fascinating insight into the First World War through living history re-enactment and displays of weapons and fighting techniques.

**Meet the Roman Army  
23 - 25 August**

Spectacular displays of Roman fighting techniques and even an opportunity to learn about Roman fashions with a fashion show performed by the Roman ladies will be provided by the Roman Military Research Society.



**Hands-on-holidays**

**SUMMER 2008**

**There will be something for the family to do every week day of the summer holidays (from 12.00 pm until 4.00 pm). The themes for this year's Summer Holiday activities are as follows.**

**Children's Fun**

Thursday 24 and Friday 25 July

**Homes through the Ages**

Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August

**The Working Child**

Monday 4 to Friday 8 August

**Victorian Childhood**

Monday 11 to Friday 15 August

**Children's Fun Week**

Monday 18 to Friday 22 August

**Invaders and Settlers**

Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 August



## Adult Courses

**Come along and have some fun on our adult craft workshops!**

### **Rag Rug Making**

Tutor: David Linsey

#### **Half Day Course:**

Saturday 30 August  
(1.00 pm until 4.00 pm)

Discover the social heritage and traditional techniques of rag rug making, by designing and starting your own rug.

**Cost: £20.00 per person.**  
Up to 12 participants per day.

### **Victorian Herb Favourites to Enjoy**

Tutor: Christina Stapley

#### **One day course:**

Friday 5 September 2008.

Dipping into Victorian books and records enables a deeper look at the world behind the popular image of violets, lavender, moth balls and chamomile tea. We will be looking at Victorian problems and celebrations and making herbal recipes for rich and poor. Country cures and cookery add a homely hedgerow atmosphere beside Dr. Coffin's flourishing botanic medicine, available for the poor in industrial towns in the north. We will be making drinks to soothe and refresh and stock the winter store cupboard ready for colds and coughs. There will be confections of horehound and liquorice, mixed herbal teas, syrups, perfumed bags for drawers and spicy herbal flavouring for cookery. Some recipes to take home.

**Cost: £40.00 per person.**  
Up to 12 participants per day

### **Light and Candle Making**

Tutor: David Linsey

#### **Half Day Course:**

Saturday 18 October  
(10.00 am until 1.00 pm)

After an introduction to lighting through the ages, create your own lights and rolled and moulded candles.

**Cost: £30.00 per person.**  
Up to 12 participants per day.

### **Victorian Blacksmith**

Tutor: Brian Hill

#### **One day workshops available by pre-arrangement.**

Learn about the working Victorian forge and make your own hand-forged object to take home.

**Cost: £40.00 per person.**  
Up to 2 participants per day.



## Arborfield Adventurers

### CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB

Join us this year for activities, trails and lots of fun.

Each day there will be a different theme so choose a day or come to all!!

**5 to 7 year olds**  
**9.30 am until 12.00 pm**  
**£10.50 per child per day**

**8 to 12 year olds**  
**1.30 pm until 5.00 pm**  
**£12.50 per child per day**

**Monday 18 until Thursday 21 August**

**Monday:** The Romans and Celts at home.

**Tuesday:** The Saxons are here!

**Wednesday:** Viking deeds and stories

**Thursday:** The Normans have some fun!

## Children's Courses

These workshops are for children aged  
8 years plus.

**£22.00 per child**

**4 places available on each workshop.**

### **Pole lathe turning and green woodworking:**

Try your hand at cleaving green wood, shape it with axes and drawknives. Learn to use the pole-lathe and make a simple turned item to take home with you.

**Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6 or**

**Thursday 7 August.**

**9.30 am-12.30 pm or 1.30 pm-4.30 pm**

### **Become a Victorian blacksmith:**

Heat and mould the metal to produce a simple object to take home with you.

**Thursday 7 Friday 15 or**

**Saturday 16 August.**

**9.30 am-12.30 pm or 1.30 pm-4.30 pm**

To book your place contact Melissa or Jenny on 01494 875542 or email us at [educationcoam@btconnect.com](mailto:educationcoam@btconnect.com).

