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Information Line : 01494 872163

Museum Office : 01494 871117

If you are able to help at any of
these events, please let Autumn
Acke or Melissa Maynard know.

News from the Boss

Campaign '45 heralded the opening of the 2010 Museum season on March 27 and 28, along with the official opening of the Nissen Hut RAF Briefing Room and the launch of the new audio tour. Despite an overcast and sometimes drizzly weekend, many visitors came out to see the soldiers in action and to experience the new exhibits. The new interactive children's bedroom in the Prefab has become very popular with many visitors, who enjoy the opportunity to explore the toys and belongings in the cupboards and chests, and to play with the toys in the garden as the children who lived in the house would have done. I know that some of you miss the previous displays but I hope you can appreciate that the new approach gives much pleasure to our visiting families.

On April Fool's Day the first lamb was born in the Lambing Fold, followed by 21 more lambs over the next few weeks, with some births being witnessed by crowds of visitors at weekends or Bank Holidays.

More animal newcomers followed with the arrival of Robert Mackenzie's two new

shire foals from West Winds Farm. The two colts are called West Winds Joshua and West Winds Samuel and on arrival they were 8 and 9 months old respectively. They became instant friends with Harvey and the 3 horses can often be found behind Skippings Barn sheltering from the wind or helping the Buildings Manager to glaze the window there!

The season has an excellent line up of special events with visits by the 95 Rifles over Easter, the English Civil War Society with a cavalry horse and the lace wars team with mounted dragoons over the May Bank Holidays. Bad weather has again affected some event days although sunny weather brought out quite a few visitors over May half term. The new Best of British Crafts event in April brought in some new exhibitors to the Museum displaying their crafts in our historic buildings and following the event some exhibitors now sell produce through the shop.

More comedy stars have been filming at the Museum – this time Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse have filmed a series of sketches around the Museum in April for



West Winds Joshua and West Winds Samuel on the day of arrival



Paul Whitehouse and Harry Enfield filming at the Museum

Series 3 of Harry and Paul.

Astleham garden has been transformed this year with the work on the path to the volunteers room being completed in March and the uncovering and digging of the plant borders by local conservation group Earthworks in April. Ayletts Nurseries have been delivering period plants carefully specified by Conway Rowland, and his team have put the plants in the ground during May. The garden is now open to the public and is being maintained by other volunteers, who have kindly come forward to offer their services to keep the garden looking neat and tidy for visitors. We are grateful to Ayletts for their generous discount on the plants to support funds for this project.

Following the completion of the new steel storage building at Wood End, John Hyde-Trutch and his team have dedicated much time to creating heavy duty scaffold shelving inside and relocating many artefacts from other areas.

Work has started again in June on the Wychert walls of Haddenham to complete them to eaves level, and then work can

begin on the roof. Thea Murray has already begun raising money for the tiles through her book stall at special events. Thought is being given to future furnishing and interpretation of the cottage. We have already had one generous offer to sponsor the purchase of a period settle, and there are other opportunities for sponsoring the furniture for this unique exhibit.

The education team has been busy with the new Iron Age workshops, which have proved to be a great success. The Young Volunteers have also been busy clearing out and tidying the interior of the building. We welcome new workshop session leaders to the team. We are also looking to offer new outreach sessions to schools.

In June we welcomed back GE Healthcare and GE Money corporate volunteers who began work on improving the landscaping around the Toll House and Iron Age House. They have been removing the collapsing fences and have started the process of building new fences around these popular buildings. Following research, it was decided to construct pre-sawn post and rail fencing around the Toll



Museum Volunteer Sarah Lomas planting in Astleham Garden



GE Money Volunteers helping to clear the Forge yard in June

House with cleft chestnut palings made from wood on site. The Iron Age compound fence now has much sturdier chestnut poles and some of these will be filled with brash material from the woods. We are most grateful to GE Healthcare and GE Money for financial support for these projects and the general work of the Museum

Fundraising is more important than ever now and I am grateful to our fundraiser, (now called Development Manager) Sally McIver and all our many volunteers and Friends, who spend hours raising funds for

revenue or capital projects at the Museum. Our recent success in attracting a 6 figure grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, “Skills for the Future” for education and volunteer management trainees is a very visible success, but many of you work very hard to ensure vital support for the operation of the Museum too. Without the Friends of the Museum in particular, we know the Museum could not continue. We are most grateful to you all for your efforts and congratulate you on your success!

