

Bank Hall NEWS



Summer 2019



Editorial

Since the last news Sheet much has been going on in the background. The contractors have had to place a new drain across the walled garden to the enabling site as the drainage system from there will combine with the new system for the Hall. The main issue from the perspective of ourselves and Heritage Trust for the North West was the historic nature of the walled garden and also the very important East wall. The walls of the garden are included in the Grade 2* listing but as many may have seen the wall on the east side is leaning and is in fact 14° out of perpendicular. This meant that it was vulnerable to damage from the vibration of machinery. In the end a section of wall was taken down and the drainage work continued to a point outside the wall and will continue into the enabling site at a later stage. It is now proposed to take down the top of the whole of that wall to avoid collapse and it will then be rebuilt when funds are obtained. The Friends Group have made a contribution towards this important work. As work progressed across the walled garden a number of artefacts were found and a section of one of the underlying paths was investigated.

Dates for your Diary . . .

Country Crafts Event

**Sunday
7th July 2019**

Join us for this craft event between 12 Noon and 4.00pm Admission is £2.00 for Adults and Children enter free. There will be numerous Craft Stalls and Wildlife Stalls. See the latest on the Hall restoration with sections of the external fabric now being revealed. Dogs will be allowed but must be kept on a short lead

Heritage Open Day

**Sunday
15th September
2019**

This year we are opening on the first Sunday of Heritage Week. Admission is free. More information will be on our website and public facebook page nearer the date.

Clock Fingers



You may remember that in 2012-14 we promoted "A moment in Time" - a fund raising exercise to raise money for new clock fingers and clock faces. The clock faces and attendant stonework were all located and English Heritage did not want new ones to be made. This being the case the originals were put back after cleaning and any other necessary remedial work. The Friends Group have arranged for new fingers to be made to the design of the original ones and also in the same material. This was after a full investigation and the preparation of a report. The cost of this will be covered by the funds raised and any residual monies will be held and used towards a new clock mechanism. This means that the fingers will be static for the present but at least the faces will look like a clock. They are currently being made so that they can be installed whilst the tower is scaffolded. The picture (above) was recently passed to us and is taken from a slide showing the south face in about the 1960's.

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Volunteers Day

The next scheduled Volunteers Day will be Sunday 30th June from 10.00 am. If you are interested in volunteering contact Mark Baybutt: m.baybutt@bankhall.org or Lionel Taylor or John Howard (details below). The next Volunteers Day after this is expected to be on Sunday 21st July but please check our public facebook page or website to confirm this date.

Workshops

The workshops organised with the Lottery Funding have now finished. Thanks to all those who attended.

Completion of the Hall

One final note is that it is now likely to be the end of the year before work on the Hall is completed although the restoration work should be completed before then.

Bluebells



For those who enjoy seeing our bluebells this is a picture taken this year.



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