**We also need helpers to join us for the holiday club this year – if you are able to help with the fun then please contact Melissa on the number above.**

## Young Volunteers Club

If you are aged between 10 and 16 years old then why not come and help us build a new house, clear a new area, make a replica object or help us with the gardens.

The Young Volunteers' Club meets on the second Saturday of each month from February until November, helping with many different jobs around the Museum.

### **2008 DIARY**

**Saturday 12 July**

**Saturday 9 August**

**Saturday 13 September**

**Saturday 11 October**

**Saturday 8 November**

Please note:

Parents will be asked to complete a consent form before anyone can take part in the activities.

All young people taking part will be supervised by a Museum volunteer.

We would ask for a small voluntary contribution of £2 per child to cover a snack from the Museum café (to include a soft drink, a packet of crisps & a chocolate bar or fruit & biscuits) and other equipment.

If you are interested in becoming a Young Volunteer contact:

Melissa Maynard, Education Officer

01494 875542

[educationcoam@btconnect.com](mailto:educationcoam@btconnect.com)

## **Stewards Wanted!!**

If you are not already involved we have plenty of exciting opportunities for you to join in and help the Museum. If you are already a volunteer we have some **more** exciting opportunities for you!

We particularly need enthusiastic, welcoming people, with a sense of humour and a willingness to be flexible in their approach, to help us welcome our visitors on arrival and throughout their day.

### **Historic Building Stewards**

Bring our buildings to life by helping visitors to understand more about the buildings and the lives of those who lived or worked there. Shifts are available each day, 9.45 am for 10.00 am until 1.30 pm, and 1.15 pm for 1.30 pm until 5.15 pm.

### **Ticket and Shop Stewards**

Provide a warm welcome to all our visitors and serve in the Museum Shop. Shifts are available each day, 9.45 am for 10.00 am until 1.30 pm, and 1.15 pm for 1.30 pm until 5.15 pm.

### **Activity Helpers / Museum Teachers**

Join our team of friendly volunteers to provide activities for schools, groups and the general public.

Help with school activities which run during term time from February until November 10.00am until 2.00 pm.

We would also like to recruit new team members to provide activities for our visitors most weekends, on special events

and during the school holidays. School holiday and weekend activities usually run from 12.00 pm until 4.00 pm, however special events usually run in two shifts (10.00 am until 1.30 pm and 1.30 pm until 5.00 pm).

### **Mentors**

We need experienced volunteers in all areas of the Museum's work who would be happy to help support and train new volunteers, as well as existing volunteers who want to add to their "portfolio of roles".

No experience is necessary as full training will be given and you will initially work with experienced volunteers [although, if you are interested in the Activity Helper/ Museum Teacher role, experience of working with children would be beneficial].

All volunteers must be aged 16 years plus.

The role of Activity Helper / Museum Teacher is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and as such is subject to a CRB Disclosure application (previously known as a police check) and a reference.

To apply for one of these roles or for an informal chat about how you can help us please contact Doug Green on 01494 871117 or email him at [visitorcoam@btconnect.com](mailto:visitorcoam@btconnect.com).

## People News

### Russell Gordon

We regret to announce the recent death of Museum volunteer Russell Gordon.

Russ only came to the Museum because his wife Val came to demonstrate Basket making. Eventually he was persuaded to get out of the car and come and help. I can't remember when this was, sometime in the 1980s I think.

Russ soon developed a taste for Museum life and became a roving steward, basically doing what a Duty Manager does now.

He had come to England from Canada during the war, and stayed on. I believe he was a confectionary salesman when he retired, though I am happy to be corrected.

I will always remember him for his ready smile, and his jokes; always willing to lend a hand, and happy to talk to anyone, even the visitors. He retired from Stewarding when he decided to give up driving, and was missed by all immediately.

