

DREAM

Newsletter 27/11/19

Dare to Dream! We have! Join our community projects, campaigns and voluntary work/activities to fulfil the perfect vision, the DREAM; the dream world; the dream community; the dream neighbourhood. Transform communities and transform our natural and historical environment with us! Our vision... is the fulfilment of your dreams.

Dare to share your vision

Recruit a team

Establish a plan

Ask for miracles

Move out in faith. Do not be afraid

What we are all about: We create community heritage projects and lead community archaeological excavations to transform both our natural and historic environment, and to transform communities, increasing community spirit and improving health by facilitating community activities.

What can you do?

1) Spread the word far

and wide! We hope to be more than just an organisation, but a movement for positive change. We are counter-cultural! We commit to change society, to change lives, and to save our environment, one step-at-a-time, to create our DREAM WORLD; our DREAM COMMUNITY!

2) Volunteer with us!

We NEED more volunteers to undertake all our activities. Whether you want to take

part or whether you want to lead one of our projects, or even have your own project in mind! Contact us!

3) Support us! Perhaps you are a business wanting to fulfil your social action plan, or maybe a local who wants to protect you local heritage and environment. You can support us financially or with resources. We often need garden tools and aggregates for the historic sites we restore, donations gladly received! Perhaps you might be able to support us financially supporting some of our hard workers every year, or with small one-off or regular payments. Let us know if you would like to support us! Our online funding page is: gf.me/u/wabq2a



Thank You: To all those who helped with the school outreach this year at Durham Federation and Bearpark Primary School, and to the schools for inviting us in! Thank you particularly to Steven, Pauline, John & Dave!

Big thanks to our helpers at Beaufrepaire Maintenance Day, in particular Bill & Liz!

Beaufrepaire Medieval Manor House:

Still looking good, it was great to see this place enjoyed by so many school children from Bearpark Primary School! We have done our



last experience session in school for this year, but look forward to doing



more school outreach next year for all those who want to get involved! 2 weeks ago we finished the day at Bearpark School with a re-enactment in the 'not-ideal' bucketing it down rain, but the kids really enjoyed it and it was great to give them that freedom for enjoyment.



Riverside Gardens:

We are undergoing the slow but sure proposals to get the riverbank gardens surrounding Durham Peninsula back to its well-maintained, terraced, idyllic look of the past! Any keen gardeners watch this space!

Old Langley Hall:

This wonderful hall has so much history to tell, and so much life to give, but we are still reaching many barriers! We see this place needing 'saving grace' and we won't stop until we've tried our best to secure it a positive future! The hall was once belonging to the Scrope family who had to 'leg-it' fast when Cromwellian forces were a threat. The Scrope family also occupied Upsall Castle in North Yorkshire and there is a fantastic folk tale that we came across the other day about the place, telling of dreams and pots of gold! If you fancy a read it is in 'North Yorkshire Folk Tales' Book

and should be available in the library.

Durham North Gate:

Durham North Gate is also of much local interest, but we had to postpone our last meeting due to interested parties being unable to attend. If you are an interested person do let us know, and please tell us what days are best for you to meet, talk and discuss its future!

Bearpark Christmas Light Switch On-Kid's Activities:

It is Bearpark Christmas Light Switch On this Sunday 1st December, 3-5pm at the community centre! We are hoping to make lanterns and do some other craft activities on the night, with a bit of the history etc of Beaufort around. We are desperate for volunteers so do volunteer if you can! You must have a clear criminal record to be involved.

CARVED STONES!!!!

Beaufort Manor House, your heritage of national importance, has been attacked, raided, knocked down, vandalised and more, leaving it in its ruinous state. Moreso, it has been archaeologically excavated many-a-time, the last time by the University and City Council, whom did not write up their findings, and of which much material was lost!!!

Last week we were alerted that stones from Beaufort that were carved and which were thought lost have been found! We want to reclaim these for Beaufort, and display them in Bearpark. It is your heritage!

The stones are likely to be used in a construction, disposed of, or kept elsewhere, unless we intervene!

If anyone has a large trailer which we could use to transport many

worked stones from Durham City to Bearpark do let us know asap! These stones ideally need to be removed before Monday! Any volunteers who would be able to do lifting and carrying would be invaluable for the job too!

Many thanks for reading this and let us know if you can be part of making your DREAMS a reality!

Bulletin for the next little while:

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER:

RESEARCH & LATIN
CANCELLED DUE AGAIN TO
NO LIBRARIAN STAFF AS ON
STRIKE, this should be back to
normal for our final 2 sessions
before Christmas, on the 6th and
13th December.

Friday 29th NOVEMBER:

MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL,
so if anyone had any concerns,
suggestions or dreams of how
their local natural, social and

historic environment could be improved let us know as we will be having a meeting on the 29th with the council, and would like to try to share and try to tackle local concerns.

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER:

VOLUNTEER TO DO KIS CRAFTS AND LANTERN MAKING @ Bearpark Community Centre from 3-5pm for Bearpark Christmas Light Switch On

SATURDAY 14TH

DECEMBER: MAINTENANCE DAY AT BEAUREPAIRE, all welcome to volunteer with this.

We need many more hands to get involved in removing vegetation from the site and doing gardening on-site.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Every Second Saturday of the month: Maintenance Day at

Beaurepaire Medieval Manor House, on the outskirts of Bearpark, C. Durham

Every Friday excluding school holidays: Research and Translation of original Latin medieval manuscripts; all training and Latin teaching provided

Every Wednesday in term-time@ Elvet Methodist Church: Morris Dancing 'HAVE-A-GO'; this traditional type of folk dance is steeped in history, so come along, have a go and keep the tradition alive!

Thank you



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