Sue Shave
Museum Director



The Diehard Soldiers outside Thame Vicarage Room during their training camp in April

Medieval Knights in combat at the Pelican in Her Piety medieval weekend in June



Buildings News



Above - Work restarts on Haddenham Cottage

Right - "The Caversham Strippers"

Below - The new storage building shelving and interior



Official Opening of Sewell Nissen Hut
27 March

The newly completed Sewell Nissen Hut with the fitted out RAF Briefing Room exhibit was officially opened on Saturday 27 March by RAF Officers Rick Stubby and AJ Smith and the previous owner of the building, Alastair Mofitt. The RAF Officers are also re-enactors for the 1940s RAF and kindly collected much of the period artefacts used to fit out the exhibit. The new display was designed to allow visitors to interact with objects from that period helping them to understand the use of the building. Melissa Maynard spent much time tracking down 1940s RAF maps for the area and volunteer Mary Martin kindly made the black out curtains to help authenticity.

Guests included volunteers involved in the project, the RAF Officers and re-enactors, the Mofitt family as previous owners and local councillors. The exhibit has been dedicated to former volunteers Stephen Bacon and Jack Groves, both of whom were in the RAF during the Second World War. Pam Bacon has kindly donated further maps from her husband's possessions to supplement the displays in the future. Alastair Mofitt was delighted to have the opportunity to see the building transformed and in use at the Museum and paid tribute to the skills of John Hyde-Trutch and his team for all their effort.

Guests had the opportunity to listen to an RAF war briefing and to try out the new audio tours, also

launched that day. The occasion was rounded off with splendid refreshments, kindly supplied by the volunteer Internal Catering Unit, on a 1940s theme, including spam sandwiches and Nissen Hut shaped chocolate rolls!

Sue Shave
Museum Director



Buildings Manager John Hyde-Trutch with Alastair Mofitt and his wife at the official opening



AJ Smith and Melissa Maynard demonstrating the exhibits in the Nissen Hut

Site and Farm

Cherry Orchard Opening – 22 May

24 cherry trees resplendent in their spectacular Victorian crown top guards were officially opened by Countess Howe, High Sherriff of Buckinghamshire on Saturday 22 May in blazing sunshine. The occasion was attended by most of the individual sponsors and donors, who made the orchard possible, as well as Margaret Jarrett, Board Member for the Chilterns Conservation Board, who generously gave the orchard a grant from their Sustainable Development Fund last year. Guests also included conservation group Earthworks, who helped to plant the trees and Patron Cheryl Gillan, local MP and Secretary of State for Wales, who made time to support the event. Site and Farm Manager, Conway Rowland, gave a tour of the orchard for the sponsors so that they could learn more about their chosen trees. Bernwode Plants kindly sourced information, but were, sadly unable to attend. The occasion was complemented by the cherry themed refreshments (generously provided by the volunteer Internal Catering Unit) including cherry cordial, cherry cake and cherry napkins.

Sue Shave
Museum Director

“Many thanks for the wonderful day we all had at the Museum for the opening of the Cherry Orchard. The tea and 'cherry offerings' were

greatly appreciated, especially as we were blessed with such sunshine. Hearing about all the different trees, where the names came from and why people had chosen to sponsor them added so much. We weren't just looking at a small tree trying to reach above the beautiful guards! I know my father would have loved the day and stored up the information to add to his library of weird and wonderful facts!”

Dawn Coombes
David Austin's daughter



Lady Howe, Conway Roland and Margaret Jarrett



Guest touring the Cherry Orchard led by Conway Rowland



Visitor Services Officer, Autumn Acker, with the first born lamb called April

Competition Winners

Beth Neill won the Date and Time of the First Lamb to be born at the Museum in 2010 Competition. A female lamb was born at 5.30 pm on Thursday 1 April 2010, with her sister following 2 hours later. The competition raised £56 for the Farm Equipment Fund.



"Earthworks" volunteer group digging over Astleham Garden in preparation for planting

Classic Vehicles Show

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 July

Last year we had rows upon rows of gleaming, sparkling classic vehicles, lined up in the sun. We all enjoyed seeing these beautiful vehicles so thank you to everyone who brought them along.



