

# SAXMUNDHAM MUSEUM

## New season update: Spring 2015

One of the most significant changes this year is to our front window display.

The model trains continue to race round the track but now, they do so in a brand new landscape.

The station and its surroundings have been re-vamped and repainted and there's now a large aerial view of Saxmundham as a background. It's already enticing passers by to try and spot their homes.

Many thanks to John Harvey who has worked hard over the years to keep the elderly engines in perfect condition.

Chris Allen has repainted and restored the station, the old bridge and the other buildings.

It is going to make such a difference and improve the first impressions of our museum.

Additional signage is in the pipeline too.

*Penny Hewett Brown*



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Saxmundham Museum

**30th March 7pm**

Pre-season preview

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

**1st April**

**Museum opens for 2015**

**10am to 1pm**

**Monday to Saturday  
until September**

#### History Society

**9th April**

History Society lecture\*

*Rick Osborn*

Mills & Milling in the Middle Ages

**14th May**

History Society lecture\*

*Canon Richard Ginn*

People, Places & Meanings

**11th June**

History Society event\*

Trip to Hollesley Suffolk Pitches

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

Details

*Richard Crisp: 01728 663583*

### Friend focus

Our new window display simply wouldn't have happened without the time and effort of volunteer Chris Allen, who came up with the idea for re-vamp and has spent hours and hours re-painting and fitting.

Chris moved to Saxmundham in 2009, having taken early retirement from a career teaching music. He now devotes much of his time and effort into photography (he's taken all the photographs for the Saxmundham Museum website), volunteering for Saxmundham Museum and for Suffolk Wildlife Trust, for whom he also takes part in conservation work-parties.

*Thank you!*

## Saxmundham Museum needs your help

**Saxmundham Museum has no paid staff. It relies entirely on volunteers in order to stay open.**

We need more people to help. If you have time or skills, we'd love to hear from you.

*These are just some of the jobs that need doing:*

**Stewards** – could you spare one morning a week in the summer months to smile and welcome visitors to the Museum? Training is given and you'll even get a T-shirt!

**Volunteer manager** – scheduling and communicating the Stewarding and event schedule. One half day a week in the summer months.

**Administrators** – if you have computer skills, please could you help prepare and administrate our communications? Three or four hours per month.

**Displays** – it's essential that our displays are correctly labelled, clean and up-to date. Would you have time to help?

**Tour guides** – when groups visit the Museum, we need people to show them around and speak to them.

**Marketing/web support** – update the website, prepare the bi-annual newsletter, update our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

**Events coordinator** – plan and manage social events to raise the profile of the museum, events big and small from coffee mornings to open gardens or attendance at fêtes.

Register your interest at [www.saxmundhammuseum.org.uk](http://www.saxmundhammuseum.org.uk)

*If you can help, please drop in and have a word with the steward on duty. Thank you.*

### Don't lose it!

It's really important that we capture all available knowledge of Saxmundham and its surroundings. If you know about the town from years gone by or have experience of a particular subject, please find time to share that knowledge with the Museum:

*Agriculture, buildings and architecture in the Town, railway, industry, retail Saxmundham, hotels and pubs.*

Please drop in to the Museum and talk to one of the stewards or jot your details on a piece of paper and we'll be in touch.

### Join now!

Becoming a Friend of Saxmundham Museum costs just £15 a year or £20 for family membership.

You'll be invited to talks and events of special interest, plus our annual party!

We rely on the support of Friends to stay open.

If you aren't already a Friend, please drop into the Museum and complete a form, or send us your name, address and contact details plus a cheque for £15 / £20 made out to 'Saxmundham Museum'.

**Thank you!**



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We're always pleased to receive reviews and comments or suggestions as to improvements we might make

We'd love to know what you think of the newsletter too!

