



ERA: Notes from a meeting with the Treasure House, Beverley 29/3/22

Chris and Lee met with Sally in the morning to discuss a possible exhibition in the Treasure house/Library in Beverley.

1. Some of the key findings include:
 - The space on offer is approx. 6m of wall space and one or perhaps two display cabinets.
 - The space is the corridor that leads from the Treasure House ground floor entrance into the library itself. See image below.
 - The exhibition would run from early July 2022 for approximately 4 months.
 - East Riding Council would provide the graphics boards and display case(s).
 - East Riding Astronomers would provide content (text and graphics) and any “artifacts” for display.
 - Copy deadline would be mid-May for final (almost) copy text.
 - As many as 6 x A1 posterboards could be accommodated, some could be double height, reaching down to the ground.
 - The image below shows boards that these sizes - A1, A0, A0, A0, A1



- Display cabinets range in size (cm)
 - 120x60x30(h) (see image above)
 - 40x40x100(h) plus 40x40x40
 - 100x60x60(h) with side panel boards for graphics/text.

We can have one, and perhaps another nearer the main entrance. What should we put in them?

There would be no cost to the Club.

2. Recommendations:

- We accept the offer of a display space.
- We also hold a market stall as conveniently as possible after the start of the exhibition – perhaps late July.
- We tie this in as much as possible with the June Fete at the Village Hall.
- We set up a small development group to guide this activity and involve the wider membership as much as possible in this, the Fete and a market stall.

3. Some suggestions for content to get us thinking

For six panels we will need 6 topics, for example:

- Astronomy in the community – a history of ERA, local astronomy, local figure, night sky views from local points of interest.
- Getting started – a simple guide to beginner equipment, simple things to see and do.
- The size of the universe or if the sun were the size of a pea, how tall are you? – something for younger visitors. A double height panel would suit this topic well.
- Local Astrophotography and astrophotographers. This could be several panels that are swapped on a rota.
- What's in the Sky this month – 4 panels showing the sights ahead for each month of the display.
- Space exploration – ISS, Webb Telescope, Hubble etc
- A full size image of a telescope

The display cases are limited in size, but even the smallest could carry a display of smaller items of equipment such as 2", 1 ¼ and 09." EPs, binoculars, finderscope, solar filter (with suitable warnings) etc.

4. Next Steps

- Agree to proceed at next meeting – **Agreed April meeting**
- Appoint a project leader*
- Seek volunteers* Contact the Secretary Phil by email or through the WhatsApp group.
- Get started

* Chris and Lee will liaise with the Treasure House, but we need people to get involved with the content design and lead on individual aspects of the display.

We'll also want groups to plan the fete event and a market stall so there's plenty to do.

If you are interested in helping with this then let the Secretary (Phil) know via email or WhatsApp.

We'll try and organise a meeting face to face (at the Treasure House in Beverley) or on Zoom next week (WC 11th April) to get the ball rolling.