

MARCH 2019

Hello All

We are delighted to announce the facilities at the station are due to open on Tuesday 5th March. The café opening times will vary during its first week of opening. Please check the website for the latest up to date information.



NEWS

- FEBRUARY OPEN DAY

Another very popular Open Day with around 200+ people attending. It was great to see lots of new faces at the station for the first time and there were many enquiries about hiring the Station rooms. The café was serving hot drinks and people were able to sample some of the delicious cakes which will be available when the café opens. We also had a group of volunteers showing a selection of model train layouts.

- SCHOOLS

Our first two school groups are booked in for March to take part in a history workshop, with further schools lined up for the summer term.

- WEBSITE - www.batandballstation.com

Don't forget to check out the Bat & Ball Station website to keep up to date with news and events, learn about the history of the station and the refurbishment project. Visits to the website last month were up and there was a peak after the February Open Day.

- COMMUNITY ART WORKSHOP



The dress starting to take shape



Button embellishments for the bodice

As you may know Queen Victoria travelled to Bat & Ball Station when she visited Knole House in 1867. To celebrate her visit and the refurbishment of Bat & Ball Station we wanted an art project the local community could be involved in, so decided to create a dress for Queen Victoria.

A workshop was held during half term with several families and members of the local groups attending. Each person created a skirt panel of memories inspired by trains, tickets, postcards, travel, the heritage of Sevenoaks area and the Victorian era. Some people drew images and some even managed to include used Lottery Ticket into their designs. Each panel was then washed with watercolour paint and coffee to create a 'sepia' wash. Participants also crafted individual buttons, using tiny beads, sequins and coins which will be used to decorate the bodice of the dress.

All the completed pieces of work will be brought together by artist Jane Churchill to create a dress fit for Queen Victoria! The final art work will be unveiled at the official opening of the Station later in the year, then displayed in the station for the remainder of the year for all to see.

FUTURE EVENTS

- VOLUNTEER COFFEE MORNING - Thursday 14th March 10am- 12 midday

There are so many ways you can get involved as a volunteer at Bat & Ball Station; Heritage Explainer, Education Volunteer, helping to make costumes and props, historic research, IT or administration. Why not join us for a coffee and a chat to find out more?

Please email heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk or telephone 01732 459953 to book a place.



- HERITAGE TALK by Edwin Thompson - Thursday 21st March 7-8.30pm

Please email heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk for your free ticket.



If you have any news items to include in the next newsletter, please email Linda Redden, Heritage Engagement Officer heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk by 29th March 2019.