



INGERSOLL CHEESE & AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

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Mayor Paul Holbrough
Members of Ingersoll Town Council

There was not enough Committee Members to form a quorum, so the members present held an 'old fashioned around the kitchen table discussion', which proved fruitful.

We held discussions on how to make our facilities more user friendly with the following results:

Improved signage on the displays; it was felt that although the information was well researched, the signs were not large enough to be easily read during a tour.

The clean-up and improvement of the displays in the north barn, which was closed last year as the area was needed for storage.

The re-introduction of the Gift Shop, which will help promote our Museum.

Increase the number of artifacts on display in the Community Museum

Increase the number of artifacts on display in the Cheese Factory Museum.

Increase the number of easy to move artifacts on display in the Sherbrook Barn as this facility is used from time to time for other events.

To facilitate these improvements we will be making changes to both the Community Museum and the Cheese Factory Museum, more on this at a later date.

A sub-committee of five members has been formed to oversee the development of a strategic plan for the Museum site and report back to the main Committee.

The Museum sign has been put back in place however we discovered more damage and arrangements will have to be made for repairs before the opening date.

As of this date the cleanup has started at the pump house construction site and it is hoped it will be completed in a proper manner soon.

We are working with the Black Museum Committee to arrange for a display of Black History for the Doors Open Oxford on May 23rd, this should be another step forward for our Museum.

The Sports Hall of Fame Inductees have been chosen, and letters have been sent to the successful people. Invitations have also been sent to various dignitaries asking for their attendance at the Induction Ceremony, May 31st. planning for the celebration will be completed soon and a more extensive report will be made at the May Council Meeting.

Respectfully,
Jon Bowman
Chairman,
Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum Advisory Committee