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Museum vision is taking shape



The Tourism Group were privileged to have a guided tour of the National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art.



Donned with hard hats, protective footwear and high viz jackets, a most enjoyable hour was spent viewing the inside of the buildings, learning some of its history and discovering how this wonderful asset has had months of sympathetic rejuvenation.

The museum's director Chris Garibaldi and the

museum's deputy director/curator Graham Snelling described the challenges and achievements of the project, which will open in the autumn of 2016 aimed to coincide with the annually successful Trainers' weekend in September.



Palace House is already receiving art from such places as the Tate having successfully acclimatised and demonstrated that it can be maintained, to receive such pieces.

Photographs kindly supplied by the National Heritage Centre for Horseracing and Sporting Art.

Town Centre Clean for the Queen

On what must have been the coldest day of the winter with wind and rain in their faces, members of the Town Centre and Tourism groups met with volunteers from Tesco to be led and advised by Rubbish Friends on their litter pick for the Clean for the Queen event held on Saturday 5 March.

A total of 17 bags of rubbish were collected, a great team effort.

Correspondence had been sent to Newmarket Town Council and neighbouring parishes, while through the Newmarket Journal it had been advertised that Forest Heath District Council had agreed to remove any bags of rubbish collected over the special weekend from the recycling area of Tesco on Willie Snaith Drive - so there were no excuses.



Forest Heath District Council couldn't have been more helpful providing equipment, advice including the required risk assessment!



It is intended for there to be more regular events organised as well as an educational programme for local schools to try and get to the root of the problem, making children aware of the problems surrounding litter not just in Newmarket (as photo left) but worldwide.

Music Festival

The final details for the **Music Festival** programme are being put together and will soon to go to print.

The month long festival take place in July and as well as choirs, buskers and other performances, the programme will also include a chance to enjoy films and chocolate. More nearer the time.

News of the Business Improvement District (BID)

Newmarket Town Centre is set to benefit from £1.2 million of private investment over the next five years after local business voted in favour of creating a business improvement district (BID) for the town.

http://www.newmarketbid.com/downloads/Newmarket_Bid_Summary-Business-Plan.pdf

The next stage will be to set up an independent not for profit company with directors from each sector, as well as the appointment of a BID manager.

Railway

The Eastern Region franchise has gone to tender and whilst discussions will take place once the tender has been awarded in June 2016, it is still appropriate to send

in representations to the Department for Transport as this may influence the case to support a half hourly service - which has not been included in the tender.

Contracts should be in place by October 2016.

Green Corridor /Yellow Brick Road / Linear Park

A draft management plan outlines the value of the area, its landscape, its use at the moment and in the future, what the problems are and how they might be solved. It also considers the resources needed and how to move forward to make all the improvements that are desired. Over the spring and summer the users of the site will be consulted. Some on the ground work has commenced to aid flood prevention and clearing vegetation for further assessment.

WEARE350 has an exciting programme of events that include a free community day of racing at the Craven Meeting available to all residents of Newmarket. The theme of 'The peoples History of Newmarket' will be continued for the Newmarket Carnival, and at the Guineas meeting there will be a flyover of aircraft from Duxford, celebrating the fact that racing continued during both World Wars. A beautiful Emma Bridgewater mug has been commissioned to celebrate 350 years of racing in Newmarket which is available from the Museum. Excitement is also mounting about a special Monopoly game for Newmarket which will be launched at the Guineas and will be stocked locally.



Branding the town

A branding project which will bring together all the exciting projects in Newmarket is underway and is being carried out in conjunction with a 'joined up' Newmarket website.

Newmarket High Street Design Group

The principle objective of this group should be to improve the public realm of the High Street in a holistic and integrated manner. At the last meeting the area boundary was discussed and agreed. It was felt important to include the area from the Avenue towards Blackbear Lane. Members have contributed to the overall brief that will form the final document to go out to tender.

Whilst no further updates are available from the Education Group, The Head Master of Newmarket Academy (Nick Froy) gave a very positive and encouraging presentation to Newmarket Town Council.

Don't forget that if you have been invited to the Vision Workshop on 21 April 2016 please reply to christine.rush@westsuffolk.gov.uk