



Community Services

Cogges Manor Farm Museum

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Please remember that the 2009 season at Cogges closes on 31 August – the new Cogges Trust is planning for the future – watch this space for 2010.

NEWS!

Cogges Tearoom achieved a 4-star rating on the West Oxfordshire District Council 'Scores on the Doors' Food Hygiene Rating system = this establishment has been rated as *Very Good*.

Forthcoming events:

1 & 2 August, 11-5pm Country Crafts Weekend

Meet local crafts people, see demonstrations and get ahead with some gifts for Christmas! Craft stalls, jewellery, pottery, buttons, corn dolls, spinning and lace making are just some of the crafts available.

8 & 9 August, 11-5pm Pig Pampering

Discover some interesting piggy facts with our Pig Pampering Weekend. Did you know that pigs enjoy a shower? Or need to have their skin massaged with oil? Come along, learn more weird and wonderful pig paraphernalia and enjoy some piggy trails and activities.

15 & 16 August, 11-5pm

Old fashioned Games & Children's Street Party – an opportunity to try your hand at various games you thought you had forgotten!

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30 August, doors open 6.30pm, performance starts 7.30pm

Merchant of Venice:

Enjoy Shakespeare's intriguing comedy of riddles, romance and revenge as the acclaimed Festival Players present "*The Merchant of Venice*" in the beautiful setting of the Manor House lawn. Bring a picnic, seating and warmer clothes if required. Refreshments will be available. Tickets £10 available from reception, information and reviews on www.cogges.org .

29 / 30 / 31 August

A Celebration of Cogges – images and posters of Cogges from the last 30 years.

Gallery display (throughout August) – Pictures of Privies

This exhibition is a light-hearted pictorial tribute to the lavatories of yesteryear. From a collection by Mollie Harris who, as one of seven children born in 1913 in Ducklington, Oxfordshire, describes her early life as "*Happy Poverty*" and was well acquainted with the earth closets of her youth! Currently on display at Cogges Manor Farm Museum until 31st August.

'Kids Out' activities during the school holidays

A fun filled programme of children's events throughout the school holidays: on Tuesdays there are recycling workshops featuring activities such as glass painting, make a bug hotel and fabric painting. On Wednesdays it is baking day * this session requires booking and has an additional cost of £1.50. On Thursdays its farm fun with animal handling and animal crafts which include make a butterfly feeder or animal ears and Fridays is family craft drop-ins try your hand at rag-rug making or mask making. The sessions are free and are 11.30am – 12.30pm & 2pm – 3.30pm. no booking required activities are suitable for pre-school to primary aged children. Check out www.cogges.org for further details.

Thanks

Many thanks to: John Wilson for his recent evening lecture series; to Mike Thexton who demonstrated his steam engine on 'Steam and the changing rural world'; and to Chris Munday, Cogges' gardener, who gave tours of our own walled garden on the 'Victorian gardens' evening.

And thanks to all who participated in Memory Lane Day – an event for older people.

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Progress towards the New Cogges Trust

The Shadow Board has been appointed; as previously explained 2 places were reserved for representatives from the Community Enterprise Group, and 2 from the County Council. All other members are entirely independent. The minimum number of Trustees required is 11.

Chair: Julia Holberry
Janine Charles (CEG)
Mark Crosby
David Cryer
John Harwood
Simon Kearey (OCC)
Graeme Merifield
Richard Munro (OCC)
Judy Niner
Anthony Pettorino (CEG)
Gordon Wilkins

More than 40 people from throughout Oxfordshire volunteered to become Trustees on the new Cogges Trust. Following the appointment of Julia Holberry as Chair, the Shadow Board has shortlisted and interviewed candidates and selected those listed above. The aim of the selection process was to ensure that the range of skills necessary to lead the Trust would be available on the Board.

Thank you to all of you who put your names forward for this important role; if you have not been successful in your application to become a Trustee we very much hope you will want to continue your support of Cogges in other ways.

The Shadow Board is now meeting regularly; legal details, the lease, charity status and other administrative matters are being considered as well as ideas for the future of Cogges and Cogges 2010.

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