

Community Services

Cogges Manor Farm Museum

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November now the key month for Cogges

Decision making on the future of the Cogges Manor Farm is to be delayed by one month at the request of the museum's trustees.

A public meeting had originally been called for October 8 to explain the three proposals that have been lodged with the county council. A final decision was then due to be taken by the county council's cabinet later in October.

However the Cogges trustees, whose views are crucial to the county council's decision making process, have asked for a delay of a month to make a more considered approach to an important decision. The public meeting will now be held on **November 4 at Cogges Church** with an 8pm start. The issue will be reported to the county council's cabinet on November 25.

David Bond Acting Chairman of the Cogges Manor Farm Museum Agricultural Heritage Trust said: "The trustees feel they need more time to make decision on Cogges' future. They feel that the current timetable does not allow adequate time. I am pleased that the county council has listened to our concerns and will build extra time in to the decision making process."

Councillor Jim Couchman, Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Social and Community Services, said: "The trustees have come up with a common sense suggestion. They want to make sure they have adequate time to understand and contemplate the proposals. We had no hesitation in acceding to their request for a month's delay."

Other News

- Visitor figures for the Country Fair, 27th & 28th September, were very good, with 335 on the Saturday and 301 on the Sunday
- Eynsham Hall is now selling Cogges tickets.

- Cogges is inviting volunteer groups to make a scarecrow for our scarecrow weekend display, 25 & 26 October 2008. Lorraine Horne will be on the Oxford Radio daytime show with Louisa Hannon and Danny Cox on Tuesday 30th September promoting this event.
- Cogges staff have been making arrangements for the livestock to be cared for off-site over the winter months when the museum is closed; we are very grateful to Simon Webb who has agreed to look after the milking cow and her companion, and to Derek Malin who has agreed to house the poultry and small animals.

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