

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019

For immediate use

# **Retford ‘Summer Sundays on the Square’**

## **Square Deal – kept calm and carried on - held indoors in poor weather**

Square Deal on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019 was the final event this year in Retford’s ‘Summer Sundays on the Square’ series, organised by Retford Business Forum with support from North Notts BID and Bassetlaw District Council. Following the torrential downpours on Saturday, Sunday started off damp and drizzly with weather forecasts predicting further dreadful weather. Not to be deterred, the event moved indoors.

Charities and community groups taking part included Bassetlaw Hospice, Help Me I’m Fine, Retford Lions, Bassetlaw Christian Heritage, RAFA, Royal British Legion, BATRA & Tenant Voices, Lynx Academy, Bassetlaw District Council, and BCVS. There was plenty for visitors to do - a treasure hunt game, raffle, tin-can alley, guess the square, lots of gifts and books for sale, and an amazing locked box version of tombola – very clever and perfectly made.

Local musicians Jon Rogers, and the Idle River Boys, entertained stallholders and customers alike, and even had the Bassetlaw (Hospice) Bear taking part in a conga around the stalls!

The Pilgrim Embroiderers were back in Spencer’s on the Square chatting to customers, encouraging them to put a stitch in their embroidery, and be part of history. They are seeking funds to complete their work with a traditional framing technique by November 2019. Bassetlaw Christian Heritage (BCH) is raising funds for them – [contact@bassetlawchristianheritage.com](mailto:contact@bassetlawchristianheritage.com) to find out how to contribute.

The forthcoming events are currently planned for 2019 in Retford:

- An evening with the Archbishop of York at St Swithun’s Parish Church, 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September
- Heritage Open Day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September
- Pilgrims Festival between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November
  - Retford Parade – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November
  - Babworth Arts Exhibition – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November
  - Spencer’s on the Square Thanksgiving Dinner - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November
- Christmas Market on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Plans are currently being discussed for 2020, including another ‘Summer Sundays on the Square’ series, with some enhanced events, and a VE Day celebration.



### **Notes for Editors**

Retford Business Forum is run by volunteers from Retford's business and community-interest enterprises. We are passionate about, and committed to, working to promote Retford and its surrounding villages, now and in the future.

The Forum meets on the first Monday (except bank holidays) of the month at 5.30pm for 6.00pm at the Council Chamber, Retford Town Hall.

**The Forum is currently looking for an Administrator and a Treasurer, please contact [chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk) for further details.**

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