



Friends Of Bishops' house

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Progress!

The FOBH have now been together for six months or so and whilst progress has not been overly dramatic, progress there has been!

We have formed a management committee (currently 8 in number with 2 more associate members), agreed a constitution (copies from our website), set up a bank account, created an online forum, website and facebook page, started recruiting members, publicised open days at the house and forged good links with Museums Sheffield and other groups such as the Friends of Manor Lodge.

Perhaps our biggest achievement has been to raise the profile of the House. No longer can the "powers that be" ignore their responsibilities!

SCA Bid

We are bidding for a £2000 grant towards a Community Heritage Weekend" - this will take the form of an archaeological and historical survey of the site including geophysics and much more (see our website). The local community will be invited to join a weekend of free and exciting activities with Sheffield University's Archaeological Department and Heeley City Farm.

The grant will be decided at a public meeting where residents vote in order for their favourite projects. We hope you be able to come along and give us your support and your vote! The Tenants Hall is at the shopping centre.

Saturday 9 October at 11am
Tenants Hall, Newfield Green,
Gleadless Road



Events

We're trying hard to find ways to "think outside the box" when promoting BH. Events face limitations (numbers, chairs, toilets etc.) but there still are plenty of appropriate events.

One such is a "Ghost night", booked for 17th December - local historian/ghost tour guide Mr.. P. Dreadful will be hosting an evening of ghoulish stories about the house. Seasonal refreshments will be provided.



We have a limited number of tickets available to members at a reduced price - apply directly to FOBH for these, more details on our website.

Other ideas include open air plays (during summer, of course!) and intimate music recitals within. If you're a lute player, please contact us!

From the Archives

Museums Sheffield kindly allowed us to view their archives relating to BH. Amongst many amazing photographs was this advert from 1922, where lots of oak furniture were sold.

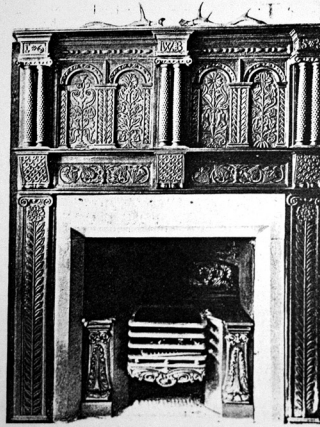
The Connoisseur

In the Estate of Dr. Norton, deceased
(LATE OF SHEFFIELD)

The
Fine Collection of Old Oak
including Oak Panelling for Rooms with Doors and
Cupboards from OLD NORTON HOUSE, and
Exceptionally Fine Overmantel
removed from the "Bishop's House," Norton Lees,
Derbyshire; also Court Cupboards, Cabinets, Tables,
Chairs, Bedsteads, Chests, and many interesting
pieces.

To be Sold on THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd
AT THE SALE ROOM
ST. JAMES STREET, SHEFFIELD

CATALOGUES (One Shilling each) on application to
EADON & LOCKWOOD, F.A.I.
AUCTIONEERS

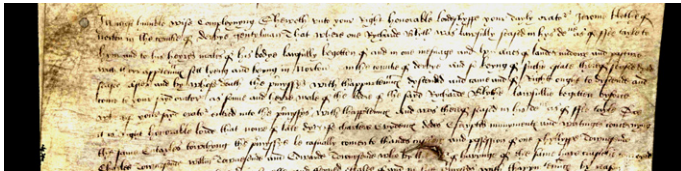


CARVED OVERMANTEL from the "Bishop's House," Norton Lees, Derbyshire, the property of the BLYTH FAMILY from 1650 to 1753.

History

The FOBH have a history sub-group who meet to mull over the facts and myths about the House and its various inhabitants. Why not join our group and come along to share your own research and enthusiasm?

Below is a reproduction of the Blythe Chancery record, a small part of the material we have uncovered.



You may know that Derbyshire Lane used to run through Meersbrook park, we've combined old and new maps to show exactly where this was. It's actually not so hard to imagine horse-drawn carts rumbling through the park!



Get involved!

If you'd like to help the FOBH, why not;

- Read the news every week on our website **www.bishopshouse.org.uk**
- Become a Friend - all we ask for is a modest minimum donation. You'll be the first to know about our events & activities and will be helping us with the vital work we do.
- Attend our meetings - we will be having regular public meetings where you can discuss and help decide how we move forwards.
- Suggest novel ways to raise funds
- Join our forum (using the link on the website) where you can share your thoughts and discuss the house.

To join, complete the form below and post it with correct amount (cheque only) to;


FOBH, 3 Brook Road, Sheffield S8 9FH

For further information, please contact FOBH secretary Nick Robinson on 0114 2509388 or email nick@bishopshouse.org.uk

I-Spy

For all you eagle-eyed readers, where is this surveyors mark located on the building? As a clue, it's on the outside.



I wish to join the Friends Of Bishops' House		
Name _____	Tel. _____	
Address _____		

Email _____		
Membership type ordinary (£3) <input type="checkbox"/> concessions (£1.50) <input type="checkbox"/> family (£5) <input type="checkbox"/>		
		