

WEST OF PETERSFIELD NEWS

EAST MEON

Village day to share heritage

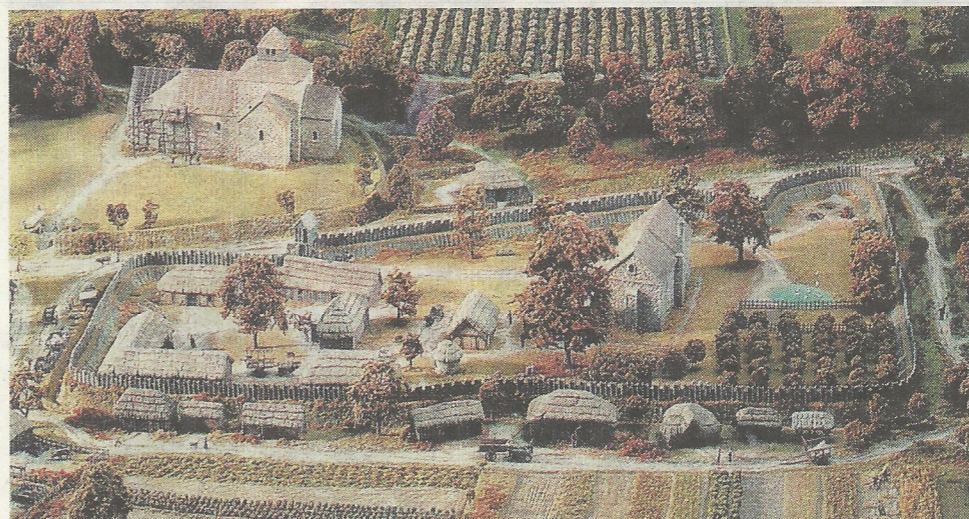
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THE RICH history of East Meon is to be promoted and recorded thanks to thousands of pounds from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

Villagers, and anyone with connections to the village, will be invited to bring along their memories and memorabilia to a History Open Day on September 28.

And this event, made possible by the grant of £5,700 to East Meon History Group, will help build up a comprehensive archive of the community in print, audio and digital form.

East Meon History Group members were delighted to receive the cash, which comes from a new funding programme – Sharing Heritage – to help people across



Model of East Meon in Norman times.

the UK explore, conserve and share all aspects of times gone by in their local areas.

The grant will enable the group, founded three years ago, to build up a picture of village history through the

scanning and indexing of old photographs and other items villagers are asked to bring to the open day.

History group chairman Michael Blakstad said: "The event is the tip of an iceberg

– to make it possible we need to build the foundations on which local history can be systematically recorded, a fully indexed archive of memorabilia, both in paper and digital forms, audio interviews with

people with long memories of the village, as well as a print version of the guided walk around our historic buildings.

"The HLF grant will take us from a small, informal group to being able to record and celebrate the long history of this wonderful village."

Head of HLF South East Stuart McLeod added: "Sharing Heritage is a wonderful opportunity for communities to delve into their local heritage and we are delighted to be able to offer this grant so that East Meon Open Day can involve the whole village in its history.

"HLF's funding offers a wealth of opportunities for groups to explore and celebrate what's important to them in their area."

Sharing Heritage is for any not-for-profit group wanting to explore their community's heritage. For more information on images and interviews, contact Michael Blakstad on 01730 823337.

Fairacres Farm application views sought by council

VIEWS on a farm plan are invited.

Public opinion is sought by Froxfield Parish Council on a plan to dismantle the poultry shed, extend the living accommodation and provide a public amenity area at Fairacres Farm, Froxfield Green. E-mail clerk.froxfield@parish.hants.gov.uk with your comments.

Summer flower show at Froxfield village hall

ENTRANTS are invited in classes including fruit, vegetables, flowers, cooking and photography at the Froxfield and Privett Horticultural Society Summer Show, at Froxfield village hall on August 17, at 2pm, with prize-giving at 3.30pm. Telephone 01962 771049 for more details.