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South East - Eastern Counties: Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire

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BAFM Journal

One of your membership benefits is to receive a supply of the BAFM Journal. But do these copies ever get beyond the committee and seen by your individual members? A week or so after publication the Journal is put on the BAFM web site so that everyone has access. In your next newsletter, please let your members know that they can go to www.bafm.co.uk and to the Journals heading for access to many past issues. We are keen to know what members think of the Journal and to have suggestions for topics. On the web site they can also sign up for the new BAFM e-newsletter. Have *YOU* done so yet?

Regional Conference for the Eastern Counties 18 May 2016

As mentioned in my March newsletter, this year's day event will be held on 18 May at Chelmsford Museum by kind invitation of the Friends of the Museum. These events are not just for your committee so do advise your members that they may also attend. A good opportunity for networking and new ideas. The programme and booking form are below. The closing date for bookings has been changed to **25 April** so do get your booking off as soon as possible.



Shared transport

Members in the north, and west of our region may have difficulty in getting to Chelmsford. I already have a request for a lift from Friends at Gressenhall. Please let me know if you would be able to offer a lift / shared transport. The same question has been asked about the annual conference in Ironbridge. Any offers? Please let me know.

Museums Association web site

For a short period the MA web site has free access usually only available to members <http://mus.ms/1P8kk80> Do have a look, it has all sorts of articles of interest.

Cultural funding

The DCMS is seeking views on cultural funding, with a deadline of 22 April. The link is <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/culture-media-and-sport-committee/news-parliament-2015/countries-of-culture-launch-15-16/>

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Eastern Region Annual Conference 2016

Wednesday 18 May 2016

Hosted by the Friends of Chelmsford Museums
Oaklands Park, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford CM2 9AQ

Communications and Strategy

Outline programme

- 10.30 Registration, tea / coffee and biscuits
- 11.00 Curator's tour of the Museum with Nick Wickenden, Museum Manager
The museum tells Chelmsford's history including ceramics, glass, archaeology, the worlds' first radio factory, ball bearings, and the Essex Regiment Museum all in a Victorian mansion with a modern extension set in a fine park.
- 11.30 London Transport Museum and its Friends: Working in harmony
Barry LeJeune, Chairman, Friends of London Transport Museum
- 11.50 Questions
- 12.00 Case history: Friends groups going in-house. Susan Wise, Chair of the Friends of the Horniman Museum.
- 12.30 Handling tables – a demonstration by Friends of the Chelmsford Museums
- 12.45 Newsletter design and production
- 1.00 Lunch
- 1.45 Break out sessions – possible topics to include
- In the face of cuts, what can Friends do to preserve local heritage
 - Recruiting new members particularly young and ethnic minority groups
 - Museums and the social agenda - memory boxes, hospitals, prisons etc
- 2.15 Feed back: question and answer
- 2.45 In it for the Long Run
Nick Wickenden, Museum Manager, Chelmsford Museums
- 3.10 Questions and discussion
- 3.30 Wash up session and general business
- 4.00 Finish

Transport For those coming by car there is parking by the side of the Museum. A map can be provided on request. There are frequent trains from London Liverpool Street and from Norwich/Ipswich (connections from Cambridge and Ely). Buses 42 from outside Chelmsford train station or 100 from the adjacent bus station have a stop by the Rising Sun Pub over the road to the entrance to the Museum. Taxis from the station should cost around £5 to £6.

Support towards the cost of this BAFM regional conference has been generously provided by SHARE.

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18 May 2016 Chelmsford Museum.

Booking Form

Please send your application by 25 April with a stamped self-addressed envelope to
Alan Swerdlow, 1 Warren Hill Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4DT

I/we would like to reserve places for the conference at £12.00 each including lunch.

I enclose a cheque payable to BAFM for £ To be paid in full at time of booking, please.

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Address

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Post Code

Telephone Email

Organisation

Position

Further delegates: confirmation will be sent to the first named above

Name/s

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Position/s

Signed Date

If there is time please could we discuss

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Dietary requirements if any

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I will be travelling by car / public transport

Please reserve a disabled parking space (limited spaces) for car reg no