

# SAXMUNDHAM MUSEUM

AUTUMN 2016

## End of season update

### Visitor numbers increase year on year

More than 2,000 visitors came to have a look at Saxmundham Museum this year, an increase of 15% on 2015 and a great achievement for all.

The 'Education in Saxmundham' exhibition has proven extremely popular, with many visitors taking the time to see if they can spot their young selves or their relatives in the old school photos. It came as a surprise to most people just how many schools there have been in the town, including institutions such as the 'School for Young Gentlemen' on North Entrance. It would be interesting to see what Ofsted thought of them!



▲ Richard and Viv Wills Crisp put together an impressive amount of information and images for the 2016 'Education in Saxmundham' exhibition

### Winter Friends Evening

Our annual **Winter Friends Evening** is back at the Market Hall this year, on 4th November. We're delighted that we'll have the chance to enjoy music from **5 in a Bar**, an acapella group based in Snape.

Tickets are available from Crisps in the High Street, priced at £11 for Friends and £13 for guests. The evening will start at 6.30 pm.

Please bring your memories of the Museum with you! Belinda Moore (a member of the Museum's management

committee) and Richard Wills Crisp are putting together a history of Saxmundham Museum. We'd like to gather memories from everyone who's been involved with the Museum over the years, whether as a steward, a committee member, someone who worked on a display or exhibit or a visitor who has happy memories of looking around the Museum.

We'll have pens and paper available on the night, but if you'd like to jot down any thoughts before then, we'd be delighted.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Saxmundham Museum

##### Winter Friends' Evening

November 4th, from 6.30 pm at the Market Hall. Tickets £11 for Friends of the Museum, £13 for guests, available from Crisps, High St., Saxmundham.

##### Museum Quiz Night

February 4th, 7.00 pm at the Market Hall. £36 per table of 6, to include a ploughman's supper; tickets available from December. Call Kevin Gale on 604861 to book.

##### Christmas Opening

December 3rd, 10am to 4pm. Please come along for the chance to buy gifts and souvenirs, look at the Museum and enjoy a festive glass of mulled wine.

##### 2017 Season

The Museum will open its doors for 2017 from 1st April.

#### History Society

October 13th : Eamon McCabe - Life as a Journalist

November 10th : Mark Mitchells - Queen Elizabeth II - Her Life in Portraits

December 1st : Christmas Celebration, 'Shipshape' traditional music, finger buffet and wine

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  
Or visit the Museum website

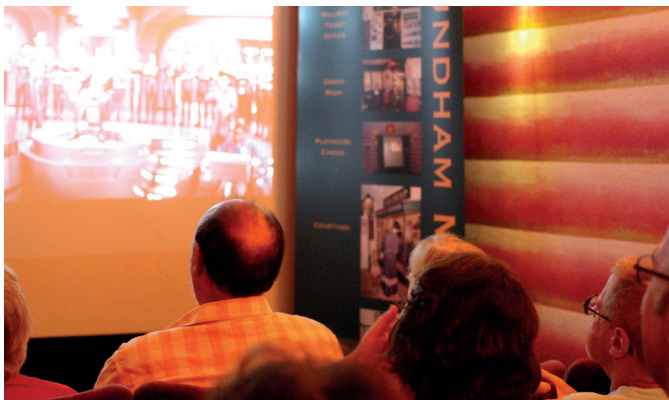


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# Museum Film Nights

Who said Sax doesn't have a cinema any more? The Museum's monthly film evenings are proving ever more popular.

There's no charge, although we welcome a donation of £5 per person to help cover our costs and you're welcome to bring a drink and a snack to enjoy during the film.



## Upcoming films

Thurs 27th Oct - **About Time**  
Thurs 24th Nov - **Captain Phillips**  
Thurs 8th Dec - **Love Actually**

It's essential to reserve a seat, so if you're interested call Penny Hewett Brown on 01728 832019 or email [tickets@saxmundhammuseum.org.uk](mailto:tickets@saxmundhammuseum.org.uk).

## Great new museum gifts



**Saxmundham Museum OS Map Tray and Mug**  
£20 for set shown above  
Mug £8.50, Tray £5

**'Vintage' Saxmundham postcards**  
50p each (Postcards available from Crisps)



## Summer Friends Evening



Saxmundham Museum's inaugural Summer Friends Evening took place in July in the peaceful setting of Park House on South Entrance.

A delightful time was had by all, despite an overcast evening.

Friends enjoyed a fruity summer punch with canapes which many had generously provided, all to the background of music by Christine Haywood and her friend Mickey.

## AGM

The Museum AGM takes place on Friday 21st October 2016 at the URC Hall, Chapel Road, 7 pm. After the business, a glass of wine will be offered and a talk given by Belinda Moore, giving the background to her local history book, *Sax Stories*.

## Thank you!

Saxmundham Museum is delighted to have received a number of generous grants over the last 12 months, including those from:

**Saxmundham Town Council**

**John Fisher, Suffolk Coastal District Council**

**Association of Suffolk Museums**

**Saxmundham & District Rotary Club**

**Waitrose and East of England Co-op Token Schemes**

As you will be aware, the Museum is a registered charity entirely dependent on volunteers and donations from friends and visitors. Thank you sincerely for your continued support.

If you know anyone who might be willing to become a Friend of the Museum, please give them a gentle nudge! Friends forms are available from the Museum or the website. Being a Friend costs £15 (£20 for family membership) a year.

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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!

