

## **Hebden Bridge Community Association NEWSLETTER JUNE 2011**



### ***Building work well under way***

You'll almost certainly have seen that things have been happening fast on the land at the rear of the Town Hall. We've produced a four-sided update which we've distributed widely in town, and which is also available on our website (it's also in a plastic leaflet dispenser outside the Town Hall).

Our contractors STG are currently working on the substructure and piling, with concrete pouring scheduled for later in June. Erection of the steel frame for the new hall and meeting rooms is planned for late July and early August.

### ***Next public briefing in July***

We're arranging regular public briefing sessions to keep everyone up to date on what exactly is going on. The next planned event is on **Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12 noon**, inside the Town Hall. After that, we've arranged another event on Sat Sep 10<sup>th</sup>, 11am and 12 noon. We hope the September event will include hard hat tours.

### ***Sponsors pave the courtyard***

We're grateful to those people who have already sponsored a 'slab' (or more precisely have sponsored a square metre of York stone for the riverside courtyard). One or two kind people have also 'bought' several square metres. This is really appreciated.

To date, 43 square metres have been sponsored, which (when you include Gift Aid) means we're a quarter of the way towards our target of 182.

We mentioned before that you can also 'buy' a slab on behalf of a child or grandchild, and one of our Friends has decided to do just this, for her granddaughter. If you're interested in something similar, let us know.

Andrew Bibby is coordinating the 'sponsor a slab' appeal; his phone is 844026. Jerry Smith is coordinating our fundraising efforts with local businesses, and his number is 844297.

## ***Stone from the Pennines***

The extension to the Town Hall is to be built of best Pennine stone from Crosland Hill quarry near Huddersfield, regarded as one of the best sources of true Yorkstone. The stone, which is a Millstone Grit sandstone, is light buff in colour and is extremely hard. It has been used recently for work on Leeds cathedral, Blackburn cathedral and Bradford Law Courts. Further afield, it has paved the high-profile Paternoster Square next to St Paul's Cathedral in London and the Buckingham Palace Queens Gallery.

## ***Town Hall Marketing Opportunity***

We are about to ask for expressions of interest in a tender to work with the Trustees over the next few months on marketing the new "Hebden Bridge Creative Quarter" enterprise units and other facilities, kickstarting the major marketing effort which we'll need to do before the building opens next Spring. The contract initially is likely to be for work equivalent to about one-two days a week. If you have sound verifiable marketing expertise and would be potentially interested in tendering, please email our administrator Sue Graham on [hebdenbridgetownhall@gmail.com](mailto:hebdenbridgetownhall@gmail.com).

## ***And talking of marketing...***

As with all the other aspects of the Town Hall project, the vast bulk of the marketing work for the Town Hall development will be done on a voluntary basis. If you have a marketing background and have some free time to work with us, helping us to develop our marketing efforts, please let us know. Again, the easiest way to do this is via our email, [hebdenbridgetownhall@gmail.com](mailto:hebdenbridgetownhall@gmail.com).

## ***Another Creative Quarter briefing arranged***

Don't forget that the new development will include about thirty new enterprise units, designed particularly for young businesses in the creative and digital sector. We have already held two successful meetings for tenants and potential tenants of the Creative Quarter and now that construction has begun and the new building is becoming a reality, we have decided to hold a third briefing, on **Weds June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm – 7pm** in the Town Hall.

Full details of the Creative Quarter facilities are on our dedicated website [www.hbcreativequarter.org.uk](http://www.hbcreativequarter.org.uk). If you know of potential businesses which might be interested in what the Town Hall will be offering, please point them in the direction of this website. Our initial offer of three months' rent for the price of one month remains open, but only if you let us have a (refundable) deposit very soon!

## ***Interview with contractors' manager***

The update mentioned above includes an interview with Brian Fletcher, who is the Manager for building contractors STG. Here is a short extract from that interview (the full interview is available on the website).

Site safety is obviously paramount. Permanent hoardings will be going up along Hangingroyd Lane shortly (though with windows to allow people to look in on progress). Noise is another concern, although Brian says that his firm has chosen to use much quieter auger drilling technology rather than hammer-driving the foundation piles. STG has signed up for the 'considerate contractor' scheme, which includes regular independent assessment of the site.

"I don't want noise and dust. As Manager, I personally monitor the site to ensure it's safe and tidy. To be fair, that's the way that you have to do it nowadays," he says.

Deliveries are going to be trickier than they would be on a green-field site with plenty of space. STG has agreed procedures which will see waggons cross St George's Bridge and turn up Hangingroyd Lane. Banksmen (people positioned at the front and rear) will then control the reversal of the vehicle alongside the site, where materials will be unloaded. "We've had a good think about the arrangements, and [Calderdale] Highways have approved the plan. We should still be able to maintain the traffic flow," Brian says.

The section of the building adjacent to the Hole in the Wall pub is to be constructed of steel frame, and Brian says that this will go up relatively quickly. "Over a few months, the shape of the new building will emerge," he says. But then the impression may be that work has slowed down. The building's exterior will be complete but inside there will still be a considerable amount of fitting-out to do.

### ***Date fixed for Association's AGM***

Our Annual General Meeting date has been fixed for Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. We're a cooperatively run organisation, and the AGM is an important opportunity for members to hear what the elected trustees have been doing and to hold them to account. Please make a note of the date.

Please also begin to think about whether you are able to put yourself forward as a trustee. The success of the Town Hall project depends on having a strong, and diverse, board of trustees, and we shall be writing again before November to give you more details of what is involved, and of how to put your name forward.

***- From the HBCA trustees***



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