

Highlights from last meeting

NPHG welcomes 8 new members! Existing and new members introduced themselves to one another with a brief summary of his or her relationship with Poland or the Polish.

Review of Polish National Independence Day celebration and launch 12/11/2016

The feedback was very positive and the evening was considered to be a great success and enjoyed by all 105 people attended and were told about the objectives of the NPHG and then entertained by short talks and films on the history of Poland, its language and how gentlemen should kiss a lady's hand! A delicious Polish buffet was prepared and served by NPHG ladies, patriotic songs were sung and the audience was treated to a piano recital of Chopin's music accompanied by anecdotes about his life. The evening finished with a quiz and prize raffle and enough money was raised to buy audio recording equipment for our Archive Project.

Conversation Groups

A discussion took place on the structuring and scheduling of our English-Polish, Polish-English conversation groups.

Publicity & Outreach

Our database now has over 70 contacts: these include an eclectic mix of individuals and Polish organisations and associations ranging from the Sikorski Institute to the 307 Squadron Project. The list grows each week and is helpful for our networking capability.

Archive Project

We have 5-6 stories involving older people that we must record in the next month or two. A summary was given about the training at the BBC Voices Project at the Forum. The group agreed to the purchase of a flat-bed scanner, audio recorder, headphones and accessories, paid for from the proceeds of the PNID event.

Future Events

A Christmas Evening for members and their partners will take place on Thursday, 8th December.

We plan to have a family-orientated social event in 2017. One possibility might be a celebration of 'Wianki' on Midsummer's Night 2017.

FUNDING

Plans will be drawn up to obtain funding for our group and a constitution formalised.

WEBSITE

It was agreed that we need to have a web presence and an NPHG will be established shortly at www.norfolkpolishheritagegroup.org.

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Different formats for our monthly meetings were discussed.
Short talks on a variety of subjects to be given at meetings
Feedback on tasks taken-on by members should be given at meetings