

Bridgwater History Day 2018

Meeting 31/5/2018 Town Hall

1. **Members invited;**- B Smedley, K Pearce, D Chapple, G Burrows, M Smith, Tony Woolrich, Chris Sidaway
2. **Members Present;**- B Smedley, K Pearce, M Smith
3. **Apologies;**-T Woolrich, C Sidaway
4. **Review of 2017 History Day;**- It was agreed to follow the same format as the last 2 years. 6 speakers, Compere, rolling history slides in the bar, Blake Museum exhibition, lunch.
5. **Item for note;- Somerset Socialist History Conference** 15 sept Railway club- this is a new event run by Dave Chapple of the Trades Council and consists Nigel Costley (Somerset radicals) Judith Desbonne (Black experience in Somerset) Barry Leathwood (Farm labourers) lunch, Dave Chapple (1990 poll tax rebellion) Glen Burrows (Labour left winger in 1980s) Joe Conway (Westlands) Mike Richardson (Pilots of Pill) evening 'Pride' film. DC had written that this would be an event that 'compliments' Bridgwater History Day. MS said he would try to get College students involved
6. **History Day 2018-sat 24 Nov** The following had offered or been suggested
Dr Lesley Sutcliffe (F) "Jonathan Toogood (Bridgwater Hospital)
David Sutcliffe "Cecil Sharp in Bridgwater & Folksongs"
Stewart Richards on "Town Mill Project" or "Cellophane"
Stephen Honey "Somerset and the Vikings"
John Bovett "Pictures of old Bridgwater"
Brian Smedley "The Siege of Bridgwater"
Roger Evans "Pageants and Poltergheists: Tales from Sydenham Manor" (1330-1415)
Val Bannister (F)"The Dodgy Duke and the Crumbling Castle" (Duke of Chandos)
Chris Sidaway "The Pilgrim Way- a New Somerset trail"
 It was agreed the following first choices with 3 reserves

1030	Opening by Mayor of Bridgwater	
1030-1115	Stephen Honey "Somerset and the Vikings"	
1115-1200	Dr Lesley Sutcliffe (F) "Jonathan Toogood (Bridgwater Hospital)	
1200-1245	Stewart Richards on "British Cellophane"	
1245-1345	lunch	
1345-1430	Roger Evans "Pageants and Poltergheists: Tales from Sydenham Manor" (1330-1415)	
1430-1515	Val Bannister (F)"The Dodgy Duke and the Crumbling Castle"	
1515-1600	Chris Sidaway "The Pilgrim Way- a New Somerset trail"	
reserves	Matt Smith "The Big Freeze of 62-63) Brian Smedley "The Siege of Bridgwater" Dave Chapple "?" Yvette Staelens "?"	

7. It was agreed to ask the Mayor to provide lunch
8. It was suggested that John Bovetts slideshow would work well on a rolling screen in the bar area.
9. MS offered to get students to be stewards. KP proposed giving training before the event
10. MS offered BW College to do marketing
11. BS offered to comper the event
12. KP offered to do front of house
13. BS would circulate minutes, invite preferred speakers and follow up with reserves.