

## **East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire Museums Forum**

### **Immingham Museum - Pelham Road, Immingham, DN40 1QF**

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

## **Minutes**

### **Independent Museums Updates**

#### **Hedon Museums – Lesley Harland and John Groome**

- Due to creating space in the archive there is a projector and a projector with a screen available.
- The museum was approached by a group of artists – they took over the gallery space, provided their own volunteers and increased the opening hours. As a result the museum saw increased visitor numbers and more spend in the shop.
- The recent 70 years NHS exhibition coupled with the Roads to Hull exhibition was the second best attended exhibition ever. The marketing banner in the car park also helped numbers.
- By removing the 50p charge for teas and coffees the museum has seen an increased number of donations.

#### **Burton Constable Foundation – Philippa Wood**

- Curator Kelly Wainwright is on maternity with baby Benedict. Philippa Wood is covering the maternity as curator.
- It has been a poor summer for visitor numbers following a good Spring.
- 2018 is the 300<sup>th</sup> Chippindale Celebration featuring some of the foundation's collection and coordinating events across the country.
- The main focus of 2019 will be the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Herman Melville featuring the whale from the story of Moby Dick, which is in the collection.
- The Art UK sculpture survey is currently underway.

#### **Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft – David Chick**

- Visitor numbers have been good and the Steam Rally next weekend looks to bring in more visitors.
- Trolleybus in WWI finishes in 2018 with the new Toy Museum main exhibition starting in 2019 celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Staff recently visited the Czech Republic to survey the making of a replica battery powered Rolls Royce to be delivered as part of the 2019 celebrations.
- The museum purchased an additional acre of land in 2017 with intention to build an exhibition hall. Plan to house 15 vehicles providing much more space for visitors, and a

permanent exhibition of the history of the Trolleybus. The museum is currently looking at design and consulting with other institutions.

#### **Epworth Old Rectory – Gillian Crawley**

- The Rectory has had a lively year of successful events.
- Overall visitor numbers are down, however numbers attending on coach tours are steady. The museum is currently in talks to be included in Mayflower 400 coach tours.
- Staff and Trustees are awaiting the Accreditation return.

#### **Burnby Hall – Peter Rogers and Claude Mole**

- The museum is currently improving storage in the archive and Dieter Hopkin is helping through mentorship.
- The museum has inherited a number of documents relating to Major Stewart. They will be sorted through and archived over the coming months.
- Major Stewart and the Romanovs has been brought to the surface again as the museum's collection has been cited in a Telegraph article with the Science Museum.

#### **Immingham Museum – Garry Crossland and Malcom Cullum**

- The Museum will be linking with Plymouth, Southampton, Bassetlaw etc. for the 2020 celebration - Mayflower 400.
- The museum is currently undertaking a feasibility study for a possible extension to the museum above the library and propose to name it the Pilgrims Fathers Centre.
- The museum received a successful response to the model railway weekend with over 700 people in attendance.

#### **Howden Museum – Phillip Mephram**

- Due to lack of funds the museum is seeking support from grants to continue using the current building. The current contract will run out in October. If unsuccessful, the museum will continue with a 'Howdenshire' expansion and run touring exhibitions in the town.
- There is a successful Archaeological project of Bishops Palace is currently running behind the museum. Funded by HLF and Howden Town Council.

#### **Wilderspin National School Museum – Ian Wolesley**

- The Heritage Open days were a great success. There was a great response to the open air raid shelter with costume interpretation made by the sewing group. The museum welcomed visits from a group of adults with learning difficulties and a group from a residential care home for those on the autistic spectrum.
- The museum has won the Queens Award for Voluntary service.

### **The Ropewalk – Liz Bennet**

- It is the one year anniversary of the purchase of the building.
- Summer visitor numbers were down.
- More visitors are expected with a new asset based approach with Open Studios, and theme days with a May gardening day and a Vintage day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### **Local Authority update**

#### **North East Lincolnshire – Louise Bowen**

- Making preparations for the accreditation return
- The annual Trawlermans night welcomed 170 people although, as expected, numbers are down from last year.
- The exhibition 'Grimsby's Lost Ships of WWI' runs until the 1<sup>st</sup> January. From February 2019 onwards there is a temporary exhibition planned with Grimsby group Equality Practice, focussed on immigration into the town.

#### **East Riding – David Marchant**

- East Riding Museum received NPO funding. This has led to increased focus on community engagement with a colleague focussed on increasing provision in the Wolds. There is more engagement planned for roadshows and festival events including the Driffield show and Beverley food festival.
- East Riding has produced a 4 year digital strategy which will invest in oral histories and a recently purchased VR will be up and running soon.
- East Riding Yeomanry guide has been recently published and is available online or on hardcopy from the archive.
- There has been a positive response to the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition at the Treasure House and the Duty Done WWI commemoration exhibition.

### **Presentations – see attached pdfs**

#### **Gill Greaves - Arts Council England National Project Grants**

Gill shared about the opportunities for museums to apply for the ACE National Lottery Project Grants. Gill highlighted some key examples, spoke about the application process and encouraged museums to apply.

### **Paula Denton – Our Big Picture**

Paula spoke of the vision and experience of Our Big Picture. Coupled with Gill, Paula gave a key insight into several successful grant applications.

### **Chris Duffill – North East Lincolnshire Heritage Action Zone Improvements**

Chris shared about the exciting re-development plans in North Lincolnshire and the partnerships with Grimsby Heritage Centre.

### **Liz Bennet – Heritage Open Days**

Liz finished the day with a great overview of the successful Heritage Open Days across Barton upon Humber . It was great to hear how the town was mobilised and volunteers joined to promote the town's rich Heritage offer.

### **Museum Development Yorkshire update**

- MDY is running a Small Grants Programme in 2018-19 for grants up to £3,000
- All museums (whatever their status!) can attend the Forum and also receive our fortnightly ebulletin. Subscribe at: <https://www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/about-us/>

**DONM: Please contact Steph Jones if you would like to host a meeting. The forum runs three times a year and we are flexible about dates in January, May/June and September/October 2019!**