



Wimborne History Festival Board Meeting

Monday April 15th 2019, Allendale House

Present: TC; IF; RL; AW (WHF) Sue Warr (PramaLife); Carole Davies (PramaLife); Lyn Kenchington (Wimborne Library); Tina Eicke (Waitrose); Janet Seal (Author), Ronnie Habgood (EDHC); Michelle O'Brien (Storyteller); Dee Ashton (Wimborne Minster); Simon Thomas (BID); Chris Brown (Town Crier), Rob Butler (Historical Promotions)

Apologies: Paul Thackeray (Wimborne Camera Club); Keith Hay (Canford School); Sarah Wrixon; Paul Gunovsky (WMFF); Karen St Clair (Wimborne Cemeteries); Greg Hoar (Model Town), Jay Dilley (Historian)

Items	Action
<p>Wimborne History Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC led attendees through the plans for 2020 • She was keen to stress that as long as funding was available that the intention was to make the Festival free. <p>The Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Butler and Tracy talked through the Living History programme that has been provisionally booked and which will be delivered by Historical Productions and Events (subject to successful funding outcomes). These are not attached to the minutes. • Rob explained how the activities linked to STEM subjects will be offered to schools. TC explained that she hoped Tim Berners Lee would speak at the festival and the WHF would be writing to his agent. • Dee Ashton thought that an evening of baroque music could work well in the Minster. • TC suggested that Charlie North Lewis would like to be involved but that the £1000 hire fee might preclude the performance of a Tolpuddle play. • Rob explained that the smuggling boat was likely to be bigger than on the original proposal. • Lyn Kenchington was reassured to hear that as "horses and gunfire don't mix" that the two would be separated. • Michelle O'Brien outlined her idea for the "Respectables" promenade performance which was considered an excellent idea (funding required). • Rob Butler informed the meeting that as there was an intention to film events that the subsequent DVD might be made available for sale. • Lyn Kenchington stated that it might be possible to use the library (and private green space) for literary events. • Carol Davies wished to explore Memory Café style events linked to the festival. • RL revealed that the monthly Farmer's Market would coincide with the Saturday of the festival and that Sir William Hanham could provide sheep (and other animal(s)) to add to the verisimilitude of such a market. • Dee Ashton suggested that contact with Bournemouth University be made so that History undergraduates involve themselves in a vocational project to promote the festival. • TC appealed for volunteers to join a small fundraising sub-group to assist 	

the Festival in raising grants and sponsorship and proposed a fundraising get together take place at the Thirsty Bird on **8th May at 10.30am.**

Sting in the Tale a festival of Stories update

- SITT 2019 will be the first time Wimborne History Festival will be responsible for the running of this Festival, White Sheep Marketing has been commissioned with project managing it, and there was a quick update about the plans for this town Festival from Rachel which will be taking place from 27 July – 2 August 2019 in various venues around town.
- On 27th July there will be an open air festival site on Willow Walk with two giant Tipi's for the venue and a storytelling, music, and crafts programme. If funding from Arts Council, Wimborne BID and Wimborne Town Council are successful this will be a free event with two additional promenade performances taking place in Wimborne. If not it will be ticketed and the programme will be stripped back more.
- RL stated that thanks to the kind offer of Sir William Hanham a fund raising event for Sting in the Tale would take place on the 1/6/19 at Deans Court. Details will be circulated; all help from Town partners will be appreciated to assist with promoting this to raise money for the Sting in the Tale festival.
- It was agreed Tracy would organise update meetings every two months with the Town partners to discuss progress with plans.
- Date of next Town Partnership meeting will be **Monday 17th June 2019 2 pm at Wimborne Minster Town Council Committee Room**