

Autumn 2014 Newsletter of the Carlisle and District Civic Trust and invitation to the 49th Annual General Meeting



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An update from the chairman

Yet another year has flown past. It doesn't seem like any time at all since I was writing the Spring Newsletter. This year, however, it is with great sadness that I must start my report with the sad news that our former chairman Nicholas Bell (Nick) passed away on Monday 23rd June and his funeral took place on Friday 4th July at Carlisle Crematorium. Nick will be sorely missed by everyone at the Trust and our sympathy goes out to his widow Rosalind and their greater family. The Trust now continues on the foundations laid down by Nick.

Our new President the Right Reverend James Newcome Bishop of Carlisle

Earlier in the year the Trust was greatly honoured when the Right Reverend James Newcome Bishop of Carlisle agreed to be the Trust's president.

Summer visits to local places of interest

As usual the Trust has organised visits to local places of interest, in fact more this year than ever before. In April we visited the Old Turkish Baths James Street, and in July we had a presentation on Lowther Castle and Gardens by the head gardener. All the events were well attended.

Annual Coach Outing

In June we had our annual coach outing, this year we went to Dumfries House, a location which was much enjoyed by all who went. I personally will most certainly be going there again, however, I don't suppose I will be privileged to have lunch, actually in the house organised by Janis especially for the Trust. May be I could convince her to organise another trip in the future? Whatever, a very special thanks to Janis for a exceptional outing.

2013/2014 Winter Lectures

As well as extending the number of summer outings this year, we also extended our winter lectures programme with an extra lecture in March.

Garden of Memories Bitts Park

The Trust in conjunction with Eden Valley Hospice has sponsored a flower bed in the Garden of Memories in Bitts Park. Next year on the Trust's Fiftieth Anniversary, we intend to provide a wooden bench for those people entering the garden to use in their contemplation.

First World War Commemorations

It is now one hundred years since the outbreak of the First World War and the Trust in conjunction with Carlisle City Council has ordered two blue plaques which will be fixed to the homes of the city's two recipients of the Victoria Cross.

Second Lieutenant Joseph Henry Collins VC (Posthumous)

Born in Jarrow in 1893 he came to live at 8 Petteril Terrace, Harraby Carlisle.

Killed in action in France 9th April 1918.

Awarded the Victoria Cross (Posthumous) on the 28th June 1918 for heroic gallantry in the battle of Givenchy. He disabled an enemy machine gun nest then kept on shooting to enable his men to escape to safety. He sustained head wounds and died shortly after. His name is honoured on the Harraby War Memorial.

Lieutenant-Commander Edward Courtney Boyle VC (Later Rear Admiral)

Born on the 23rd March 1883 son of Major Boyle of 3 Chatsworth Square Carlisle.

He was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions between 27th April and 18th May 1915 in the Sea of Marmar Turkey. He dived his submarine E14 under Turkish Minefields and sunk a military transport and two enemy gun boats. His actions paralysed all enemy coastal traffic in the area and were a great boost to allied moral.

These plaques will be fixed in their respective locations later in the year. We hope the actual date will be available at the AGM.

Facebook, the Trust's original role and John Kelsall's appointment to the Trust.

Our Facebook page is proving to be very popular and our very own website is up and running at www.carlislecivictrust.org.uk

Ironically the feedback we are receiving from this bang up to date medium shows a great public desire for the Trust to concentrate on its campaigning role as well as the outings and winter lectures.

The Trust was originally formed:

- to encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in Carlisle and its neighbouring districts.
- to stimulate public interest in and care for beauty, history and character of the area of the city and its surroundings.
- to encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.
- to pursue these ends by means of meetings, exhibitions, lectures, publications, other forms of instruction and publicity and promotion of schemes of a charitable nature.

The results of contact with Facebook indicate that the campaigning role of the Trusts should be extended particularly with so many controversial things happening in our city today.

Therefore it is with great pleasure I can announce that Mr J L. Kelsall has agreed to join the committee of the Trust and will help us with our campaign work.

John is an Architect, who practises in Carlisle and District and is passionate about the architecture of the City and believes in the ideals of the Trust.

Heritage Open Days.

During the 'Heritage Open Days' properties and events that normally charge admission are free.

Other properties that would normally not be open for public will be open; however, there may be a charge.

The 'Heritage Open Days' this year are 11th to the 14th September.

The properties that will be open in Cumbria and elsewhere can be found by using the following link

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Carlisle and District Conservation Area Advisory Committee

The Trust has a representative who sits on this committee and therefore the Trust has a direct say in planning applications in the Conservation Areas.

Winter lectures 2014/2015 Season.

All evening lectures are held at Waterton Hall commencing at 7:30pm. Doors open and complimentary tea or coffee and biscuits are available from 7pm

October 21st	'The Military and Carlisle'	Stuart Eastwood	Waterton Hall
November 18 th	Mining in the Pennines	Ian Tylor	Waterton Hall

The Carlisle and District Civic Trust Committee

<i>Terry Jolley</i>	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Committee member</i>
<i>Janis Jeffery</i>	<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	<i>Committee member</i>
<i>Carol Donnelly</i>	<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	<i>Committee member</i>
<i>Mr J L. Kelsall</i>	<i>Architect</i>	<i>Committee member</i>
<i>Dr. Lindsey Winterton</i>		<i>Committee member</i>
<i>Frank Jeffery</i>		<i>Committee member</i>
<i>Jenny Smith</i>		<i>Committee member</i>
<i>Roger Higgins</i>	<i>Urban Design and Conservation Officer</i>	<i>Co-opted member</i>
<i>Alistair Mc Gregor</i>	<i>Architect.</i>	<i>Co-opted member</i>

Summary by the chairman

Just a reminder that the Committee Meeting Minutes will continue to be available for inspection at the winter lectures.

The committee is always looking for new ideas from its members. If anyone has any suggestions, will they please put them on paper and post them in the 'Buildings of significant importance deserving recognition Suggestion Box which is placed on the table at the entrance to the winter lectures.

Next year is the Carlisle and District Civic Trusts Fiftieth Anniversary it is therefore particularly important that all your ideas for our Half Century Year find their way to the committee so they can be included in this celebration year.

With the ideas and the enthusiasm of the Trust members themselves, the Trust looks set to continue to play a major role in maintaining:

- high standards of architecture and town planning in Carlisle and neighbouring districts.*
- the beauty, history and character of the area.*
- the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.*

for many years to come.

A T Jolley

Chairman Carlisle and District Civic Trust

Annual General Meeting

You are invited to attend the forty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Carlisle and District Civic Trust.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th September at Waterton Hall commencing at 2pm. There will be no entrance fee for this meeting.

Next year is the 50th anniversary of the Carlisle and District Civic Trust and the committee would welcome suggestions from the membership on how to celebrate the fact. 'Free cake' will be served at the AGM to stimulate the thought process.