We are now taking bookings for this year's show. If you would like to bring your vehicle along please contact Sara Wright at 01494 875542 or officecoam2@btconnect.com

We are also able to offer advertising space in the programme and on our website as sponsorship for this event.

Education News

All change ...

The new Government has thrown out the new curricula for schools, which we have all been working towards and are now preparing new, “new” curricula for Primary and Secondary schools.

The education team has been working hard for the last few months looking at our schools programme. We have revised our learning objectives this year and are working towards ensuring that we deliver a good quality learning experience for the many thousands of school children that visit.

We will be continuing the review process this summer, with a revised programme and resources hopefully being launched

from September.

Teachers' Voice

Monday 26 July at 10.30am

Are you a teacher? If so please come along to a “Teachers’ voice” meeting on Monday 26 July.

Tell us what you would like to see us provide for your school visit. We really do need your help to make sure that we are able to support your learning.

*If you would like to join us for this meeting please contact
Melissa or Sara on 01494 875542 or
education@coam.org.uk.*

You can now follow the Museum on:

facebook

Tell us what you think about ...

Jane & Tommy's 1940s bedroom

In the last issues of this update I was very excited about the new display at Amersham Prefab. I hope that you've enjoyed visiting it and playing with all the children's belongings.

I would really appreciate your feedback about this display as it will help us to make sure that our future displays are as interactive and enjoyable as possible.

The new Audio Tour

Thank you to everyone who has already tried the audio tour and provided some feedback about it. New content is being prepared as I write and we hope to start the final scripts and recordings this summer. If you think that a story or specific information about one of our buildings should be included, then please let me know.

*Melissa Maynard
Education Officer*

Email: education@coam.org.uk Post: via the main Museum address.



Join us for a Summer of Family Fun

Coming Soon



Skill at Arms Display

Saturday 31 July & Sunday 1 August

Marvel at these magnificent cavalry horses and their riders as they execute precision turns and military manoeuvres.

Meet the Roman Army

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 August

As the camp followers play games, create intricate woven belts and care for the sick, the might of the Roman Army prepares to defend this far corner of the Roman Empire.

Medieval Pageant

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 August

Drums and fanfares herald the thrills of combat between two households in our Medieval Pageant. Knights and squires put on their armour and battle it out with swords, maces and axes until a single champion remains. This spectacular medieval pageant will provide a day filled with fun and excitement at the Museum.



Victorian Times, Explorers and Discoveries

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 August

Visit the travelling curios museum, whilst enjoying a visit to our Victorian village. The local squire will be hosting a shooting party for his friends, with wonderful fare being prepared for their lunch.

Life before the English Civil War - Soldiers, Ship Taxes and Skirmishes

Saturday 28 – Monday 30 August

Come and meet the characters, sights and sounds of 17th Century England just before it tipped into the anarchy of Civil War. You may also meet the young George Fleetwood, owner of the Vache Estate in Chalfont St. Giles, which includes the village you are visiting today, or even John Hampden.

“Hands-on Holidays” with family fun and activities every weekday of the summer holidays.

Children's Workshops

Wondering about what to do this summer? Then why not join us on one or more of these fun workshops.

(Children are accompanied by qualified teachers or play workers during all of these workshops)

Arborfield Adventurers Holiday Club

Children's Past Times

Monday 16 - Thursday 19 August 2010

Earn your activity badges each day as we go tracking in the woods, learn how to use semaphore & make camp gadgets. With many other traditional scout or guide activities from the 1930s & 40s.

5 to 7 year olds - 9.30 am until 12.00 pm

each day: £10.50 per child

8 to 12 year olds - 1.30 pm until 5.00 pm

each day: £12.50 per child

Country Carpentry

26 - 27 July (10 - 14 Year Olds)

29 July (14 - 18 Year Olds)

Come along and join John King as he shows you how to be a carpenter. Using just a saw, hammer & nails and a chisel you will be able to show off your carpentry skills to family and friends when you take home your own stool or garden trug.

This workshop must be pre-booked and there are a limited number of places available.

Children must be aged 8 to 16 years old.
£25.00 per child.

Victorian Blacks mith (date to be confirmed)

Come along and join Robin Mitchener as he helps you to work the forge. Heat and shape the metal to make items to take home. This workshop must be pre-booked and there are a limited number of places available.

Children must be aged 8 to 16 years old.

£25.00 per child.

