

First glimpse of shopping area's pigs

Model pigs have paid a flying visit to a Bath street ahead of a project to celebrate the city's ancient founder.

Eventually there could be as many as 100 model pigs around the city centre in tribute to King Bladud, who with the help of his herd of swine discovered the area's healing waters.

Traders in Walcot Street this week cast their eyes over three pigs destined to end up in the shopping area.

They are being sponsored by Martin Tracy, of the Framing Workshop, Sue Shannon, from furniture and lighting shop Shannon's, and Jenny Cudworth, of Walcot Traders' Association.

Two of the pigs were decorated by ceramic sculptor Bronwyn Williams-Ellis, while the other one was decorated by sculptor Anna Gillespie.

King Bladud's Pigs project organiser Gitte Dawson said: "As the artisan quarter of Bath, Walcot Street has always had a reputation for creativity and we were thrilled with the traders' early enthusiasm for the project.

"These three finished pigs are a wonderful example of what can be done with a blank 3D canvas and we hope will encourage other sponsors to get on board."

The animals will be in place for six months.

Find out how to be a sponsor at www.kingbladudspigs.org.

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HOGGING THE LIMELIGHT: decorated Bladud pigs with their sponsors Martin Tracy, Jenny Cudworth and Sue Shannon

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Foundations of self-build

BATH: A talk on Tuesday, April 1 will give advice on building your own home.

The Bath and District Self Build Association is hosting a session by local architect Paul Richards, entitled Cost Effective Self Building.

This will be in the upstairs function room at the Rummer, Grand Parade, Bath, at 7.30pm. Ring 07977 901944 or check www.bathselfbuild.co.uk for further information.

Volunteer fair

KEYNSHAM: People can find out more about volunteering in their local area next week.

The Bath-based Volunteer Centre is holding a Volunteer Fair at the Key Centre on Thursday. Funded by Bath and North East Somerset Council, the fair is free and will be open from noon until 3pm. Representatives from local organisations will be there.

Correct date

BATH: A ceremony to mark the 70th anniversary of the Bath Salvation Army Temple at Odd Down takes place on Saturday, April 19, at 7pm, and not the date reported in last week's Chronicle. We apologise for this error.