

Bank Hall NEWS



Spring 2019



Editorial

If you have visited the Hall on one of our Snowdrop Sundays you will have seen that the scaffolding has been removed on the East side of the Hall. This is because the restoration work at that side of the building has now been completed. The picture shows the gables on the south elevation on the east side of the Tower - a view which hasn't been seen since the early 1970's. Currently the timetable for the completion of the external restoration work is the end of July this year.

Dates for your Diary

Easter Sunday - Sunday 21st April, 2019

As usual we will be opening on Easter Sunday for our usual Bunny Hunt. Hopefully in the grounds there will still be some daffodils and primroses to see. Admission is £2.00 for Adults and Children enter free. There is a charge of £1.50 for the Bunny Hunt (if participating) and an Easter Egg is received at the end of the Hunt - limited to 200. There will be a number of stalls in the Walled Garden and as it is close to St. George's Day, two performances of "George and The Dragon" by the Dark Nights Theatre Company. Opening is strictly at 12 Noon and runs through to 4.00 pm. In accordance with our standing policy, no Dogs will be permitted at this event due to the number of children present.

Volunteers Day - Date

The next scheduled Volunteers Day will be Sunday 14th April from 10.00 am. If you are interested in volunteering contact Mark Baybutt: m.baybutt@bankhall.org or Lionel Taylor or John Howard (details on next page)

Exciting Development

One exciting development in early February was the discovery of the footings of the former North East Wing. The Contractors were digging on the East side for drainage work when they uncovered a tiled area which was in fact a toilet room. Subsequent work the same day revealed the footings of the former wing which we believe was demolished just before or for the residency of the Royal Engineers in the Hall during World War 2.



The picture shows the footings but an interesting Coal Chute was also discovered in one corner of the building along with a lower level floor which had an access from the kitchen. This can be seen on the left of the picture.

Snowdrop Sundays

Thank you to all those who attended this year. We had three very good days in February but the 4th Sunday on the 3rd March was a bad day for weather. However, due to the unseasonably warm weather, the Snowdrops had all but disappeared and had been replaced by Daffodils which have come into flower early this year. Our next event will be on Easter Sunday.



Workshops

As part of the Lottery funding, a series of workshops have been arranged by Heritage Trust for the North West. Our email correspondents and Members have all received details of these and we are asking, if you can, please support them. They are free and those that are for a full day include refreshments. You do, however, need to book them in advance so that you can be advised if there is any change in the arrangements for them. Please contact us if you require any further information but booking is through HTNW. Please note that the second Hard Hat Day is already fully booked.

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