To book your place contact
Melissa or Sara at 01494 875542
or education@coam.org.uk

Adult Workshops

September fun for us ..

This autumn will see the start of an annual Autumn School at the Museum. Between Saturday 11 & Sunday 19 September, we hope to have a range of workshops and talks at the museum for adult learners. We are still waiting for confirmation of dates from some of the workshop leaders but we can tell you about the following:

Memory Rugs from the Beginning *David Linsey*

Monday 13 September

10.00 am – 12.00 pm

This short workshop will introduce you to the traditional skills of making your own memory or rag rug from their early history to modern design.

£45.00 per person.

**Victorian Favourites for
Autumn & Christmas
Christina Stapley.
Wednesday 15 September
10.00 am - 4.00 pm**

Dipping into Victorian books and records enables a deeper look at the world behind the popular image of lavender, violets, 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 touch 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. There will also be tasty confections and mixed herbal teas. Delights to hang on the Christmas

tree and typical Victorian small gifts are accompanied by a spicy herbal foretaste of Christmas cookery. Some recipes made can be taken home.

£45.00 per person
(a minimum of 4 people).

**Light & Candle Making
David Linsey
Thursday 16 September
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm**

This short workshop will look at the history of lighting our homes with a chance to make a variety of moulded and rolled candles.

£45.00 per person.

When the full programme has been confirmed we will post it on our web site. However if you would like to be included on a mailing list for more details, please contact Melissa or Sara at 01494 875542 or education@coam.org.uk

Chilterns Vernacular Building Skills Courses

Working With Lime

17 September 2010
9.00 am - 4.30 pm

Working with Brick

24 September 2010
9.00 am - 4.30 pm

Working with Flint

15 October 2010
9.00 am - 4.30 pm

- ◆ All courses cost £95 per person per day
- ◆ Lunch & light Refreshments included
- ◆ Max Number: 15 on each course
- ◆ Tools and Equipment will be provided
- ◆ All courses may be subject to change

For more information and bookings phone 01494 875542 or email officecoam2@btconnect.com

Volunteering

My First Season

Things are in full swing here as the 2010 season at the Museum has begun. It is great to see the site come alive for my first season with all the schools, visitors, re-enactors and volunteers. Every day is still a challenge with new experiences and situations. From escaped baby lambs to a spouting broken loo tap, one can never expect any day to be 'typical', which is why I find this job so enjoyable.

Much has happened since my February start. The Museum has welcomed 31 new volunteers, with more scheduled for inductions throughout this month. Three Work Experience students will be joining the Museum over June/July and a long list of corporate volunteer groups will be participating in a variety of tasks throughout the summer

I want to give a huge thank you to all of the volunteers for your time and

dedication to the Museum. Sara and I so appreciate your prompt responses for upcoming rotas and for putting up with all our emails and phone calls! I must also give a gigantic thank you to Tom and Irene Crosby for all their 'emergency backup' help, and for passing on their wealth of knowledge to Sara and me.

It has been so lovely to get to meet most of you (only a few I haven't yet I believe) over the past few months. Working with you has been wonderful, and I am grateful for your kindness. I am looking forward to the months to come, and to the many new 'atypical' experiences that await.

Autumn Acker
Visitor Services Officer

T C E B

When I said last year that I intended to make 2010 my last season as Stewards' Organiser, the general responses were along the lines of 'you'll be lucky', 'not a chance' and other similar encouragements.



GE Money Volunteers helping to build new fencing at the Toll House

Len reminded me how long he had struggled to pass on the job. But... Enter two wonderful new members of staff, namely Sara and Autumn, who knew no better than to take me at my word, and before I knew it they were telephoning, e-mailing and generally doing me out of a job – for which I thank them.

However: I did say that I would of course act as ‘emergency backup’ if they were stuck, and as a result my initials with the mystical letters EB attached have appeared at regular intervals on the rota sheets. Stewards (at least for the Toll House) seem to be pretty well sorted this season, but Blythe Road is another kettle of fish (don’t worry, John, the leak in the dormer isn’t so bad that we have fish in the ticket office – yet). Last year, Doug recruited an excellent team of young ladies who have done a superb job in amongst working for exams, but they will be off to university soon and we are really short staffed in that department.

