

A weekend to celebrate Amberley Museum's 40th birthday

'Chalk, Talk and Walk'

16th to 17th November 2019



Background

The Museum is celebrating its fortieth birthday with a weekend exploring its chalk and lime heritage. Up until the late 1960s, the Museum site was a working chalk pits where chalk was quarried and burnt in kilns to produce lime. Many of the original quarry buildings and lime kilns remain, forming the backdrop for the museum's collections.

A plea to our local community...

Did you, or a member of your family, work in the Amberley Chalk Pits? We would love to meet you and hear your memories.

Chalk, Talk and Walk Weekend

- Children's activities including a Victorian school room, chalk sculpting and sketching.
- Guided tours around the site, following a new trail
- An exhibition exploring what it was like to work at the quarry - "Meet the Workers."

"Quite a sneezing, nose-bleeding effort."

(Denis Chowne, Fleet driver and pit worker from 1947 onwards)

- A series of talks relating to the history of chalk quarrying and lime production in the Arun Valley, the history of the museum and technical insights into the processing of chalk and uses of lime.
- Demonstrations and technical sessions

The weekend will be opened by HM Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex, Mrs Susan Pyper on Saturday Morning 16th November

Visitor Information

All activities are included in the price of Museum entry.

Opening times:

10 to 4pm Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th

The Limeburners café will be open for refreshments throughout the day.

Further Information

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