



## Wirksworth Civic & History Society

### Newsletter –September 2009

#### ***New Season's programme - 2009/10***

Graham has put together another interesting programme for the year.

17 <sup>th</sup> September	<i>A Model Life</i>	Ken Britten
15 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner</i>	Red Lion (see below)
19 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>'Punch' &amp; Early Victorian Life</i>	Graham Barfield
17 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Christmas Party</i>	Baptist Meeting Room
21 <sup>st</sup> January	<i>Underground Wirksworth</i>	Tony Holmes
18 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>Cardigan of the Light Brigade</i>	Robert Innes Smith
18 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>A Fine Furniture Maker</i>	Nicholas Hobbs
15 <sup>th</sup> April*	<i>Derbyshire Portway</i>	Steve Bailey

May, June & July will be outside visits; we have several options & some or all will be offered:

St James Church, Beeston –follow up to Nicholas Hobbs' talk

Tour of Eyam

Sheffield Assay Office

Derwent Valley Heritage Centre

Historic Derbyshire Pubs

\* *The meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April will be followed by the AGM*

#### ***40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner***

This will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October in the Red Lion.

There will be a display of the achievements of the Civic Society since its inception and a souvenir programme.

Our guest speakers are Tanya Shaw and Adam Lathbury, both Conservation and Design Officers, Tanya with Derbyshire Dales District Council and Adam with Derbyshire County Council.

If you wish to attend, please complete and return the attached slip with your cheque for £17.50 per person and any dietary requirements by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

#### ***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:

*Anne Brawn, Membership Secretary, 15 Yokecliffe Crescent, Wirksworth, DE4 4ER*

#### ***Church Walk Project – 'Wirksworth's Timeless Jewel'***

After a year of preparatory work, we have just submitted our Stage 1 Application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a development grant and for funding for the project.

We want to return Church Walk to its former beauty and preserve & protect it for future generations.

The scope of the project includes repairing and restoring the railings & plinth, repairing/replacing gullies & drains, removing the tarmac & laying authentic paving, creating a performance & display space on Community Square (after wide consultation with the community) and building storage for the wheelie bins. Schools would be involved in creating a 'clockface' timeline based on significant events in the history of Wirksworth with their work showcased on a new website; the College of the Peak would demonstrate traditional heritage skills; the University of Derby would produce an audio trail; interpretation boards & leaflets would be produced. The whole project would be recorded. Many organisations & groups in the town have expressed their interest and support.

We are very grateful to Tanya Shaw and Adam Lathbury for their help and support in putting together the application and to Derek Trowell and Nigel Winters for their expert input.

We hope to hear by Christmas whether or not we can move on to the next stage of application.

### ***Townscape Working Party***

Work has continued on monitoring a number of issues and concerns which are passed on to the relevant authorities.

After meetings with County & Dales officers to discuss excess and unhelpful signing in the town, we were pleased to note that the Town Council shares our concern about and that is being addressed.

Street cleaning seems to have improved and we have a new litter bin for Harrison Drive!

### ***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***

Yours sincerely,

*Colin Pidgeon*

Colin Pidgeon, Chair

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Booking Form

***40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner***

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009 7.30pm

**Name**..... **Number of people**.....

**Cheque enclosed for**.....(£17.50 per person)

**Dietary requirements**.....

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

**By Friday 18th September**