



Wirksworth Civic & History Society

Newsletter –February 2007

Update on our activities – in brief

- The Committee has set up 2 sub groups to work on the costings for two projects designed to inform both residents of the Town and visitors.

These are updating the Town Trail and a new Town Map

Once the costings are complete, we shall seek funding for them.

- We have been discussing making the Community Space by the churchyard, often referred to as 'Red Square' more interesting and attractive, possibly with the introduction of seating. We shall be seeking your views
- Clean up

At the behest of the Mayor, Mike Ratcliffe and member of the committee a group of committee members set to one fine Saturday morning and cleaned up Hammonds Court & removed litter from The Meadows. We hope you've noticed the improvements!



Townscape Working Party

- We continue our regular audits and monitoring activities in the Conservation Area of the Town.
- We note the condition of listed building and those at risk and of surfaces and drains. Our findings are reported to the Dales Conservation Officers and to the Highways Department.

This season's programme

March 15th Derbyshire Place - Names
April 19th Kedleston Hall
May 15th Walking the Pentrich Revolution trail
June 12th see below
July 19th visit to High peak Junction/Leawood pumphouse

Visit to Kedleston Hall- Tuesday June 12th

We have arranged a Behind the Scenes tour of the house with Simon McCormack, the House & Collections Manager to follow up his talk in April.

We shall meet at the house at 10.00am. before the house opens to the public

Simon will lead the tour until approximately midday.

We suggest that participants may then either have lunch in the restaurant or take their own picnic.

After lunch, Janet & I will take you on a guided tour down to the fishing pavilion (one of our duties as volunteers at the property) and the Grand Stables.

The cost is a special rate of £10 per person for all participants.

If you wish to join us, please complete & return the attached form.

If you need transport, please indicate on the form. If you can offer transport, please indicate how many passengers you can accommodate.

Draft Programme for 2007/08

Graham has been very busy planning the programme for next season.

He has some fascinating topics lined up. So far, they include:

Three aristocrats & a mob

Florence Nightingale in Egypt

Arkwright & Cromford

Aspects of conservation

The Fascination of churches

Bess of Hardwick

The Luttrell Salter

Visits will be made to some notable churches and to Melbourne

AGM

Thursday 26th April 7.30pm

Hope & Anchor

Please return your nominations for the following officers on the attached slip

-Chair

-Secretary

-Treasurer

-Events Secretary

There are vacancies on the committee

Please indicate on the form if you are willing to join us in our activities

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

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

Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Colin Pidgeon, Chair

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Visit to Kedleston Hall

Tuesday 12th June

£10 per person

Name(s).....

Address.....

Phone number.....

Number of participants.....Amount enclosed.....

Please make cheques out to Wirksworth Civic Society

I can offer transport for

I need transport

Please return to: Janet Pidgeon, 10 Summer Drive, Wirksworth, DE4 4EL



Annual General Meeting

Thursday 26th April

7.30pm

Hope & Anchor

I wish to nominate:

Chair	currently Colin Pidgeon
Secretary	currently Janet Pidgeon
Treasurer.....	currently Janet Pidgeon
Events' Secretary.....	currently Graham Barfield
Committee.....	currently Ian Dare, Barry Joyce(coopted), Adam Lathbury, Andy Link, Mike Ratcliffe, Marian Vaughan (coopted)

I have approached the person concerned and they have agreed to stand

I would like to join the Committee Yes/ No

I do/do not intend to attend the AGM

Signed..... Name.....

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