



Wirksworth Civic & History Society

Newsletter –January 2008

The lecture season

January 17 th	Arkwright Society 40 years on	Angus Wilson
February 21 st	John Hampden	Graham Barfield*
March 20 th	The Fascination of Churches	Danny Wells
April 17 th	The story of the Luttrell Psalter	Kate Holland

Outside events:

The Peak District Mining Museum – probably July 17th, final confirmation awaited; there will be a charge for the visit

Guided tour of Melbourne – May 15th, led by the Chair of the Melbourne Civic Society; meeting at 7.15; please allow around 50 minutes for the journey. If you need transport, or can offer a place in your car, please let me know

Lincoln –a Wednesday in June; we are intending to take a straw poll at the January meeting to ascertain preferred dates etc & ask for commitment to the visit so that we can book transport, assuming that enough members want to travel by coach & avoid problems parking.

The cost of the coach is £350 for the 120 miles round trip; the cost per person will, of course, depend on take up.

If you are not attending the meeting but would like to join the visit, please complete & return the form below, either by post or email.

**please note change of programme - thanks to Graham for stepping in as the speaker has had to cancel*

Church Walk Group

The area around St Mary's churchyard was described in the NOW report as 'the jewel in Wirksworth crown', a sentiment with which we whole-heartedly concur.

We invited representatives from the local councils to join the Civic Society in looking at how Church walk could be improved.

We were delighted that our invitation to participate was accepted by:

Civic Society:	Colin Pidgeon, Chair Janet Pidgeon, Secretary
Church:	David Truby, Rector, Team Ministry Representative Peter Smith, Churchwarden
DDDC:	Tania Shaw, Conservation Officer Cllr Andrew Lewer, Community & Environment Policy Committee
DCC:	Barry Joyce, Conservation & Design Manager Adam Lathbury, Conservation & Design Officer Dick Hardy, Highways Maintenance, NW Derbyshire
Town Council:	Andy Pollock, Mayor
NOW:	Ralph Selby

The group's aim is:

'to produce a strategy for the development of Church Walk, including short, medium & long term objectives, to maximise the potential of the area and to make it attractive and accessible to the local community & visitors to the Town'.

We shall shortly publish notes and action plans resulting from the meetings on the Civic Society website.

If you have any views, please let me know.

Town Map

Work on the new Town Map is proceeding well and we hope to print it for distribution after Easter.

Townscape Working Party

The group continues its work monitoring street cleaning, the condition of roads & pavements & conservation issues.

We are arranging a walk round the Town with a Conservation Officer, looking at the buildings at risk.

AGM & elections

April 17th at The Baptist Meeting Room after the lecture (approximately 8.30-9.00pm)

The constitution states that the officers shall hold their roles for a maximum of three years.

Consequently, I shall step down as Chair and Janet as Secretary/Treasurer. In addition, Andy Link has resigned from the committee and his role as webmaster due to pressure of work. Andy has done a superb job in setting up & maintaining the website so we need someone to take it over.

We shall, therefore, be seeking a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster as well as committee members at the AGM.

Subscription

If you have overlooked your subscription, would you please renew it as soon as possible, please?

It's £8 per person; please make cheques out to Wirksworth Civic Society and send to:

Janet Pidgeon, 10 Summer Drive, Wirksworth, DE4 4EL.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Visit to Lincoln

Name:

Preferred date: June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th (please circle preferred date)

Number of people:

Coach: yes/no