Arts and Heritage

Sharpham Outdoors

The farm provides a number of opportunities in education, both residential and day visits. The farm has recently been awarded our first ever Green Flag award and a new children’s farm has been created in the former dairy as part of a new education and outreach programme in the outdoors. Evaluation of the programme undertaken with a number of local schools and community groups revealed that children enjoyed the outdoor learning experience and valued the opportunity to develop new skills.

Outdoor Learning and Events

Our open days were well attended this year with approximately 9,000 people attending activities over the course of Spring to Life. This year our open days included workshops in traditional arts and crafts, as well as a range of nature-based learning activities. We will continue to develop these workshops and events as part of our programme of learning.

Sharpham Apple Pressing and Autumn Festival

Our Apple Picking and Autumn Festival continues to be a popular feature of our outdoor shows. Pick your own apples from our lovely broadleaf apple bountiful apple harvest this year, the press will be running from the first weekend of September and the freshly made cider will be available. Artisan food from local producers and a host of arts and crafts activities will be available.

One event currently stands out though. Maggie was approaching her sixth birthday this year, and for her special day we invited our neighbour, the late Sarah Burns to her party. Maggie had been thrilled when Sarah promised to fly with the buzzards. The day of the event arrived, and Maggie was overjoyed. She had been looking forward to this for months. Sarah took to the sky, and Maggie was ecstatic. She watched as Sarah soared through the sky, and her joy knew no bounds. The event was a huge success, and Maggie was overjoyed.

The Sharpham Vineyard Cellar is now being reopened to high acclaim by the local community. The vineyard blooms in May, with a selection of wine bottles available for tasting. These wines are a reflection of the Sharpham Trust ethos and are produced with care and attention to detail. A selection of wines from the vineyard will be available for purchase at the Cellar, including our award-winning ‘Sharpham Estate Wine’ at the UK national competition.

Sharpham Wine & Cheese

The Sharpham Partnership’s vineyard and dairy have been producing award-winning wines and cheeses for over 15 years. We are proud to offer a selection of our cheeses, including award-winning varieties, at our Farm Shop and on our Farm Shop website. We are also delighted to offer a selection of wines at our Cellar, which are available for tasting.

Our Tenants

Upper Sharpham Barton

This holding of approximately 500 acres is being farmed by David Weeden who keeps cattle and sheep and is involved in organic farming.

Lower Sharpham Barton

This holding of approximately 250 acres is being farmed by the Owen Partnership and Sharpham Trust.

Mindfulness Courses and Retreats

As well as caring for the land and the heritage of the Trust, the Trust provides a successful programme of activities and events, which connects people with nature and promotes mindfulness and well-being. Our aim is to build on this following the following four tenets and includes:

- Public courses of all tenets and courses
- Environmental education and outdoor learning
- Open days and events