



## Community Services

### Cogges Manor Farm Museum

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#### **Good news!**

Easter Bank Holiday Weekend a great success with 2,700 visitors over three days.

Season Ticket are selling like hot cakes - 238 so far –

#### **Coming up**

2 May Lampton Worm – A play told through light, shadow, music and puppetry. Written for children (over 5) and all lovers of theatre, this will be Theatrix's first visit to Cogges Manor Farm Museum and a chance for visitors to have a taste of what may help set the stage at Cogges from 2010

Performances at 2.30pm & 4.30pm

Free after entry to the museum.

16 May "A night in the museum" - Evening event from 7.30pm – 10pm with buffet, music from Skeleton Crew, private tours of the house and ghost tales from Bill Spectre.

26 June – Memory Lane - looking for people with old craft skills to come and demonstrate to the over 55's – can you whittle a whistle or make a rush basket?

### **Progress towards the new Cogges Trust**

The response to the call for Trustees for the new Cogges Trust has been tremendous; 27 people to date have offered to become Trustees. The small team meeting to set up the Trust is planning a selection process in order to ensure that a good range of skills is included amongst the Trustees.

The Trust will have an independent chairman  
2 representatives from the Community Enterprise Group  
A maximum of 2 representatives from the County Council  
6 other independent members with skills including finance/accountancy, legal, HR, public relations/marketing, heritage/museums, property/architecture, arts/culture, community.

As soon as the new Trust is established negotiations will start on the lease or licence for the new Trust to operate Cogges from April 2010.

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