

## **BHVC summer newsletter**

Hello everyone – perhaps ‘summer’ is being a bit optimistic but it does look like the weather might be warming up a little!

### **Update from the Trustees meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May:**

The key safe in the LARC building is working well, with full instructions in the volunteer folder in the Heritage Centre.

Springfest – Wendy and Ken Mills will be managing the Centre throughout the day and there will be a children’s church trail – the same as the Easter trail but with flower symbols rather than Easter eggs.

The Listening Project is popular and we have had a very helpful suggestion to improve the interpretation – having a short profile of the people whose voices we have recorded (e.g. age, school attended and dates). We will put a poster with this information by the Listening box.

Barney Hopkinson reported that the Charity Commission requires us to adopt a policy with two main aims: to protect any restricted funds and to protect recipients of the project in event of failure of the project (recipients being the residents of the parish of Bampton). The Treasurer has conducted a risk assessment, as required, on the level of reserves to be held to cover closing down expenses in the event of a failure of the project. The assessment shows we should hold £500 to cover 1 year’s outgoings and a further £500 to cover costs of restoration of the area of the church occupied by the Centre. BH recommended a reserve of £1200 to be prudent. Katrina proposed and Judi seconded the acceptance of the recommendation. All trustees were in favour.

### **Tivvy Bumper**

Derek Webster has been working tirelessly to raise funds to reinstate a Bampton Bumper on the empty plinth outside the Swan. Tiverton Museum has provided the original mould and a new model will be cast and painted in the original GWR colours by Bernard Parker, the artist who painted the original model which was sold at auction after the All Aboard trail. Watch this space for more information on the installation of the model in July.

### **Pub quiz**

The monthly pub quiz, at The Swan, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, will be in aid of the Heritage Centre. Please come along and take part. It is great fun, with teams of up to 6 people and costing £2 per person to participate. The more people taking part the more we can raise. We will be running a raffle – if you can donate a raffle prize, drop it into Judi’s (Overbrook, 56 Brook Street) or Derek’s (18a Bouchier Close) before the quiz day.

## Volunteer recruitment

We need more volunteers! The whole project runs on volunteer goodwill and availability and we have noticed this season that it is becoming more difficult to fill gaps in the rota. Do you have any ideas on how we can recruit more volunteers? Can you help us by telling us what attracted you to volunteer with us? Did you ask someone about the Centre, or did you know a friend that talked to you about it? Do you think an open day might work – having volunteers in the Centre for a whole day and early evening so that people can visit and find out more about us? All ideas welcome – talk to or email Liz (331540 [lizredfern@gmail.com](mailto:lizredfern@gmail.com)) or Judi (332030 [judi.thomas55@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judi.thomas55@yahoo.co.uk)).

## Keeping birds out of the church

Nesting season is in full swing and our returning summer visitors – the swifts – are back in residence in the church porch. Can you please make sure you keep the door closed, other than when people are coming in or going out of the main door, obviously? If the birds get in it is virtually impossible for them to escape again, making it distressing for them and for all of us. The church wardens have made a new sign about this issue which we should put on the outside of the main door when the Centre is open and which should be taken in when we close up. Keep the sign with the disabled bell sign as it will be used for church services and events as well, not just the Heritage Centre.

## HD Video Player

Derek and Humphrey, and Kingfisher Media, have worked hard on our new video player which is now installed and up and running. It means:

- **No more fiddling about with DVDs**
- **No freezing pf DVDs**
- **A higher quality of picture and sound**
- **More videos available than previously**
- **Simple selection at the press of a button**

### **Note that:**

1. When you turn on the power using the plug in the corner, the video box automatically powers up.
2. The TV needs to be turned on using the red button top right on the remote control – red light on TV will flash.
3. The system takes a minute to get going – be patient! You may see various initialising messages, the fact that it is connected to HDMI2 and stuff like that. The messages will disappear, and you will be left with the main video menu on the screen. It includes the running time of each video.
4. The volume can be adjusted with two buttons on the new video box – please do not use the remote control for anything except on/off!
5. At the end of the day, simply switch off the corner socket to turn everything off.