I remember a time when he had gone down to the Iron Age House, and came running back to say there was a tramp in residence, and would we help him remove said tramp. The tramp turned out to be a young couple entwined in a sleeping bag – but that's another story.

*John Hyde Trutch*



## Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary John!

I'm sorry – but there was a blank space to fill and because we like you so much we thought we'd make a fuss! [How many pints will I have to buy before you forgive me?]



John started volunteering with the Mansfield Archaeological Society to help build the first Iron Age House, then he continued volunteering with the buildings team at weekends becoming a Board Member for a short time in 1985, was sponsored to shave his beard off to raise money for one of our building projects, changing his appearance so much that even Jeanette Marsh asked to be introduced to him at one of the Operations Meetings. He then became a contractor as his advice and knowledge was (and still is) an essential part of the Museum and a few years ago he finally went the whole hog and became a full time member of staff.

A master carpenter, my oracle [who I go to whenever I have a question about one of the buildings – or need anything else doing], a man who likes to say no and then a few days later it will be done, and of course a very good friend to lots of us.

Thank you for everything you've done so far and we're all looking forward to working with you for the next .... years.

*A. Nonymous*

## Friends News

On the Spring Bank Holiday Monday (26 May) the wind howled round the Friends Centre and the rain was torrential. A medieval knight in full plate armour came into the centre to tell us his tent had collapsed during the night. He refused a cup of coffee on the grounds of anachronism and went back into the storm. Other visitors who braved the weather enjoyed themselves and, as usual, I was surprised at the distance they travel to get to us. The knight came from Kent and a later visitor who stayed almost an hour had come from Colne in Lancashire.

At the beginning of the First World War Lord Kitchener famously appealed for volunteers under the message "Your Country Needs YOU". Fortunately, COAM is not at war but we do need more Friends to volunteer to staff the Centre, to help at the Museum and to support our fund-raising activities. Please contact Jenny Ogden or Tom Crosby if you can spare even half a day. I can't promise you a visit by a knight in armour but you will meet interesting people.

You can also support our home-made Cake Sale at the Friends Centre on Saturday 23 August and Sunday 24 August by either providing cakes to sell or buying (or both), and by buying tickets for the Evening with Syd Kipper (available from Beth Neill).

Despite references to medieval knights and the First World War please be assured that helping in the Friends Centre and the Museum generally is quite safe and a lot of fun.

*Anne Ratcliffe*



*Anne Ratcliffe getting ready for her role as FCOAM Chair Person with Museum Volunteer Angela Hull at the 1920s Event*

### **200 Club winners:**

The new season of the Friends 200 Club has started with our April prize winner being Mr D Burbidge and May's Mr G Waite, who each won £30.

### **Lifelong Friends**

A reminder that if your orange LIFE membership card is getting very tatty or has spent a night in the washing machine, I can issue a new, laminated one which will last better. Please return your old one to me, Beth Neill (FCOAM Membership Secretary) via the shop or tills next time you are on site and I'll get a new one back to you.

## Record holder?.....

This also prompts a thought – *who is our longest standing LIFE member?* The corporate might of the current FCOAM committee is somewhat hazy about how long the scheme has been going – but we think some people will have had good use of their cards!

# SID KIPPER

Advance notice of an event to be held in Chalfont St Peter Community Centre on Friday 5 September; folk comedian/ raconteur, Sid Kipper will be presenting his one-man show “In Season”. Sid Kipper, wiseacre and sayer of sooth, will take you on a side-splitting spin around the year in his improbable native village of St Just-near-Trunch.

From the New Year's hangover, through all the silly seasons with their feasts and festivals, to the bitter end of the year with the Scottish revels of Hog Monday, Sid notes each passing event with a song, a story, or a saying.

If you've seen him before – or even if you haven't – put the date in your diaries; he is very entertaining. More details to be announced soon.

### Posters and Leaflets!

Thank you very much to all those who are distributing leaflets and posters to local venues.

