



Wirksworth Civic & History Society

Newsletter –August 2011

Our new season of talks begins on September 15th.

The 2011/12 programme includes a variety of topics and interests, all with local links.

15 th Sept	Sherwood Foresters Memorial at Tyne Cot, Belgium (idea to fruition of the memorial commemorating 11,000 men killed on the western front)	Cliff Housley
20 th Oct	The Romantic Canal (restoration of the Grantham Canal)	Kevin Mann
17 th Nov	The Past in the Present - Reenactment	Ken McClennon
15 th Dec	<i>Christmas Party</i> –booking essential, £7 per person	
19 th Jan	Volunteering for the National Trust	Janet & Colin Pidgeon
16 th Feb	Sir John Gell (a talk Graham had intended to present)	Nic Barfield
15 th March	All The President Men- Wirksworth Cricket Club Reflects a Changing Community 1850-2000	Roy Pearce
19 th April	'Wirksworth and its Quarries Part 2'	Tony Holmes
May	Quarry Walk	Tony Holmes

All meetings take place on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Baptist Church Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

The April meeting will be followed by the AGM

If you have a suggestion for an additional outdoor visit or activity, please let Janet know.

During the summer, we have continued to liaise with the Derbyshire Dales District Council on a number of issues and concern.

- Community Square – we persuaded Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) to plant 2 areas. We are now responsible for maintaining them. Thanks to the attentions of Ian Dare they are thriving.
- Church Walk bins – so far, despite frequent exchanges of emails and a site meeting with officers of the DDDC we have been unable to find a solution to the presence of unsightly (and smelly) wheelie bins which are a blot on the landscape of Church Walk.
- The Dale- landscaping deterioration has been chosen as our next "target." Cllr Purdy is involved. We are trying to arrest deterioration in features dating from Wirksworth Project.

Ian, Chair of the Townscape working Party, and Cllr Purdy are planning a "presentation" to Town Council, pending Civic Society Committee approval.

- Street cleaning/grit & dust/weeds – we have again involved Cllr. Purdy and also sent a portfolio of photos to DDDC, but there is no apparent improvement.
- Flag paving- replaced in the Market Place.
- Buildings at Risk Walk-with the DDDC Conservation Officer took place in June.

Haarlem Mill

The mill and surrounding buildings have been sold and the new owner is keen to consult the community on the future of this Grade II * building.

Library Display Boards

We have written to Derbyshire County Council asking that the display boards which have been replaced by a folder containing community notices, be reinstated.

While that is unlikely to happen, we are pleased to hear that the library staff are investigating purchasing portable boards to be displayed in the window when the library is closed.

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New Members

You may be interested in the talks, just wish to support our activities or perhaps take an active part. Whatever your preference, we welcome new members.

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

Best Wishes for an enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely,

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