

# **Bampton Heritage and Visitor Centre Volunteers Newsletter September 2016**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
3 years old !!**

We have welcomed more than 7200 Visitors to the Centre since we opened in 2013. At our recent volunteers evening Katrina Munro, (Chairman of the Trustees) thanked everyone for their great team work which has made this possible. 'All the volunteers should feel proud of what we have achieved in a relatively short time' she said.

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Barney Hopkinson (Trustee treasurer) reported that our finances were in a healthy position - with sales and donations covering the running costs of the Centre.

We had recently received a donation from the Bampton Society when they distributed the funds they had on dissolving the Society. Many thanks to the Society and especially Joan Fagg, for the work they have done in the past and for their generous donation.

The Trustees are also seeking grants from outside sources for our special projects and so far these have been successful.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **TIVVY BUMPER**

The Tivvy Bumper project has been a great success and has brought additional visitors to the Centre to get their trail leaflets stamped, especially children and families.

All the models will be auctioned on the 18<sup>th</sup> November and the Trustees are discussing how we can try and secure our two models for the Town.

### **LISTENING PROJECT**

Thanks to Eileen and Michael Hawkins who were willing to act as 'guinea pigs' for the volunteers who wanted to practice their interviewing and recording skills. The work to identify people to be interviewed and give the recently trained volunteers an opportunity to build their confidence continues.

We have now ordered the wall mounted listening machine. All of the recordings will be reviewed and edited and stored in the listening machine in the Centre.

We will let you know the exact date for this and of course help volunteers get familiar with how it works. Please contact Judi Thomas 332030 with names of potential interviewees.

### **FAMILY HISTORY**

Alan Woolley gave a short presentation at the Volunteers evening about how we can use the Computer Software package on the Centre computer to help visitors search their family history. He is offering to run a workshop for those volunteers wanting to learn how to do this and further

details will be circulated shortly. If you are interested in taking part, please let Liz Redfern know on 331540 or lizredfern@gmail.com

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### **Bampton Belgian Refugee Committee**

We have heard from the Devon Heritage Centre that they are doing work on a Devon Remembers Project and as part of that have found a large folder of documents with information about the Bampton Belgian Refugee Committee. This is an important part of Devon War History and of course for Bampton. If anyone would be interested in finding out more and contributing to the project by researching the material, the Devon Centre would be delighted to hear from us/you. Please contact Liz Redfern 331540 if you want to know more.

### **QUIZ????????????QUIZ?**

*The next Swan Quiz on Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm is for the Centre. Why not come along and enjoy the fun? We also need raffle prizes, so if you can donate chocolates, wine, bath products etc then please drop them off at the **Toucan***

### **FLEECES**

Thanks to Dave Burt who suggested that volunteers might benefit from having Fleeces

supplied for when on duty. The money has now been raised from local sponsors to buy them and most volunteers have indicated they would like one.

They will have the BHVC logo embroidered on them and will be ordered shortly.

***IF you would like one and haven't already told us so then please contact Judi Thomas on 332030***

### **Name badges**

If you would like a name badge we are now able to get more produced. Please let Katrina/Judi or Liz know and we'll get one done for you.

### **New Toilets now OPEN**

The newly refurbished toilets are now open and you need 20p to use them. If you need to use them whilst on duty and don't have a 20p piece please take one from the cash box. We don't want you to get caught short!! Just make a note in the cash book so we know.

**Winter Opening Hours** will start after the Fair and will reduce to Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

**Starts Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.**