



COURT BARN MUSEUM

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EXCITING EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AT COURT BARN MUSEUM IN CHIPPING CAMPDEN, SUPPORTED BY THE HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND AND THE ERNEST COOK TRUST.

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has awarded a grant of £7,000, to train a dedicated team of volunteers to support education at Court Barn Museum. Funding of over £1,200 has also been received from the Ernest Cook Trust it was announced today.

A team from Court Barn Museum is preparing to support students in the Design and Technology area of the secondary school curriculum. Thanks to the generosity of the Robert Welch company, Court Barn Museum has examples of the work of influential industrial designer, Robert Welch, (1929-2000) and also a fascinating collection of his working sketchbooks. These show how he approached the task of designing and will be of unique value to students.

Lindsey Kennedy Smith, the museum's Educational Consultant, will develop workshops for the schools and will train a group of interested volunteers to introduce the work and

influence of Robert Welch to visiting school groups. The subject teachers will then use the objects and the sketchbooks to teach their particular area of the curriculum. It will also be possible for the volunteers to take resource boxes, containing examples of the work of Robert Welch, to schools as part of an outreach programme, which will be led by the teachers and supported by the volunteers.

Lindsey will train the volunteers between September and December, after which the several schools who have already expressed an interest in the programme will be invited to trial and evaluate the new workshop and resources. Bookings will be taken from March 2010 for this exciting new programme.

The project is sustainable as the volunteers will be able to train new volunteers who wish to join the programme. Celia Jones, Trustee, is managing the project, and Frank Johnson, Trustee, is the Specialist Adviser. They will all be ably assisted by the new curator, Sarah McCormick Healy.

This is a very special opportunity to bring the important work of Robert Welch to the attention of students. Court Barn Museum is very grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Ernest Cook Trust for enabling this valuable educational project to take place.

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COURT BARN MUSEUM

1. How to find us

Court Barn Museum is by St James's church in Church Street, Chipping
Campden, Gloucestershire, GL55 6JE

2. Admission charges

Adults £3.75; Concessions (students, senior citizens) £3.00; Children under 16 are
free; Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

3. Opening times

April - September: Tuesday - Saturday 10.30 - 5.30, Sunday 11.30 - 5.30

October - March: Tuesday - Saturday 11.00 - 4.00 Sunday 11.30 - 4.00

Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays) and Closed 24 Dec - 1 Jan inclusive

4. About Court Barn Museum

Court Barn Museum, which opened to the public in July 2007, is an independent
museum and the brainchild of a group of local enthusiasts called the Guild of
Handicraft Trust. The museum was created through the generous support of the
Heritage Lottery Fund and the Guild of Handicraft Trust raised the £1.3 million
needed to create the museum.

This groundbreaking new museum is situated in the beautiful old town of
Chipping Campden and tells the story of how a small town, in a beautiful setting,
became a gathering place for creative people from the Arts and Crafts movement
onwards. The museum has been created to celebrate these talented designers,
craftspeople, artists and architects, such as C.R.Ashbee and Gordon Russell, who
have worked in Chipping Campden and the north Cotswolds since about 1900.

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about our diverse heritage. From great museums and historic buildings to local parks and beauty spots or recording celebrating traditions, customs and history. HLF grants open up our nation's heritage for everyone to enjoy. Since 1994 it has supported more than 26,000 projects, allocating over £4 billion across the UK. www.hlf.org.uk.

THE ERNEST COOK TRUST

The ECT is a charitable trust which was set up in 1952 by the late Ernest Cook, a grandson of Thomas Cook, the founder of Cook's Travel Agency. The endowment of the Trust consisted of country estates owned by the founder. The Trust currently has estates covering some 22,000 acres in four counties. It is the surplus income from these estates, and from other investments, that forms the fund from which educational grants are made. In 2008/9 the Trust awarded more than £1.7m in grants.