



Wirksworth Civic & History Society

Newsletter –April 2008

The lecture season

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

Members who do not wish to go to Melbourne may like to take advantage of an open evening at the Peak District Mining Museum; refreshments are provided for this special event.

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The Peak District Mining Museum –guided visit; July 17th; there will be a charge for the visit.

Lincoln –Wednesday 11th June; due to demand, we have booked a larger coach and now have 6 places left on the coach; £14 per person; please contact Janet if you would like to join the visit. We intend to leave at 9.00am & return around 6.30pm.

Church Walk Group

One of the issues causing concern is the lighting and security of the area. Cllr Irene Ratcliffe and the Town Council have taken this on board with regard to Church Walk and the town itself. A partnership between the Town Council, the police and local traders has been set up and its aim is to provide mobile CCTV cameras. A new camera has been installed in Church Walk, the camera on Waltham House is being refurbished and there is also one on the Red Lion so a large area of the town is covered by CCTV.

Town Map

The Town Map was launched recently; you may have seen it in the Matlock Mercury.

We are awaiting the final arrangements with the distributor and should be delivered to every home in the town fairly soon. There are copies in shops and public buildings in the town.

Congratulations to Tony Holmes who has done an excellent job both in photographing the buildings and in designing the map.

Graham Barfield did a superb job on the text.

In addition, thanks go to Phil Richards for the German translation of the map and to Pat Craft for her contribution to the text and proof-reading.

AGM

Draft minutes of the AGM will shortly be available on the website:

www.wirksworth-civic-society.org

Amendment to the Constitution:

The Constitution states:

'The Officers of the Society shall consist of:

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Honorary Secretary

Honorary treasurer

all of whom shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

Officers shall not, however, serve for more than three consecutive terms'.

The final sentence was deleted from the Constitution

The following officers were elected:

Chair: *Colin Pidgeon*

Secretary/Treasurer: *Janet Pidgeon*

Events Secretary: *Graham Barfield & Paul Clarke*

Webmaster: *Paul Clarke*

Membership Secretary: *Anne Brawn*

Committee was re-elected en bloc:

Ian Dare, Adam Lathbury, Paul Clarke

Coopted members:

Barry Joyce (Design & Conservation, DCC), Mike Ratcliffe (Town Council, Marian Vaughan (Heritage Centre)

Subscription 2008/09

The subscription will remain at £8 for the next season

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

Yours sincerely,

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