So we need a few more volunteers who can help out in the ticket office, please. It’s not too terrifying – the tills are user friendly, help, if needed, is only a radio call away, full training is given, the wages are a cup of tea and a bun during your shift. I’m sure that among all the new membership of the Friends, there must be half a dozen people who can spare half a day a week to help keep the show on the road. After all, if we don’t have anyone in the ticket office, the rest of the Museum is irrelevant.

Please help me get rid of T C E B from Sara’s rotas for the rest of the season!

Tom Crosby
T C E B

Young Volunteers Club

2010 DIARY

Saturday 10 July
Saturday 11 September
Saturday 9 October
Saturday 13 November

NEW TIMES: 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Parents will be asked to complete a consent form before any child can take

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

We would like to ask for a small voluntary contribution of £2.50 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) & other equipment.

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Arborfield Adventurers 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.

Children's Pastimes Monday 16 - Thursday 19 August

5 to 7 year olds - 9.30 am until 12.00 pm each day: £10.50 per Child

8 to 12 year olds - 1.30 pm until 5.00 pm each day: £12.50 per Child

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Fundraising

Tomorrow's Heritage—HLF success

Museum supporters will be delighted to know that Chiltern Open Air Museum has been awarded a significant grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. They have awarded us £174,000 from their "Skills for the Future Fund". We will be able to offer two traineeships for the next four years to a total of eight people who wish to make a career in the heritage sector.

During the summer, the full training programme will be developed and in the autumn our project 'Tomorrow's Heritage' will be launched, with two trainee vacancies a year in skills including education, volunteer management, sustainability and interpretation.

Watch this space for further details.

Roof Appeal

With the trend in heavy downpours breaking up the summer sunshine, we have a lot of work to do on several rooftops around the Museum, not least 'putting the hat' on Haddenham. Significant damage was done to the building during one recent shower and it is vital to progress the roof this summer. So we are launching a **roof appeal** and all donations are welcome! In particular, visitors will have the opportunity to sign and buy a tile. These tiles are available in the shop or, during select periods when personnel allow, at Haddenham itself.

Many thanks for your support. (There are 4000 tiles available for £1 each so please buy as many as you can). There are still a few cherry trees left to sponsor too.....

Sally McIver
Development Manager

Friends

Calling all Friends of COAM

Now that the 2010 Season is well under way, the Museum is looking absolutely wonderful, enhanced by the two latest “openings” – RAF Station COAM (alias the Nissen Hut) and the beautiful Cherry Orchard. Both opening ceremonies were delightful with delicious, appropriate refreshments.

Although the Friends have not had a special project this year, we have been busy, as usual, supporting the Museum both on and off site. 2011 has been designated “The Year of the Friends of COAM” and we hope to have a number of special events during the season.

Congratulations to Len Baker, Hoopmaster General. He has sold an amazing 203 Victorian hoops in aid of the Museum, raising money for 100 folding chairs and boosting the fund for the new radios.

The Friends Centre has been busy too. It has added wooden ware (treen) to its range and this is selling well. Pottery, books and plants continue to sell well. A huge “Thank you” to everyone who donates items for sale and/or helps in the Centre. Special thanks must go to Jenny Cartmell for organising the books, and Lawford Thomas and all our plantsmen and women. The plants seem even more spectacular than ever this year, and we have heard that someone has been buying pansies for her tortoise to eat. The “Pennies Please” collection has continued and so far over £40 has been banked – thanks to all who drop their loose change into the flowerpot. Altogether the Friends Centre has banked well over £1,500 this

Season at the time of writing. Many thanks to Janet Michael and her team for their sterling work.

Unfortunately, our Friends Centre – alias the Maidenhead Pavilion - needs some tender, loving care so we will have to set up a Working Party as soon as the Season ends. Able-bodied volunteers are needed. If you can help please let Janet or me know either at the Museum, or by contacting Janet (her mobile number is 07733 157593 and her email address is janetmichael@btinternet.com). No experience is necessary, just our accustomed enthusiasm.

Finally, thanks are again due to Jenny Ogden, who arranged a very interesting guided walk round Chesham in May and who has organised a visit to Fawley Hill in July. COAM is lucky to have so many hard working Friends.

Anne Ratcliffe
Friends Chairman

200 Club:

The 200 club season has started again with monthly prizes of £45. There are 133 members this year, a record since I have been membership secretary! So thank you all for joining up; as you know half the total money goes to prizes, the other half to support the Museum. If you didn't join this year, make a resolution to do so next season.

