

# SAXMUNDHAM MUSEUM

SPRING 2017

## New displays for 2017

### Saxmundham's lost pubs

What a lot of pubs our town has been host to! These are just a few that have come and gone ...

- The White Hart (still there but closed!)
- The Angel
- The Coach and Horses
- The Bottle and Glass
- The Bell Tap

- Saracens Head (1617)
- Bush (1715)
- Butchers Arms (1716)
- Greyhound (1725)
- Sun Inn (1725)
- Blue Bell (1714)

Read about their history and see if you can place them on the map.



▲ Scene of the crime? Come into the Museum and read about the murder at the Bottle and Glass!

### Sternfield House

Read the interesting history of the 18th Century Grade II listed house with royal connections, formerly the Rectory and now home to the Fox family.

### Bowls Club Trophies

The Town Bowls Club has now sadly closed, but its impressive array of trophies can still be seen at the Museum.



▲ James Cotton and his family. He was licensed to sell beer at the Coach and Horses when this photo was taken some time between 1901 and 1912.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Museum opens for 2017 on April 1st

Open from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm  
Monday to Saturday (excluding Good Friday) until the end of September.

#### Pre-season Preview

March 30th, 7.00 pm

A chance for Friends and guests to celebrate the new season.

#### Summer Garden Party

Friday July 21st, 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Our Friends and supporters Summer get-together, at Park House, South Entrance.

#### Film Nights

3rd Thursday of the month during the season, 7.00 pm

See article for details.

### Church Pew

The recent re-ordering of St John the Baptist church involved replacing the pews with movable upholstered chairs.

We're delighted to have been given one of the shorter pews for the Museum. It's made from Australian Kauri pine and was installed in St John's in 1873.

### Schools display

The popular Saxmundham schools display will continue throughout 2017. Don't forget to come and check the school photos for people you know.

### New trains

The trains in the front window are always the main attraction for passing youngsters and this year we have two new locomotives running.



▲ The Angel Inn, believed to have been open from the 16th century until 1977, now only identified by the Angel Yard sign on the row of cottages.

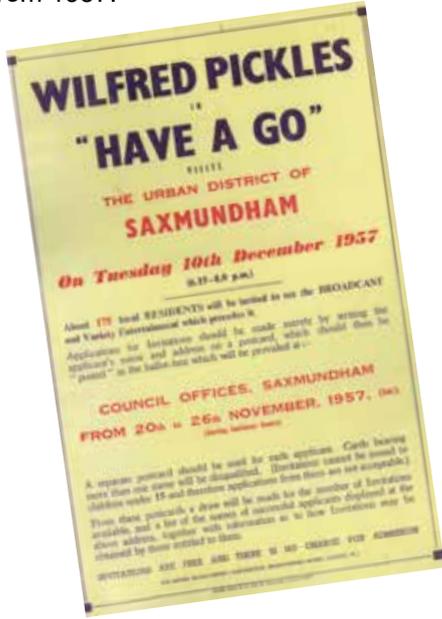


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# Fabulous Friends Evening

The Market Hall was full on 4th November last year for the Museum's Winter Friends' get together.

We enjoyed a fascinating presentation covering the history of the Market Hall - it was great to hear the original recording of the Wilfred Pickles show from 1957.



Musical entertainment came from singing group '4 In A Bar' and a feast of delicious food provided by Friends appeared from the kitchen.

As usual, everyone generously supported the Museum by way of the raffle.

## Grant update

Thanks to **Greener Sax** and **Adair Lodge** for their generous donations.

We've used the Greener Sax money to change the light bulbs in the cinema for low-energy replacements.

Funding from Adair Lodge has helped us to replace the touchscreen computer.

## 2017 Museum film nights

### Programme

20th April	The Imitation Game
18th May	Sound of Music
15th June	Some Like It Hot
20th July	Gone Girl
17th Aug	Battle of Britain
21st Sept	Lincoln
19th Oct	Lady in the Van

# A busy 'closed season' at the Museum

Phew! Lots of dust, lots of cleaning; days packed with sorting out, new doors and some fabulous films too.

Despite winter officially being 'the closed season', the last few months at the Museum have been very busy indeed.

## A fresh outlook for 2017

The first thing you'll notice is the new half-glazed front door, funded by District Councillor John Fisher's grant and fitted with generous support from Matthew Emsden. It gives stewards and visitors a better view of what's going on, whilst keeping the draughts out and offering greater security.

The old front door has been fitted in place of the very old back door! A better solution all round. Our thanks to John Witney.

The back yard has been cleared making exit from the rear much easier and we're also delighted that Network Rail cleared the embankment to the side of the Museum, helping to eradicate the danger of damp.

And finally, Richard and Viv Wills Crisp put in sterling work to reorganise the loft, sorting and labelling documents and artefacts.

## Q. What is the name on the step to the High Street shop currently occupied by Jennie Jones?

There was a full house at the Market Hall on 4th February for Saxmundham Museum Quiz Night. 16 teams battled it out, with team 'TMS' the overall winners. Everyone enjoyed a delicious ploughman" supper and wine from the bar.

The evening raised more than £600 for Museum funds.

A. Gibbs (one of the Quiz's Saxmundham round questions)

## Christmas opening

3rd December saw the mulled wine flowing and the Green Room full of stalls for the annual Christmas opening, timed to coincide with the switching on of the town's Christmas lights.

## Saxmundham & District Local History Society

March 9th:  
The Story of Leiston Film Theatre

April 13th:  
Bonfires and Bells - Kate Jewell

May 11th:  
The history of St. Audrey's, Melton

History Society lectures take place at the URC Hall, Chapel Road, Saxmundham at 7.30pm  
All welcome. Non members £3

Details  
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