If you can help with this, please let Phil Holbrook know where you can take marketing material to help promote our events and encourage visits.

## It'll soon be November!

We might even get Summer before then... And when November comes, so does the Auction – on the 15<sup>th</sup> to be exact. So raid your lofts for the stowed-away goodies that you know you'll never need again. Clear out some of that silver that is cluttering up the cutlery drawer; those Wedgwood vases that you are tired of dusting; the nineteenth century knick-knacks stowed away under the stairs.

All last year's helpers are hereby invited for this year, as are all last year's buyers who we hope to see with bulging wallets (sorry, we haven't moved into the era of electronic payment at the Community Centre yet).

Every penny of profit goes to the Museum, so let's make this year's auction the best yet.

*Tom Crosby*

### HELP PLEASE

Calling any one who has any information, however small, (particularly if you were around for dismantling) about Haddenham Croft Cottage (especially photos) please contact the Museum Office on 01494 871117 or email the Museum at [coamuseum@netscape.net](mailto:coamuseum@netscape.net)

*John Hyde-Trutch  
Buildings Manger*

P.S. More Wychert will be needed for the completion of the project - any sources would be greatly appreciated

## Fundraising in 2008

### NORTHOLT BARN DOORS

This summer we are making a special appeal to finance new doors for Northolt Barn. The doors will be made by Henry Russell and will ensure a large, dry area providing much needed indoor space for children's activities, courses and conferences. We are hoping to raise in the region of £5000 for the doors of which £2180 has already been provided (at the time of writing) from individual donations, the Friends of the Museum, Arborfield Adventurers profit, Sales of books, and Collection boxes.

Eventually, after fitting out, the completed Barn will house a collection of interactive wooden joints used in construction, particularly of vernacular buildings and a display relating to timber production and the use of joints. The Christopher Wallis bequest will finance this future addition to the Museum's collection.

Further donations can be sent to Dick Lister, The Treasurer, The Friends of Chiltern Open Air Museum, at the Museum, with cheques made out to 'The Friends of Chiltern Open Air Museum'.

*Gillian Cassidy*

### Fantastic Fundraising Update

Haddenham Cottage

Friends Summer Social                      £1100

(Hazel Howe and Verena Clarke would like to thank everyone who attended, brought along food and helped to clear up afterwards.)

Farm Equipment Fund                      £1000

(£500 from the Friends & £500 from fund raising activities)

*(Winner of the Guess the time of the first lamb born competition – Vince Clarke)*

GE Money Donation                      £300

Museum Signage  
Salisbury Financial Services              £330

Revised Events Leaflets  
GE Healthcare                              £500

Education Projects  
Nigel Davies and HSBC                    £1000

Bike racks, Iron Age House and Hay  
Rick Displays  
Chilterns Conservation Board Sustainable  
Development Fund                      £1800

Video Conferencing Workshops KS 3  
Community Leader Fund  
Bucks County Council                      £1000

New wooden events chairs  
Courtesy of the Hoop Fund                £1500

Marwood Yard / Haddenham Project  
ClancyDocwra                              £1000

Road side boards and banners for events  
WR Beck & Integra Property Services

Astleham Garden  
Ayletts Nurseries have kindly offered generous discounts for the purchase of shrubs and climbers for Astleham Garden Project.

HG Matthews have also kindly offered generous discounts on the purchase of brick pavers for the Astleham Garden Project.

The Museum is selling advertising space in the Classic Vehicle Show Programme to help cover the costs of the event –

please contact Jenny Cassidy in the Office if you can help.

