



Community Services

Cogges Manor Farm Museum

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Although Cogges is now closed for the winter, much work is going on behind the scenes in preparation for the 2009 season:

24 February Cogges reopens for booked school groups

28 March Green Paint Project – children’s workshop

7 April Cogges opens to the general public – get your Season Ticket!

Family	£45
Senior Citizen	£15
Adult	£18
Child	£7.50

The following programme of events has yet to be confirmed -

- 11th, 12th & 13th April – Easter Activities including our ever popular Easter Egg Hunt with Peter Rabbit.
- 18th & 19th April - a ‘new’ Food Weekend – highlighting local growers and producers in the area along with Witney Fair Trade Group.
- 2nd, 3rd & 4th May – May Day activities – May Pole dancing, Morris dancing and other traditional events
- 9th -25th May Artweeks exhibition – to be confirmed
- 16th May “*A night in the Museum*” - ghost stories and events as part of the national Museums and Galleries promotion.
- 6th & 7th June Mini Beasts,
- 11th & 12th July Tudors and Stuarts event
- 18th & 19th July Digs & Discovery

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- 1st & 2nd August Craft Weekend
- 8th & 9th August Pig Pampering – including ‘Ladies in Pigs’
- 29th, 30th & 31st August - an end of season event which will include The Oxford Waites and an evening of alfresco Shakespeare with *The Merchant of Venice*.

Future plans

As outlined in Bulletin 11, Oxfordshire County Council will be considering the recommendations for funding Cogges through to 2012 when it sets its budget in February. The County Council’s Cabinet is recommending to the Council that Cogges should receive a revenue subsidy of £160,000 for each of the next three years (after which the subsidy would cease). In addition the Cabinet is proposing that the Council should include within its Capital Programme the sum of £250,000 to contribute towards a Heritage Lottery Grant fund bid and to meet costs associated with working up such a bid. The Council will make its decision on 10th February.

Setting up the new Trust

Meanwhile Oxfordshire County Council officers and representatives from the Community Enterprise Group are continuing to work at the process of setting up the new Trust which, assuming the funding is agreed, will take over the management of Cogges from 1 April 2010. The constitution of the Trust is being prepared, identifying its charitable purposes and its relationship with the Council and with the various ‘enterprises’ which it is envisaged will occupy Cogges.

We anticipate that the Council’s Cabinet will be asked to confirm these arrangements at its meeting in May. And it is hoped that the new Trust will be formed soon after.

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