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Autumn Chill Banished from Museum

There will be less of a chill in the air at Bognor Regis Museum this autumn, thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Bognor Regis.

The old boiler at the West Street attraction decided enough was enough some months ago, and faced with an unanticipated bill of £2,400 for a new one, local Rotarians kindly answered a call for help and stepped in to meet half the cost.

Museum Curator Chris Burstow explained “Not only do we need heating for the comfort of our visitors and volunteers, but also to help protect the thousands of artefacts, documents and photographs, from the cold and damp. In addition, it is a condition of our insurance policy to heat the building. We do have a building maintenance fund, but we are already committed to dealing with a damp problem elsewhere in the building, so this couldn’t have come at a worse time. We are extremely grateful to the Rotary Club for their generosity.”

Neil Holloway, President of the Rotary Club of Bognor Regis said “We are delighted to support this valuable community resource. It is important that we all continue to have access to its excellent collections, providing us with an understanding and appreciation of our local history.”

Whilst the Museum had its final day for the 2015 main season last Sunday, it ended on a high, with it’s very first Halloween event – a week long Ghost Hunt where children had to search amongst the displays for Ghosts, in return for a treat. The event drew 565 visitors through the doors, one of the best weeks ever for the attraction.

Volunteers are now looking forward to *Christmas at the Museum* on Friday 27th 3-8pm and Saturday 10-3pm, when Father Christmas will be in attendance for both days. The Museum will be decorated and there will be other attractions such as a Lucky Dip and free nut-cracking!

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