

The Friends of Bracken Hall Countryside Centre

GENERAL MEETING

7pm Monday 31st July 2014, Baildon Children's Centre, BD17 5DH

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Item 1: Welcome

The meeting opened at 7PM. There were 6 members present. John Dallas opened the meeting.

Item 2: Apologies

Apologies for absence: 2 people

Item 3: Previous minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Item 4: Matters arising

No matters arising.

Item 5: BH progress

There is no bad news. The Management Committee meeting has been postponed, so we have no further update.

Item 6: Progress on activities

The Chairman reported that we are continuing with summer activities and others.

Item 7: Financial issues

Treasurer's report: We received £31 at Baildon Gala, including £3 for membership. £10 was given to BTC. Our current balance is £198.03. We have sufficient resources for summer Wild Wednesdays.

Item 8: Other activities

Correspondence received: We received invitations to the launch of the Nature, Camera, Action! Exhibition at the Media Museum. John has been contacted by the prospective owner of the barn, who was enquiring about the future of Bracken Hall.

Item 9: Membership issues

Membership report: As above, 3 new members from Baildon Carnival. Not all members have paid £1 renewal yet.

Item 10: Planned activities

Activities and walks

- Naomi Wilkinson, CBBC presenter, Roger L’Amie, Deputy Lord Mayor and Susan Hinchcliffe, Bradford Councillor were at the exhibition launch at the Media Museum. The Friends of Bracken Hall was named in the list of individuals and organisations thanked for their contribution in the Director’s speech.
- Bracken Hall and Baildon Town Council have several mentions on the board at the entrance to the galleries where the films made with John Dallas and Pete Foster are being shown, well done to Joe for being first on the board – Ashton!
- On Friday 25th July, 5 attended the Shipley Glen to Gilstead and Five Rise Locks walk.
- John’s presentation at Baildon Neighbourhood Forum was well received.
- Wild Wednesdays will take place on 30th July – including 2X half hour walks, 6th, 13th, 20th (Susan, butterflies), 27th August – we need people to run this session, Peter and Rory? Ian Butterfeld? Kate?
- We need to make our scarecrow for Baildon Scarecrow Festival.
- Friday walks - 22nd August, 10:30am walk, snacks and drink, return about 1-ish.
- September 19th, October 17th, November 21st, December 26th (Boxing Day).
- Other walks, Mike Lawson is leading walk at Bracken Hall on 23rd September. John is leading a second walk for a Ladies’ Walking Group on October 31st.
- Helen is leading a walk from Half Moon Café past Bracken Hall on 30th August.

Item 11: Any other business

AOB Baildon Scarecrow Festival on 13th September, theme –Tour de France or World Cup. John will provide a yellow bike.

Item 12: Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Baildon Children’s Centre (if available) to follow a Bracken Hall Management Committee meeting when arranged.

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