The prize for April 2010 was won by Mrs G Cassidy (number 94) and the prize for May 2010 was won by Mrs A Ratcliffe (number 76).

Beth Neill
Membership Secretary

The Returns of

SID KIPPER

to Chalfont St Peter

For those of you who enjoyed his show in 2008, then please note the date now (and tell your friends).

Friday 1 October 2010 in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre at 8 pm sees the return of the iconic Sid Kipper with his show celebrating 25 years as a social commentator/folk megastar (the latter his own words).

The new show is called "Silver Darlings" and tickets are £10 each (£5 for under 16's). There will be a licensed bar and also a tea/coffee bar. Tickets are available by calling 01494 871465.

"Silver Darling" is an old Norfolk fisherman's term for the herring - which, at one time, meant wealth around the coast line of Norfolk. In this case, the silver darlings are Sid's greatest hit songs - we have requested that whatever songs he performs, he includes one with that unique instrumental accompaniment, the walnut shells.

If you haven't seen him before, check out his website -
www.sidkipper.co.uk



Friends Winter Wednesday Talks Programme 2010-2011

22 September 2010 - At Jordans Quaker Meeting House, 7.30. Jordans Arises From the Ashes - Quakers in Today's World. Donations to Jordan's Quakers of £2. Refreshments.

All other talks in Mary Smithells Room, Chalfont St Peter Community Centre at 8 pm

27 October - Mary Smithells Room, Chalfont St Peter Community Centre - The Laying of the First Transatlantic Telegraph Cable - Don Scott TBC

24 November - Cooking and Tasting Traditional Bucks Recipes - Janet Dineen. Friends £2.50, Others £3.00

8 December - (Chiltern Room) Traditional Christmas Celebration. To Be Arranged

26 January 2011 - History of the Co-operative Movement - Keith Fletcher

23 February - Talking to the Walls: Latimer and Interrogation, by the well-known speaker, Colin Oakes.

23 March - TBA

27 April - Year of the Friend Celebration, TBA

People News

Christiana Davies

Christiana was a wonderful addition to our stewarding team.

Whenever she was on the rota for both the Prefab and the Toll House, we could guarantee that the building would receive a “spring clean”. We even had to give her extra guidance on how to clean the windows to protect the UV filter film that is here.

However, no matter her cleaning skills, the main way I will remember her is as a welcoming presence within the homes at the Museum. No matter who was visiting, they would always be greeted with a smile and a friendly hello.

She will be missed.

Melissa Maynard
Education Officer

Furnishing Haddenham Cottage

As work continues on Haddenham and plans for tiling the roof using locally made tiles from HG Matthews progress, we are giving thought to the interpretation of the cottage once the building work is completed. Trustee, Cris Claxton Stevens, has compiled a list of period furniture suitable for such a cottage in 1830s and we have begun to collect these artefacts. We have one or two items already but would appreciate donations or sponsorship of the following furniture (approximate costs are appended to the larger items as a guide):

- ◆ Range
- ◆ Sink
- ◆ 2+ tables (£100-200 each)
- ◆ Settle (£600-800)
- ◆ Long case clock (local, if possible;

oak case) (£600-800)

- ◆ Hanging shelves
- ◆ Warming pan
- ◆ Mirror
- ◆ Chiltern Windsor chairs
- ◆ Shelves over kitchen and living room fireplaces
- ◆ Chests of drawers/cupboards (£300-400 each)
- ◆ Corner cupboard (£200-250)
- ◆ Framed pictures/prints
- ◆ Low wooden beds (may have to be reproduced) (£800?)

This is wonderful opportunity to sponsor unusual and period items of furniture. If you are interested in supporting the purchase of such items, please contact Sally McIver at the Museum.

'Volunteers for Museums'



Chiltern Open Air Museum will be joining a group of museums across the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire counties on a volunteer workforce project. This exciting opportunity is funded by Renaissance South East and it will help the Museum to achieve improvements in a number of areas regarding our support of volunteers. This includes the recruitment of diverse volunteers, improving the volunteers' handbook and being able to offer a range of workshops for volunteers and staff.

