

Bank Hall NEWS



Autumn 2019

Editorial

Firstly, an update on the Main Project. We have been advised that the restoration work on the external fabric of the Hall should be completed by the end of October this year. There then follows a period of finishing the internal fitting out and landscaping around the Hall. The contractors expect this to be completed by the end of February next year.

The East Wall of the Walled Garden



Most of the top of the wall has now been removed (11 courses) and it became apparent as to why it was leaning when you could see the damage caused to it by Ivy. You can see the roots embedded in the brickwork and in sections of the wall they were down to a lower level. Ivy is dreadful for finding its way through nooks and crannies and once in amongst the brickwork can cause deterioration to mortar and can also split bricks. Along with a contribution from our Group, thanks is due to the Heritage Lottery Fund as they have funded the majority of the cost of this work. Also our Volunteers have been helping the HTNW team in carrying out this work. Funds will have to be raised to rebuild this historic Wall.

A New Entrance to the Walled Garden

Heritage Trust for the North West are currently considering a new entrance into the grounds for the public with a brick built entrance. This is an alternative to using the Potting Sheds but I would emphasize that the Potting Sheds are still a project and we continue to raise funds for it. The reason behind this is a re-think on how the Potting Sheds should be restored and used. Importantly the preservation of the historic wall on the north side of the walled garden has to be considered as this also appears to be have been heated and would have been built around the period 1790-1820. More information will follow as matters develop on these projects.

September Open Day



We had an excellent open day on Sunday the 15th September in support of National Heritage Week with our visitor numbers up substantially. Thanks to all who supported this event and also to all our stallholders. I have included a picture of this event (above).

Interesting Find

The contractors have very recently continued with the drainage work across the farm track and as they dug out for this they have kept an eye open for any artefacts. Not many were found but this picture shows part of a bottle which has been passed to us. This bottle is marked "Coca Mariani, Paris" and had it been complete would have been quite valuable. It contained a so-called medicine invented by Angelo Mariani in the 1860's, the recipe of which was the forerunner of Coca Cola. Just a pity the top has been broken off probably by the digger.



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Dates for your Diary

Haunted Autumn Sunday 27th October, 2019

Join us for our Annual Haunted Autumn Event between 12 Noon and 4.00 pm - Admission is £2.00 for Adults and Children enter free. We are expecting to have various stalls and children's activities at this event. Please note that due to the number of children on site, dogs will not be allowed into the site for this event. There are extra charges for Pumpkin Carving (limited to 50) and the Wishing Tree.

Tree Week Open Day – Sunday 24th November

This year we are again open for National Tree week. Standard Admission charge as above. Tree and Heritage tours. No stalls or catering at this event but dogs will be allowed.

Volunteers Day

The next scheduled Volunteers Day will be Sunday 20th October from 10.00 am. If you are interested in volunteering contact John Howard or Lionel Taylor (details on left). The next Volunteers Day after this will be in November. Please check our public facebook page or website for the date.



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