



Wirksworth Civic & History Society

Newsletter –August 2007

The new lecture season

Our 2007/08 programme starts next month.

Events include:

- Derbyshire's part in the 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688, when William of Orange and his English wife Mary were jointly invited to share the English throne
- the story of English map making, illustrated with lots of illustrations
- Florence Nightingale in Egypt (she was a great traveller as well as nurse)
- Arkwright & Cromford
- the work of the Historic Chapels trust
- the fascination of churches
- the making & meaning of the Luttrell Psalter

Outside events are still being planned but hopefully, should include an evening visit to The Peak District Mining Museum, guided tours of Melbourne and of Lincoln.

First meeting of the season:

Thursday 20th September, **Hope & Anchor Function Room, 8.00pm**

'Three Aristocrats & a Mob' is on the theme of the 'Glorious Revolution' and will be accompanied by songs of the period performed by Wirksworth's Phoenix Choir

Many thanks to Graham for organising another year of exciting activities.

Subscription

It's time to renew your subscription!

The subscription for the new year is £8 per person.

The renewal form is attached.

Please make cheques out to Wirksworth Civic Society.

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Please return your form & cheque to: Janet Pidgeon, 10 Summer Drive, Wirksworth, DE4 4EL

Committee

We are still seeking volunteers to serve on the committee.

Please contact me if you are interested and want to know more.

Townscape Working Party

The TWP has continued its work of monitoring areas such as drains, state of roads and pavements, buildings at risk etc. A campaign of letter-writing to responsible officers continues to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to remedy unsatisfactory situations around the Town. We're delighted that two members have expressed interest in joining the TWP

Wirksworth Junior School

Following on from the children's work on Wirksworth, displayed in the library, we have been in contact with the school and hope to develop further links through the School Council. We shall invite the children to let us know of their concerns so that we can include them in our communications with Officers.

Stop Press

The Civic Society is delighted to announce that it has been successful in its bid to the Lottery Fund to produce a new pictorial Town Map and will receive £7,800.

In addition, Derbyshire County Council has given a grant of £200.

The grants will be used to fund the design, illustrations and printing.

The project is firmly based in the community using local talents and the schools have been invited to participate in the project.

The aim is to celebrate our Town by raising its profile with tourists and visitors.

In addition, we shall deliver a copy to each household in the Town with the aim of showing residents what the Society is doing to promote the Town and, hopefully, persuading more people to become members.

We shall be inviting members who enjoy a gentle walk to help deliver the maps!

Kedleston Hall

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer at Kedleston Hall?

We're looking for:

- Receptionists to welcome visitors to the Hall – Tuesdays & Saturdays
- Room stewards to provide information to visitors-Mondays, Tuesdays & Sundays
- Shop volunteers to assist in the shop-Saturdays
- Fund-raisers to promote our property raffle to visitors, raising funds for restoration projects-Saturdays & Sundays

Janet & I thoroughly enjoy our two days a week as volunteers and can recommend it.

For more information, contact:

Kedleston Hall, Derby, DE22 5JH tel: 01332 842191 email: kedlestonhall@nationaltrust.org.uk

If you have any concerns about YOUR Town, do join us in our activities.

All good wishes for what remains of the so-called summer.

Yours sincerely,

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