My name is Caroline Sketchley and I am one of the Project Officers working on the overall project. I am focussing on mainly three of the partner museums; Chiltern,

Wycombe Museum and Buckinghamshire County Museum. I have previously worked with the National Trust for about 5 years in various roles, but most recently as a Volunteer Development Officer at Osterley Park and House (Hounslow) and Ham House and Garden (Richmond). The Trust gave me a great insight into heritage and I wanted to expand this into other kinds of museums, as they vary so much from place to place. So far I have come across many similarities, such as the enthusiasm of the teams, but also some differences, such as the involvement of more volunteers behind the scenes.

One of the first things I will be doing is finding out more about the current volunteers at the museum. So you may see me around about once a week, hoping to have a chat. This is nothing to worry about! I'm interested in finding out things such as: what made you decide to start volunteering and what you think of the current volunteer handbook and volunteer recruitment leaflet? There are no right or wrong answers!

Hopefully I will have the opportunity to speak to you at some point and I will be happy to answer any questions you might also have.

Caroline Sketchley
Project Officer

Casual Café Staff Wanted

The Museum needs several paid relief staff to help run outlets for the café in the Village Green area and assist in the café when required on busy days such as Sunday and Mondays on Bank Holidays and occasional Sundays and weekdays during school holiday periods.

Flexible hours and availability required, previous experience an advantage but not essential. Ring Museum Office on 01494 871117 or email enquires@coam.org.uk for an application form (also available from the Museum Website)

Building & Farm Sponsorship Scheme



Museum and Farm Annual Costs :

<i>Animal feed</i>	<i>£1000</i>
<i>Building maintenance costs</i>	<i>£6000</i>
<i>Linseed oil historic paints</i>	<i>£500</i>
<i>Traditional vehicle costs</i>	<i>£2000</i>

***Join us in
keeping our Heritage alive!***

The work of the Museum is only possible with the support of our dedicated volunteers. We need to raise around £300,000 a year. You can help us by joining our sponsorship programme. It's a great way to support us.

You will receive:

- News three times a year about the Farm or Museum buildings according to your special interest
- 'Update' newsletter three times a year
- A free child or adult ticket to the Museum so that you can visit the site
- An invitation to a 'behind-the-scenes' event once a year
- Perhaps most important of all, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are helping to support all the work that goes on at the Museum and Farm.

***Minimum donation
just £5 a month***

It's a great gift for friends and family.



Your sponsorship today helps us:

- ◆ take care of rare breeds
- ◆ keep traditional farm and building techniques alive
- ◆ preserve our beautiful Chilterns heritage for the future.

Thank you!

Whether you choose to receive news about the Farm or Buildings, your gift makes a big difference to **everything** that we do.

***Ring the Museum Office to request a copy of the sponsorship form
or email Sally on fundraising@coam.org.uk***

HOW YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT THE MUSEUM

Leaving a Legacy – Remember the Museum in your Will

Pecuniary Gift	A fixed sum of money
Residual Gift :	The whole or part of your Estate, after all your specified wishes have been allocated (“the Residue”)
Specified Named Item	A piece of jewellery, shares, bonds etc.

You may want to specify how you would prefer your gift to be used, i.e. building projects, improving facilities or education. Alternatively you could just leave the Trustees to decide how best to use your bequest.

We would strongly advise that you have your Will drawn up by a solicitor to ensure your wishes are carried out.

Payroll Giving:

If you earn a salary, or if your pension is paid via PAYE, payroll giving is one of the most simple and tax effective methods of making regular charitable donations.

Your donation will be taken before tax and therefore you can give more money to the Museum without it costing you more.

For more information or to find out whether your employer currently offers payroll giving go to www.giveasyouearn.org. If you are an employer you can register your company for payroll giving by going to www.hmrc.gov.uk/payrollgiving.

The Museum is very grateful to you for offering us your invaluable financial support. Your donation will enable us to re-erect the historic buildings in store and develop our traditional Chiltern landscaping plans.

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HLF – Skills for the Future trainees £174 000	Farm Equipment Fund £530
Renaissance Museum Funding	Pam Bacon
Legacy & sponsorship leaflets £3000	Sewell Nissen Hut £100
Cherry Tree Donations £4800	Sheila Tregunna
FCOAM – Skinners Company for Haddenham £800	Map Covers £100
Astleham Garden – Thea Murray Books £518.10	Stephen Bacon – Legacy £2000
Haddenham Garden – Thea Murray Books £517.25	GE Healthcare
	Fencing materials £3000
	GE Money £500
	Carrington Trust
	Haddenham £1000

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