



Wirksworth Civic & History Society

Newsletter - September 2006

Greetings for the new season.

Market Charter Celebrations

We were delighted with the response to our involvement in staging the Market Charter Celebration weekend with Graham Barfield dubbed as the 'Godfather' of the celebrations in Community Fayre!

So far, we are resisting attempts to do it again for 701!

Subscriptions

We do hope you will renew your membership and join our meetings.

The subscription is £7.50 per member; it can be mailed to Janet Pidgeon, Secretary/Treasurer (details on attached slip), or handed to her at the September meeting. Newsletters and other communications are sent electronically to members who have given their email address. If you are on email and are not receiving information, please complete the relevant section of the membership form.

You will receive your membership card detailing events for the season.

Civic Society Activities

We expect to be actively engaged in:

1. opposing the siting of a waste disposal operation on Cromford Road
2. continuing to monitor the Town centre/conservation area via the Townscape Working party
3. identifying areas of particular concern around the centre of Wirksworth
4. producing a new visitors' guide to the Town
5. a range of other tasks as issues arise

Programme of meetings

Our Events Secretary, Graham Barfield, has produced another programme of interesting meetings.

The season begins on Thursday September 21st at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Meeting Room with 'Pre-Raphaelites in Derbyshire, chosen to coincide with the Arts' Festival.

In October, we have a broad look at cathedrals and their place in history, life and literature, In November we hear about that staple ingredient of the leisured classes in the 18th & 19th century spas, watering places and social resorts-the circulating library, plus publishing and the book trade.

The Christmas party at the Hope & Anchor on *Friday* December 8th will be a meal themed on medieval cuisine, a fitting conclusion to the Wirksworth 700 Market Charter Celebration year.

In the New Year, we hear about new DVDs on Wirksworth and its railways and in February about the history and development of prisons. In March we welcome the author of a new book on Derbyshire place names.

In April, our last indoor meeting will look at what is involved in running a National Trust stately home, Kedleston Hall.

Outdoor events starting in May include walking the Pentrich Revolution Trail.

There will also be a behind the scenes visit to Kedleston Hall and a private evening at the High Peak Junction workshop-arguably the second oldest railway workshop in the world-plus the Leawood Pumphouse where we plan to fund the purchase of enough coal to get the boiler in steam and the engine in action.

Civic Society Website

Our website gives full details of our activities & minutes & notes of meetings. We also have an inter-active forum where you can make your comments:

www.wirksworth-civic-society.org

Townscape Audit

If you are interested in helping to monitor the condition of the town fabric, please contact Colin Pidgeon.

Please pass this information on to friends who may be interested in joining the Civic & History Society.

We look forward to seeing you at the new season's events.

Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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