

Old King's Head Edition

something wicked this way comes....

News

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from Heritage Lincolnshire



Welcome from the CEO

It gets more difficult every year to decide what to go and see during Heritage Open Days as our event organisers pull out all the stops to offer a fantastic programme over the weekend.

The team of staff and volunteers here at Heritage Lincolnshire are busy as always and we hope you enjoy this update on the charity's work. Don't forget, joining as a member will help us meet all of the exciting challenges ahead.



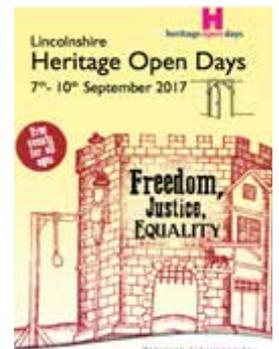
Thanks to Rodney Melville and Partners for Tweeting this photo of the Old King's Head

Old King's Head Emergency Works Commence!

Our building team are doing vital work at the Old King's Head to secure its immediate future. The inn can breathe a sigh of relief after standing proud against the elements for over four hundred years. Our team will offer a helping hand to the much loved coaching inn and we were pleased to announce that over the Heritage Open Days weekend every single tour was fully booked! If you want to get even more out of your next visit, look out for our Old King's Head crowdfunding prizes which include the opportunity to tour the building with experts.

Heritage Open Days 7 - 10th September

The most popular heritage event of the year starts as this newsletter is published, fresh off the press. We have worked alongside 79 communities to bring you over 150 events. Did you discover your own best kept secret? Share your experience with us on Facebook and Twitter, we love hearing from you.



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Crowdfunding to Save the Old King's Head

Crowdfunding launch! October 5th meet us online to save the Old King's Head!
www.heritagelincs.org

We are doing something completely new this year. We are inviting you to join us in our most interactive fundraising and building saving program so far: our crowdfunding campaign! For more details on crowdfunding, sign up to our mailing list at heritagelincs.org/okh

In the 1960s, after 400 years of being Kirton's coaching inn on the route from Boston to London, the Old King's Head closed its doors to customers and became a residential property. However, after a few decades as a family home, the building began to tumble down and was eventually abandoned. At risk of falling down, it

was identified as a building that vitally needed saving. Last year, we purchased the building which needed not one, but two rounds of emergency works. As rain was pouring through the rafters, our team applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund. We will be on the edge of our seats until we hear the result. Fun Fact: Every time you buy a lottery ticket you are already part of this or one of the many other Lottery Projects in the UK.

Until we hear back from the lottery there is lots more that you can do to get stuck in! We've got a calendar packed with events:

Be part of it!

September 28th: Murder mystery dinner party at The Merry Monk, Kirton. Limited tickets, booking is essential e-mail us for more info okh@heritagelincs.org.uk

October 7th: Festival of food, for a day of talks and yummy treats and local delights 12noon – 5pm at the Village Hall, Kirton, PE20 1LD



South Lincolnshire Walking Festival Launch Event at Willow Tree Fen

South Lincolnshire walking festival 23rd September - 29th October



Catch the final summer rays with our walking festival. From fenlands to woodlands, experts and volunteers will guide you through the beautiful South Lincolnshire countryside. Brochure available for free on our website, local libraries, Tourist Information Centres and SLWF website.



Stamford Georgian Festival is nearly here and we can't wait!

After 50 years of carefully maintaining its conservation area, the UK's first conservation area shows how heritage protection makes a huge difference to the beauty of urban areas. Thanks to new research by Historic England we know that heritage is essential, 93% of people saying that heritage has an impact on their quality of life. Furthermore, people who no longer visit heritage sites remark on the notable decline of their physical and mental health.

So let's celebrate Heritage making our lives better at Stamford Georgian Festival! Look out for

Heritage Lincolnshire: on Friday, our own Liz Bates gives a talk on our work saving Georgian heritage in the past, present and future. Tickets are just £4.50, and proceeds will go to saving the Old King's Head. Call Arts Centre box office 01780 763203. Don't miss our Heritage Skills Fair on Saturday when we join Institute of Historic Building Conservation so that you can get to the heart of historic skills.

