



Holburne Museum progress

The contractors, Sir Robert McAlpine, started work on site at the end of March this year where they have already excavated the area to the rear of the building and prepared for the foundations of the new extension.

Work on the extension's basement will continue in the coming months, but it is the imminent arrival of the crane and erection of the scaffolding around the building that will signal that the serious construction and restoration work has begun. Much of the work that will be undertaken between now and the autumn will be out of sight, concentrating on the inside of the existing building – and including the restoration of roof, ceilings and doors, and the major and demanding task of relocating the grand staircase within the building. At the same time the somewhat less glamorous but no less essential installation of pipe-work runs and boiler flues within the building. Before work began – and as was planned – the evergreen Lucombe Oak at the rear of the building was regrettably felled. Lovers of the tree will be pleased to know that the Museum are seasoning its timber and all being

well will use it to create new seats and furniture for the re-opened museum.

Fundraising hog roast in aid of the Holburne Appeal

The Friends of the Holburne Museum are holding a fundraising hog roast at Southstoke Manor Farm, Southstoke, BA2 7DP on **Sunday 9th August 2009**, from 6.00 p.m. until 9.00 p.m.

The tickets are priced at £20 per person to include a Gloucester Old Spot on a spit, salad, cheese and fruits. Please bring your own picnic paraphernalia, wine and friends! Please apply for tickets, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to J.M Angelo-Sparling, 10 Daniel Street, Bath, BA2 6NB. There will be live music at the event and a champagne/spirits raffle

Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings

These extremely useful meetings for local residents to meet with B&NES officers and Avon and Somerset Police are under threat, we understand.

The meetings are held every two months and give local residents the opportunity of raising issues of concern affecting Abbey Ward. We urge PERA members to attend the meetings whenever possible to stop B&NES from cancelling them completely. Issues raised at recent meetings include cycling on pavements, HGVs causing damage to pavements, begging in the City centre and street cleanliness standards.

The next PACT meeting is on Wednesday 14th October in the Guildhall from 6.30 to 8.00 p.m.

Overthrows

Good progress has been made with our appointment of Rhys Brooks, a Conservation Architect, and the help and support of the Bath Preservation Trust. A considerable amount of work has been done, and seemingly endless detailed drawings and documents have been produced. Many conversations have also taken place with B&NES planners. There are now relatively few matters outstanding and we are very hopeful that a full set of documents will be filed for approval by late Summer, with formal consent granted soon after. We are sure that Residents will be impressed with the final design and historical authenticity of the Overthrows and Lanterns.

Bath Christmas Market

Bath Tourism Plus is intending to apply to B&NES for planning permission to operate the Christmas Market for eighteen days this year from 25th November to 12th December 2009.

They are also proposing to extend the site into Abbey Churchyard and around the north east corner of the Abbey to ease congestion.

The contact for further information is Charlotte Buckley, Bath Tourism Plus, Abbey Chambers, Abbey Churchyard Bath BA1 1LY.

Holburne events this summer and autumn

The Holburne Museum have advised us of some other events that are planned:

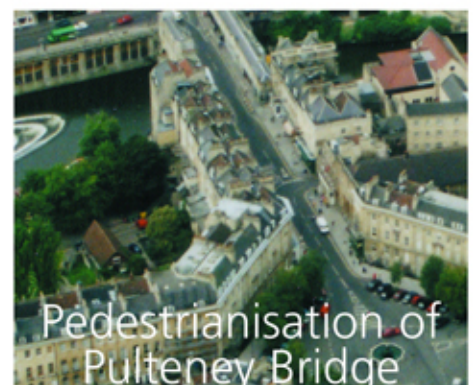
- Do come and join us for our free family event **The Holburne Picnic** in the Park, this year with a masquerade performance, on **Sunday 30 August** from 12noon to 3pm. Bring your own picnic and join in the mask and hat-making workshops.

For further information please contact Sue Puntis T: 01225 820829.

- **Wednesday 16 September**, 6.30pm, as part of The Holburne Lecture Series at Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution Martin Postle, director Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art, will give a **lecture on the work of Johann Zoffany** RA. Doors open 6pm, tickets £5 on the door or book in advance T: 01225 820818

- The **Holburne Autumn Dinner** will this year take place at the Roman Baths and Pump Room on **Thursday 15 October**. It promises to be a splendid evening which will include a drinks reception hosted by the Chairman of Bath & North East Somerset Council, an auction and musical entertainment.

If you would like further details about this event please contact Marnie Whiting T: 01225 820822



Following on from a constructive meeting in February with Councillors Terry Gazzard and Charles Gerrish, and the B&NES Head of Transport David Trigwell as well as a lot of follow-up discussions, little tangible progress has been made. Nigel Websper has been assured though that a lot of work is going on behind the scenes with commitments to pedestrianisation being expressed by the B&NES leadership. Please keep the pressure on B&NES by writing to, or emailing, Terry Gazzard at terry_gazzard@BATHNES.GOV.UK.