



Community Services

Cogges Manor Farm Museum

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Good news!

Oxfordshire County Council confirmed the future funding for Cogges at its meeting on 10 February. The new Trust which is currently in the process of being established will receive funding of £160,000 per year in 2010/11 and 2011/12, plus a one-off contribution of £250,000 towards capital developments.

Work continues on the proposed Constitution of the new Trust – and it is hoped that this will be agreed and the new Trust set up in May.

At a meeting in January the 'old' Cogges Agricultural Heritage Museum Development Trust agreed to disband on the formation of the new Trust and donate any remaining funds towards the new Trust's educational aims.

Meanwhile the staff at Cogges are planning an exciting season -

Programme of Events 2009 Season

APRIL

- **April 11, 12, 13** Easter Activities & Egg Hunt - enjoy a traditional egg hunt, trail, children's activities and on Bank Holiday Monday meet Peter Rabbit and hear tales of his escapades in Mr. McGregor's garden.
- **April 18 & 19** Food Glorious Food - working with the Bucks, Berks and Oxon food group members and local suppliers, growers and producers to promote great food available in and around the Cotswold area.
- **April 25 & 26** Animal Magic - meet our youngest arrivals on the farm, with handling sessions, lamb feeding, children's trails and activities.

MAY

- **May 2, 3, 4** May Day Activities - May events, children's activities and animal handling.
- **May 9 & 10** All about Ewe! Everything to do with sheep! Shearing, wool weaving, dying and lamb feeding. Children's trails and activities.
- **May 16** A Night in the Museum - special evening event with art viewing, buffet and ghost tale from Bill Spectre – Oxford Ghost Tours.

- **May 23, 24, 25** Our Daily Bread - see the bread oven in action, meet local bakers and learn how butter is made.
- **May 26** Evening Lecture Series with Dr. John Wilson – Farming life in the 19th Century. Talk and refreshments £3. Please contact the museum or website for more information.
- **May 30 & 31** Poultry Weekend. **To Be Confirmed** – But we hope to have The Cotswold Poultry Group displaying chickens and offering advice on how to keep chickens.
- **May 30** Oxfordshire Buildings Record Course - Window on the past
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- **May 31** Oxfordshire Buildings Record Course – Raiding the Roof
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JUNE

- **June 6 & 7** Mini beasts, bugs and bats. Meet the Oxfordshire bat group, bug enthusiasts. Children's trail sand activities.
- **June 9** Evening Lecture Series with Dr. John Wilson – Steaming in the changing rural world. Talk and refreshments £3. Please contact the museum or website for more information.
- **June 13 & 14** Woodcraft weekend **To Be Confirmed**
- **June 20 & 21** Manor House Tours in association with National Architecture Week. Discover the Manor's hidden past through the building and discover the clues to look for.
- **June 26** Memory Lane. This day is for our more mature visitors aimed at over 55's with reminiscence, photos and object to revive memories of times gone by.
- **June 28** Oxfordshire Buildings Record Course – Down on the farm.
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JULY

- **July 4 & 5** Dig for Victory – Gardening Weekend. Focus on 'grow your own', what everyone can grow in their own garden or even in pots, with local enthusiasts.
- **July 7** Evening Lecture Series with Dr. John Wilson – Bygones from kitchen & dairy. Talk and refreshments £3. Please contact the museum or website for more information
- **July 11 & 12** Tudor Weekend. Take a step back in time and re-live life in Tudor times.
- **July 18 & 19** Dinos (Saturday) & Digs (Sunday) in association with National Archaeology Week. Meet Oxford Geology Trust, make a dinosaur footprint, search for archaeological objects in the sand box, children's activities and trails.
- **July 21** Evening Lecture Series with Dr. John Wilson – Victorian gardens. Talk and refreshments £3. Please contact the museum or website for more information
- **July 26** Oxfordshire Buildings Record Course – Rule of thumb.
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- **July 28** Evening Lecture Series with Dr. John Wilson – Farm tour. Talk and refreshments £3. Please contact the museum or website for more information.

AUGUST

- **August 1 & 2** Crafts Weekend. Supporting local craft makers with displays and demonstrations.
- **August 8 & 9** Pig Pampering. Learn about how to look after pigs and with the piglets consent some piglet racing! Pork recipes, trails and activities with a piggy theme.
- **August 15 & 16** Traditional toys and street fair. Toy makers and stalls – more details to follow. Please check the website.
- **August 22 & 23** Antiques & Collectors weekend To Be Confirmed - Please check the website.
- **August 29. 30 & 31** Last Cogges Manor Farm Museum weekend as we know it. A celebration of Cogges through the years. This weekend is a celebration of 30 years of Cogges Manor Farm Museum before it changes and reopens in 2010 'under new management'. See the Oxford Waits performing on the Bank holiday Monday and enjoy a collection of memorabilia of Cogges.
- **August 30** Shakespeare on the Lawn – The Merchant of Venice. Back by popular demand this alfresco event with The Festival Players is sure to be a sell-out. Enjoy the capers of this all male theatre group as they portray this classic play. Performance starts at 7.30pm doors open at 7pm. Bring a picnic and seating. Ticket £10.

Gallery Displays

7 April to 30 June: Countryside Crafts – exquisite etchings by Stanley Anderson, from the County Museums Service collections.

1 July to 31 August: Pictures of ... Privies

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