Details and booking available at www.stamfordgeorgianfestival.co.uk



More photos from last year's festival available on the Georgian Festival's website

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The future of the Old King's Head

Architect's drawings show us the bright future for this old coaching Inn.



These pictures not only update the physical structure of the building, but also remind us that the journey Old King's Head is on is about updating the use of a historic building to be relevant today. At Heritage Lincolnshire our approach is to ensure that the future of a particular building is in good synergy with the needs of the surrounding area.

Altogether our work at the Old King's Head is part of Heritage Lincolnshire's charitable aim to promote, restore and protect the county's heritage for the benefit of people that work and live here. The future use of the Old King's Head ties in with services needed to make the local area more accessible for visitors, including our four star B&B which will encourage visitors to stay for more than just a day in this delightful part of the county.

We can't wait to enjoy a coffee with you when it opens! If you want to be a part of this amazing journey you can sign up to our Old King's Head mailing list, where you will be the first to know what's going on there. To get on the mailing list check out our crowdfunding campaign online. heritagelincolnshire.org/okh



7 – 13 Bridge Street in Horncastle was a regeneration project which brought to life a forgotten nook of this historic Lincoln town.



community engagement was an important part of the process to build 116 High Street, Boston

Old King's Head Events

To promote the future of the Old Kings Head, we are throwing exciting events that we think will be thrilling and tantalising.

Kirton's Festival of Food Oct 7th



In October, we are hosting a mini-festival at Kirton Village Hall to celebrate foods of Lincolnshire and how the future of the Old King's

head connects to the future of local foods. Would you like to share your story or sell your wares? Get in touch to find out how you can get involved!

Spine Chilling Murder Mystery Sept 29th

When local man George Priestly finds the body of Old King's Head's brewer, John Benton in the pub's copper, many secrets begin to unravel.

Will you be at our exclusive event? Contact us now to ensure that you are the first to know when tickets are released!



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Summer Community Events and Workshops Brought to you by Holbeach Cemetery Chapel Project

A two day Stained Glass workshop was held at Holbeach Reading Rooms was a great success. Led by Gillian and David Wing of Strawberry Glass, participants made attractive stained glass creations, learning how to cut, grind glass and use lead.

Participants developed a new skill at our Stone Masonry Workshop led by Alan Micklethwaite one of the country's finest restoration carvers.

We welcome the Mirinnesse Singers to give a Midsummer's Eve Concert in June. This Ladies' Chamber Choir, sung to a full house on a warm summer's evening. The chapel acoustics were brilliant!

Professor Mark Seaward also presented his Lichen Workshop, delivering an entertaining and informative presentation before leading us on a tour of the Churchyard and Holbeach Cemetery for an afternoon spent studying lichens 'in the field'.



Folklore as Heritage

Wherever you go, there is folklore of some kind. Some of it recent and mundane, some old and supernatural, but all a part of the story of a place and its people, which is what heritage is when you think about it.

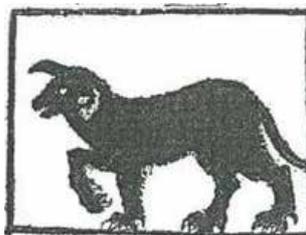


Image from Rev. Abraham Flemming's 1577 account of the Black Shuck

So, as a cross over from the Layers of History project and the renovation of the Old King's Head in Kirton, we are collecting and researching folklore in Lincolnshire. To get the best picture of the folklore landscape of Lincolnshire, we will approach this with as much academic rigor as any other form of data research. Stories, by their nature, can become distorted or dislocated from their origins. But, with the same approach as with the study of landscape they can be verified or corrected as needed. Map evidence, archive study and even examination of landscape features can help place folklore in its context.

