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Some supplementary information in advance of the AGM.....

Life's a Lottery

On 3rd February we received a letter telling us that following review under their assessment process the HLF had decided not to award a grant. Applications for Our Heritage grants are reviewed in batches, and evaluated against available fund budgets. It was judged that ours did not address the required outcomes as effectively as others in the batch. The letter also said that our bid was "of good quality", and that our stated outcomes for "people" and "communities" could be developed further. We are free to re-apply, although there was some emphasis on seeking a grant from the HLF Resilient Heritage programme to ensure that our organisation evolves into a sustainable operation.

Clearly this is a setback, mostly in terms of timescale to restore the bus to an operational condition. As you should expect, the Trustees have discussed the situation and reached a course of action. We'll expand on it at the AGM.

Friends sent to Borstal

Courtesy once again of Nu-Venture, there will be a further chance to re-visit some of Chatham Traction's operational network on the day of the AGM. Using their Traction-liveried Tribute bus, Dennis Trident /East Lancs double-deck T744 JPO, the tour will depart as follows:

1130 Rochester Tourist Info Centre lay-by opposite the Station

1145 Bay 19 - Chatham Waterfront Bus Stn thence to Borstal and Cookham Wood following the one-time routes 5 and 5A.

The tour will take approximately one hour.



Geoff's Emporium

During last year we gave Geoff Abdey the opportunity to cut loose and do his own thing regarding what might be termed incidental sales. Geoff and his market stall have been seen for many years at transport-related events in the area. We maintain a schedule of forthcoming events, against which we decide what level of representation we should have. There are a number where a full exposée of our aims and intentions is not relevant or appropriate, and we just need a presence through which to distribute FoCT literature and merchandise. Geoff's operation can do this, and can sell all manner of other stuff to contribute to the cause.

Geoff's asked if we can make it known that if anyone has any relevant saleable material – books, magazines, models, toys even! – if they bring them along to the AGM he'll be happy to relieve you of it. Otherwise Geoff's on 07789 887201.

What's next?

- AGM. Saturday 4th March. Hope you're still with us!



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