

RECORDING THE COLLECTION

It is in its very early stages, but volunteers have started to build an online catalogue of the material HCE inherited from BHAC.

As a first job, we are cataloguing the 750+ compact cassette tapes, mini-discs and CDs containing interviews with local people who talk about their family history and the Tiger Bay community. Transcripts exist in many instances but have been stored separately to the recordings.

The objective is for all the oral history material to be digitised and cross-referenced so that researchers can access these important reminiscences of the way Tiger Bay was.

Then move onto the images.

Lots to do.

But, we are making a start.

1914-18 COMMEMORATING THE FIRST WORLD WAR AT SEA

The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW) is fronting a Heritage Lottery funded project to survey First World War wrecks around the coast of Wales and involve coastal communities in telling the stories of the ships, and the men and women on board.

HCE has been asked to look at the effect of the War at Sea on the community of Tiger Bay by finding out about the people on the ships and the ships themselves that were lost and gather local stories about Tiger Bay during the Great War and the subsequent legacy for local families.

Two dates for your diary:

30 May – 5:30 - Exchange Hotel.

As part of a conference linked to the Volvo Ocean Race stopover there is a free public presentation by RCAHMW outlining the project to date under the title “Tiger Bay, First World War BAME Seamen and their Community”

June/July – 10am - 4pm Butetown Community Centre Workshop on Tiger Bay was affected during the First World War and for members of the community to tell their stories. There will be facilities for the recording of memories and scanning of photos & documents as well as online access to the “Find My Past” database that hold extensive records including Merchant Navy crew information Refreshments will be provided.



THE HCE PHOTO ARCHIVE has more than 4000 items – of people, places and events. Many are unidentified but using social media the community is helping us names to faces, buildings and occasions.

This project is being co-ordinated by Mandy Chambers. Give her a hand.

Facebook Group – Tiger Bay and the World

Twitter - @TigerBayWorld

NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD

The Eisteddfod comes to Cardiff Bay - August 3 – 11.

As in previous years the Lle Hanes – literally translated means history place – will be telling some of the local history of the area in which the Eisteddfod is being held. The Heritage & Cultural Exchange has been asked to contribute to this.

We are working on a project that draws on the oral family histories and photos of a few individual members of our Tiger Bay community and bringing some of the stories up-to-date by adding contributions from later generations of the same families.

EXCHANGE HOTEL

We have no definitive information on when our Heritage Centre will be available or what it will comprise of.

September is being suggested as a possible timescale, but this depends very much on building schedules.

VOLUNTEERING

Interested in helping The Heritage & Cultural Exchange with any of these projects?

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