



Whittlesey Mud Walls Group  
c/o The Town Hall  
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## Minutes for 23<sup>rd</sup> August

There was no agenda for this meeting, it was just a case of clarifying all the things that needed to be done for the Festival were progressing satisfactorily. There were a few loose ends which were ongoing, but generally we were satisfied.

Back in July, contractors began repairing the mud walls at the Black Bull, and there was uncertainty that they would be finished in time, but Rose assured us they would be finished by the end of August. We raised concerns with the Festival committee and they offered us an alternative venue, but it was pointed out that they had a legal requirement to confirm final arrangements to FDC and insurers by 22<sup>nd</sup> August. As the contractors had not finished, we had to accept the new venue or we would not have been able to put on our full range of activities.

Therefore, we will be located at 1B Eastgate, it's the old car sales site between Whittlesey Tyres and Whittlesey Independent Funeral Directors, in fact it's owned by the funeral directors. It's about the same size overall, but as it's hardstanding we'll have to put tarpaulin down to keep it clean As it's also business premises, we have to be out by Sunday evening.

We'll be missing some key volunteers this year. FDC's Katie McAndrew and SPAB's Clive Baker are working elsewhere, but SPAB's Anthony Goode should be with us. We were so thrilled by the responses we received from visitors last year, that we want this year to be as successful, so we asked Jenny to put a request for volunteers on our Facebook page, but it's not too late if you'd like to help us. Please email me to let me know if you're available.

Because of the delay confirming our venue, we haven't got our advert in 'The Fens' or 'Discovering Whittlesea' magazines, but you'll find it on our Facebook page and that of Whittlesey Festival. It's also in the Festival programme, and I'll get it into local shops etc... shortly.

It looks like we'll be able to get the tables and display boards from FDC again this year, and of course we have all our items from last year which we'll use again. As we have some funds, we will purchase a gazebo for this year, so we don't have to worry about borrowing or hiring.

For those of you volunteering to help us with this event, we would ask that you assemble at the Eastgate site no later than 9am on Sunday. The event opens at 10am, so we'll get time to tell you what we'd like you to do, and give you a high-viz vest to wear.

Please note, we don't have anyone doing sandwiches for us this year. We will have

some bottled water available, but we'd ask you to bring your own food, as you may not get chance to dash off and get something if we get busy.

Thank you.

Next meeting - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am.

Whittlesey Festival - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 4pm.

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