

Chesham Museum E-News – June/July 2011 UPDATE

Zumba - **NEW DATE Saturday 2nd July 11am -12 noon**, Market Square Chesham, Zumba fitness session to raise funds for Chesham Museum. Zumba fitness is a Latin inspired dance fitness program which is extremely popular around the country right now. The hour long lesson will be great fun and whatever your fitness level or age, you will be sure to enjoy it - you can do as much or as little as you feel able to.

The event is being sponsored by Chesham Leisure centre and they will be there that morning from 10am-1pm offering free health checks to anyone who wants one. We will also be holding a raffle at the end of the zumba class with some great prizes. Sainsburys have also kindly offered free bottles of water to everyone taking part.

Tickets £6 adult, £3 Child under 16, free bottled water. Tickets from Leisure Centre, Chesham Museum (during normal [opening hours](#)) or Orbitpress. Come and join the latin dancing fun fun fun!!

Our programme of Fundraising and other Events continues with:

Sunday 26th June, 10.00am to 12 noon - Red Kite Ramble starting from The Clare Foundation Wycombe Road, Saunderton. This year, Chesham Museum have joined forces with The Clare Foundation to take part in a sponsored 5 or 10mile ramble. The foundation are hosting and administering the event so there is no entry charge for walkers and all promised monies will be in aid of Chesham Museum. Sponsor forms and further details are available from Chesham Museum.

Thursday 14th July, 7.45pm at Broadway Baptist Church, Chesham - **Summer Knights** - a Capella Concert Evening in Aid of Chesham Museum. The evening will include contributions from The Knights of Harmony barbershop group, pupils from Misbourne School and poetry readings by Diversify. Tickets £10 adults, £8 seniors, £5 juniors. See www.cheshammuseum.org.uk for more information.

Heritage Walks

A new season of Heritage Walks continues. Now there is no need to book – just turn up. Walks take about 2 hours. Pay on the day £2.50 per person, (£2.00 for Super or Life Friends) – it would be helpful if you have the correct money. Meet at museum for all walks except Newtown (Elgiva carpark). *Leaders plan to finish evening walks at local hostelry – all welcome.

Waterside

Walk around this delightful area and hear its history including that of town's former important watercress, duck breeding, lace and boot making industries.

Tue 21 June, ****This walk has been POSTPONED****

Town Centre

Chesham has a long and interesting past, and this walk reveals why the town is known for its four B's – Boots, Brushes, Beer and Baptists. Hear about the old British School and how Liberty of London has its origins in Chesham.

Sun 3 July, 2pm

Old Town

Characters and tales from Chesham's Old Town – hear about Chesham's medieval past, its straw plait workers, and the workhouse riots. Learn of the Lowndes family and their impact on the town. What is bat and trap? You'll find out on this walk.

Sun 7 August, 2pm

Tue 23 August, 7pm*

Newtown

The north end of Chesham is the home of its former thriving boot and brush industries. This walk reveals the history of these and many other local industries and looks at the effect of industrialisation on this area.

Sun 5 June, 2pm – NB meet in Elgiva car park

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The Thomas Harding trail

Chesham martyr Thomas Harding, who died at the stake for his religious beliefs in 1532, returns to the town to revisit the scenes, and recount the story, of his dramatic life.

Tue 12 July, 7pm*

Talks

Talks in **Chesham Library**, admission by **ticket only**. Tickets may be purchased from Chesham Museum.

Monday 20th June, 2.30, John Young, 'Bovingdon Aerodrome and its Impact on the Local Area',

Monday 18th July, 2.30, Chris Stanners, 'The History of Bois Mill',

Talks in **Chesham Museum**

- Monday 27th June, 2.30, Janet Dineen, 'Buckinghamshire Traditional Fare'.

Demonstration

Saturday 3rd September, 11.00am - 1.00pm and 1.30pm - 3.00pm. Woodcarving demonstration by Howard Spiers. Howard Spiers will be on hand in the museum to demonstrate and talk about woodcarving. Come along and find out about this historic craft, for which Chesham is well known. Normal entry fee to the museum applies.

Museum Opening Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 11am - 3pm

Wednesday: 11am – 3pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 11am - 3pm

Sunday: Closed – except for walkers attending Heritage Walks

Admission £2 for adults, accompanied children under 16 free. School visits and group bookings by arrangement. See our website www.cheshammuseum.org.uk for our full programme of Heritage Walks and Talks and for details of how to book a place at one of our events.