



Friends of Chatterley Whitfield

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WELCOME



OUR NEW BUILDING FOR 2018 AND BEYOND

The 'Friends' presently have access to the Deployment Centre, which is part of the old canteen. We spent a lot of time making the place more presentable in 2017, but the council are concerned about the safety of the building, especially the roof. They have kindly offered us Building 29B which is on the outside of the site fence. This offers the 'Friends' a fantastic opportunity to develop the new building as a resource centre, incorporating the digitization we will be doing also offering us a chance to make the public more aware of our presence. A LOT OF WORK MOVING.....

We need to get the place signed over and up and running before Heritage Open Days in September....



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The start of an exciting New Year for Chatterley Whitfield Friends - Well I thought it would be an easy transition.....THINK AGAIN.....

As you know access to the site will become more regulated during 2018 and as yet no formal agreements or protocol have been finalised with the City Council. We have a meeting with them on Thursday 11th January 2018.

We continue to get requests to visit the site and the council officers are looking at regulating that more, perhaps as follows:

'... perhaps every two months or quarterly, an open morning/afternoon is offered. Anyone wanting to visit the site would only be able to visit on the agreed date. The hope is that if the days are held regularly throughout the year then groups will organise their visits accordingly. The dates would be agreed in advance at the beginning of the year and you would be able to advertise on your website if you wanted.

There would be a maximum number of visitors allowed per date so the tours would have to be booked and once full, potential visitors would have to wait until the following date. The tours would follow an agreed route in a similar way to the Heritage Open Days.....'

SO FAR SO GOOD READ ON.....



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Over the Christmas period both the Chair and Deputy Chair have stood down so

Extraordinary General Meeting on:
SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY 2018

To discuss:

- The Election of New Chair
- The election of New Deputy Chair
- Constitution
- Charitable Status

Building 29 B..... The future.....



Well this looks like the future but what about the past.....

THANK YOU to all the members who gave up their spare time to transform the Deployment Centre into a mini museum.....



This is some of your hard work, which needs to be moved to the new building !!!!!



**CHATTERLEY WHITFIELD FRIENDS
PRESERVING THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE
OUR AIMS.....**

1. To promote the site through the Friends website
2. To work in close co-operation with the City Council in the regeneration of the site
3. To accompany visitors to the site at the request of Stoke City Council
4. To catalogue and digitise (where necessary) the archives in the Deployment Centre



Message from the SECRETARY.....

After a quite festive period, here we go again.....

Time to reflect.....

At the end of 2018 Gerry Etchells, a very active member of the 'Friends' and previously a Chair passed away.

Also both Jim Worgan, the present Chair and James McPhillips, Deputy Chair have both decided to stand down, due the personal reasons. They have both informed me that they would remain members.

So as you can a lot to do especially as we need to get the new building signed over to us and also the Grant money finalised.

I will try my best to keep you all informed of developments.....

Hope to see a few of you at the Extraordinary General Meeting on Saturday 20th January at 10am - Enterprise Centre.

On behalf of the 'Friends' once again thank you for your support in 2017 and ALL THE BEST FOR 2018

Nigel Bowers

Secretary

January 2018