The first results of this will be made available as a short booklet available to those who are supporting the renovation of the Old King's Head. In the longer term we are looking to next year's Heritage Open Days and hold other events to share some Lincolnshire Folklore, including old plays like the Revesby Sword Play. So, if you want to share in this wealth of heritage, why not get involved with one of our Layers of History projects or support the Old King's Head!

Greyfriars

Heritage Lincolnshire are working with the City of Lincoln Council to help find a sustainable future for this internationally important building. We're working with Fish Tank youth theatre and the Drill Hall's adult drama group to explore the story of Greyfriars over the past 700 years through performance. You will be treated to highlights from the history of the Franciscan Friary site, getting to see and experience the inside of the building that is not currently open to the public. We will ask you for your opinion of the building and input on our ideas for bring the site back into use.

Saturday 30th September
11:00am to 16:00pm

Scenes will start every 30 minutes from 11:30am to 15:30pm. No booking necessary.

Greyfriars is an historic building with uneven floors and stairs with no lifts available, poor lighting and no heating. Please wear sensible shoes and appropriate clothing.

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APS update

Aside from the commercial pressures, it is a pleasure to work with local groups on heritage based activities. This cannot be more true for our geophysics team who have had an unprecedented busy summer (usually a quiet period in the geophysics calendar) to take a break and spend some time with volunteers of the Isle of Axholme and Hatfield Chase Landscape Partnership.

With our help, volunteers surveyed the fields surrounding Epworth church, including a field to the south, known as Vinegarth which was the site of a medieval manor belonging to the

Honour of Mowbray. Though this was partially excavated in the 1970s, the survey indicated that the complex was once much larger that surrounded a courtyard and a possible rectangular building to its west.

Further geophysical training opportunities are being offered to the Isle of Axholme and Hatfield Chase Landscape Partnership in the hope that more people will become engaged. We hope also to provide community led workshops in geophysics for the Layers of History project and others over the coming months.



Sean teaches a volunteer in the use of a resistivity meter at Epworth

Layers of History Update

Our landscape archaeology project continues and volunteers are starting to research Freiston Shore while progressing their work at Revesby. During the last few months it has become clear that there has been a lack of investigation of the Cistercian abbey site over the years and no full scale geophysical survey. We're very excited to announce that this autumn our volunteers will be involved in the geophysical survey of the site, an extremely important piece of work!

They will be trained in the use of magnetometry and resistivity equipment to survey the Scheduled Ancient Monument and will be mentored by our expert Geophysicists.

We're also currently developing a 'mini study site' in South Kesteven where we will be carrying out activities for the Square Hole Club, a gathering of people with early onset dementia, or members in the early stages of the illness, and their carers.

www.heritagelincolnshire.org/layers or layers@heritagelincolnshire.org for more information.

Do you think we are persuasive?

73% of our Layers of History survey respondents said that being involved has changed their attitude to Lincolnshire's heritage!

We have really enjoyed receiving your feedback! One volunteer told us that they are even sharing what they have learned with friends and families, that's what we like to hear! Layers of History also has a new forum so that you can talk about what you've discovered online with your newfound heritage team!



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Heritage Bug twitter competition winner



Heritage Bug has been on an adventure! We would like to congratulate Emilia for taking her Bug on the wildest adventure so far to see Heritage in Crete.

Catch up with Emilia in our next newsletter to hear her #HeritageBug story.

Would you like to be our next winner? Tweet us at @heritagelincs + tag your #HeritageBug photos. Where will the Heritage Bug go next?

Events Coming Up....

7th - 10th September Heritage Open Days!

15th - 16th September Arts and Heritage at Boston Sessions House



Come and enjoy a two-day celebration of this architectural gem in the heart of historic Boston

22nd September Saving Lincolnshire's Georgian Heritage

20th - 28th See films young people made with us at the *Stamford Conservation Area* Exhibition at Stamford Arts Centre

23rd - 29th September South Lincolnshire Walking Festival

29th September Murder Mystery in Kirton

7th October Kirton Festival of Food

28th October Temple Brewer Halloween Event

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