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News Letter

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Hello Friends and Neighbours

Heritage Open Days

This wonderful nationwide festival has drawn to a close for another year. The team involved with this event are pleased to report that, once again, the two weekends brought hundreds of visitors to the High Street. The majority came from out of the area – Hull, Leeds, York, Manchester, Lincoln, London, Southampton and even Malta(!). Some were returning visitors but most were discovering the Old Town for the first time. This event saw over 600 people visit The Toft, a private house at 43 High Street. Visitors were able to learn about the development of the Old Town and see the entrance hall, early 18th Century Oak Room and late 17th Century staircase before heading out to enjoy the garden.



The theme this year was 'Edible England' and visitors could enjoy various cakes made with some ingredients grown in the Old Town and even sample 'historic' cakes made by Liz Boardman using old recipes.

Many also allowed themselves to be tested by Michelle Stephens' 1673 food quiz. Michelle and Frederick also put many hours of research in to creating an Edible Old Town food trail, which had the effect of encouraging visitors to explore this unique part of Bridlington.

Separately, on Applegarth Lane, the 1698 Baptist Chapel was open to visitors the first weekend. St John's Methodist took part as well on the first Saturday, which is excellent.

To all the people that helped; a huge thank you for all your hard work in making it happen. It is a big commitment and time consuming but very rewarding when you meet so many good people here to enjoy the Old Town. Several people have said what a lovely 'vibe' there was generally on the High Street over those weekends.

To visitors, thank you! We hope you enjoyed the Festival. Before moving on to other things, please do take a minute, if you can, to tell us all about it. It's always important, but particularly this year – there's such a lot to learn from feedback. There is a Visitor feedback form on www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/survey

HOD - HQ has announced the dates for next year's festival; 9th to 18th September 2022 and we are already looking forward to doing it again. If you are interested in joining in or even opening a building that is of historic interest please let us know if you would like DOT's help.

Lantern Walk

DOT and the OTA are collaborating again on our next happening which will be the Lantern Walk (due to be on the same day as the Old Town's new Winter Festival 28th November) and we welcome everyone to take part. The last one was cancelled due to Covid restrictions but we hope nothing will stop us this year.



We aim to set off from Westgate Park and walk along High Street arriving at the Priory to coincide with the end of the Advent Service. Exact timings will be announced nearer the date. If you would like them, details of how to make willow and paper lanterns will be posted on Alex May Gallery's and the Old Town Association's Facebook pages, and on DOT's website: www.destinationoldtownbridlington.com Details of demonstrations and workshops will be announced shortly.

Please join us with your lanterns. (Dressing up in costume is positively encouraged!)

Christmas

Having been gathering momentum and participants over the last 4 years, DOT is again encouraging people in the Old Town to join in with creative Christmas Windows and hopefully as many as possible will join in. As we have offered before, if you would like help in doing something please make contact with us either by email or speaking with Joy at the Alex May Gallery on High Street.

There have been some wonderful windows and they have been getting better each year.

Best wishes to all.



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