Volunteer Meeting Minutes 2 July 2021

Attendees

Marie Burbage

Heather Day

Ana Taylor

Sheelagh James

Peter and Marie Gilbert

Kent Parsons

Judith Parkinson

Margery Dunwoody

Jan and John Williams

Pam Harrison

Ieuan Davies

**Museum Matters**

* The gift aid option on admission has been added to the Art Tickets website and the desk procedures. If a visitor is a UK taxpayer, by paying an extra 10% above the admission charge (£4.40 instead of £4), we can then claim 25% of the £4.40 as gift aid from the government giving us an extra £1.10! **Visitors must fill in the gift aid slip** with their details. Please explain this option to visitors who are paying on the door. Thank you to the desk volunteers for their proactive approach to attracting visitors into the museum and encouraging them to choose the gift aid option.

**Weddings**

* We have had 2 weddings cancelled. Although some of the restrictions on numbers have been removed, whilst social distancing is still required, we can only accommodate 15 guests.

**Future Events**

* The next Lunar lecture is The Birmingham Toy Trade: Eighteenth-Century Adornments by Jenni Dixon on July 24 at 7.30pm. As a result of the replies to the survey last month, lunar lectures will continue on zoom until the end of the year. Once we are able to offer live sessions, we will ensure that we also have a zoom option. MB will investigate the option/implications of recording lectures for streaming.
* Jigsaws are still wanted – if anyone can store some please contact John Williams on

Tel. 0182767597 Mob. 07941919031

* Thank you to Claire Turner and the Lichfield Society of Artists for the beautiful art exhibition in the Exhibition room. MB will arrange viewing days for volunteers and possibly the public (to be held before the museum opens and with access only to the exhibition).

**News/AOB**

* We are now offering an outdoor school trail. We welcomed our first group to the house in June – from Dame Catherine Hurley’s school, Ticknall. Thank you to the education team for designing and running this first session.
* We have had very positive comments from visitors to the garden on the new signage and benches.
* The new garden trail with a BUG theme is available for children free of charge and will be developed for the summer. Children will approach the desk for a sticker when they have found the bugs in the garden.
* Thank you to Val Lupton who has produced some very attractive shell shaped pot feet to raise the pots off the floor and to the garden team for creating this beautiful space.
* In future – rather than attempting to create an editable online rota, dates which have not been filled on the desk each month will be advertised on the volunteer portal.

Date of next meeting 9.30am 6 August 2021