Sponsorship and prizes for the Easter Event:

- Auberge Gerrards Cross
- The Entertainer
- Woolworths
- Waitrose Rickmansworth and Beaconsfield

- The Olde Post House Chalfont St. Giles
- CO-OP Chalfont St. Giles
- Ma Bains Sweet Shop Chalfont St. Peter
- Vom Fass Chalfont St. Giles
- The Book Shop Chalfont St. Peter

- 1920s Experience weekend:
- Friends Of Chiltern Open Air Museum
- Gerrards Cross Tennis Club

### **Bird Watching Record**

Thursday 10 April

Thank you to those who took part in the bird watching day at the Museum, with many species of birds being spotted. For those interested in the results see below:

<b>Name of Bird</b>	<b>Number</b>
Robin	26
Blue Tit	19
Chaffinch	28
Tree Sparrow	1
Blackbird	17
Magpie	22
Bullfinch	1
Great Tit	11
Wood Pigeon	29
Coal Tit	3

Greater Spotted Woodpecker	2
Green Woodpecker	5
Wren	5
Crow	13
Pied Wagtail	1
Kestrel	3
Jay	2
Nuthatch	3
Song Thrush	1
Long Tailed Tit	4
Greenfinch	2
Duncock	5
Jackdaw	6
Buzzard	2
Collard Dove	2
Mallard	2

## **HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE MUSEUM**

- A single donation with Gift Aid if possible.
  - Set up a standing order for a fixed amount of your choice each month. Even small amounts will add up over the years!
  - Payroll Giving – some larger employers have the facility for you to give to a charity of your choice. A few will match your donation to the Museum.
  - Legacies – don't forget the Museum in your will.
  - Higher rate tax payers can claim the difference between 28% and 40% rate for the charity on self assessment forms for gift aid on donations.
  - Donate left over foreign currency notes to the Museum after your holiday.
  - Purchase gifts from the shop for birthday presents.
- Further details on how to offer this support are available from Sue Shave. Your gift is invaluable to the Museum and we are deeply grateful for your support .

## Museum Accreditation

The Museum is submitting its application for the next round of Museum registration (now called Accreditation) in early July. As part of this application we now have the following:

- A Board approved revised Acquisitions and Disposal Policy.
- A Collections Care Manual detailing our documentation and conservation procedures.
- A Documentation Plan to cover the remaining backlog in artefact documentation.
- A loans policy with loans in and loans out agreements.
- Revised artefact movement forms.
- A Disaster Plan to cover all aspects of disasters that might affect the collections, staff, volunteers and visitors.

- Short visitor surveys to be regularly analysed and reported at staff operations meetings.
- A security review conducted by Thames Valley Police.

*Sue Shave, Museum Director*



## Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society Building Group

Mindful of its long history as an architectural as well as archaeological society, Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society ([www.bucksas.org.uk](http://www.bucksas.org.uk)) is hoping, in the future, to assist local conservation officers and those responsible for keeping local Historic Environment Records by setting up a Building Group to undertake activities recording the Buckinghamshire built environment. The first step will be to hold, a series of introductory training sessions next Autumn, based at the County Museum in Aylesbury and local walkabouts in different locations in the

county. It is then proposed that, at the final session, an administrative structure for future meetings and projects for the new group will be agreed.

Anyone interested in attending the course training or participating in the group can obtain more details from Mike Farley, Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society (e-mail [mfarchaeol@btinternet.co](mailto:mfarchaeol@btinternet.co)), the Society office at the County Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP or from Alison or Keith Farlie at COAM.

# The Big Draw

11 and 12 October 2008  
Entry Form

The Museum would like to invite you to create your own piece of art to be entered into an exhibition on the above date.

All of the art produced has to be inspired by something at the Museum, for example a building, an artefact, the countryside or one of our events.

Return this form, with your art by Saturday 20th September to:

The Education Officer, Chiltern Open Air Museum, Newland Park, Gorelands Lane,  
Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks. HP8 4AB.

Please note all entries will need to be delivered and collected by the artist.

**Only one entry per person.**

Name: .....

Address: .....  
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Tel. ....

Email. ....

Category entered (please circle):  
Painting / Sketch or Drawing / Photograph

I am (please circle): A child (5 to 16 years old) / An adult

**Who's who at  
Chiltern Open Air Museum**

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