

Autumn 2013 Newsletter of the Carlisle and District Civic Trust and invitation to the forty-eighth Annual General Meeting



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Introduction from the chairman

It doesn't seem two minutes since I was sitting down to write the Spring Newsletter, yet here I am penning the Autumn Newsletter. The Summer this year was like the summers we all remember from our childhoods' and the first real summer we have enjoyed for many years.

Throughout the Spring and Summer, the Trust was busy with it's extended programme of visits to local places of interest and of course the Annual Coach Trip, this year to the Abbot Gallery and Museum at Kendal. All the events were reasonably well attended and here's a reminder of the places visited:

April 15th Meet the Mayor of Carlisle Councillor David Wilson on a Conducted tour of the Civic Centre. All the attendees were treated to 'Tea and biscuits' with the Mayor of Carlisle Councillor David Wilson before he gave us a conducted tour of the parts of the Civic Centre not normally open to the public

May 21st The Citadel and old Crown Court. This is an ever popular tour and we thank Carol and her guides for making our visit as interesting as ever. The day finished with coffee The County Hotel.

June 18th Inner City Conservation area walking tour. Unfortunately our Guide who was going to take us on the tour found he could not make it. However, just working from notes, Frank Jeffery stepped in and saved day. After touring Inner City Conservation Area, the day ended with strawberries and cream provided by 'Sustainable Carlisle', which was included in the price of the tour.

July 24th Tour of the River Eden and War Memorials. Prior to setting off on the walk Carol Donnelly gave an informal, illustrated talk about the area we were about to visit, and during the walk Cllr. Olwyn Luckley gave a talk regarding the War Memorial in Rickerby Park

Looking Forward.

Heritage Open Days

The trust has again organised properties to be viewed as part of the 'Heritage Open Day Scheme' The heritage open days allow access to some buildings and events that would not normally be open to the public. It also allows free access to some buildings and events that would normally charge an entrance free. The Heritage Open days this year are 12th, 13th, 14th & 15th September.

This year the buildings and events the trust hopes to include are:

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| <i>High Head Sculpture Park</i> | <i>Ivegill</i> |
| <i>Tours of the Citadel</i> | <i>Carlisle</i> |
| <i>Talk on the windows of St Martins Church</i> | <i>Brampton</i> |

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| Tour of Congregational Church | Carlisle |
| Tour of the Prior's Tower | Carlisle Cathedral |
| Guided Tour of Cumbria Archives Centre | Carlisle |
| Three Solway Churches | Bowness, Beaumont and Burgh-by-Sands |

Booklets containing details of these properties and others in the county can be found at the Tourist Information Centre and the Central library. Information is available at www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Winter lectures 2013/2014 season:

The time of day; Change of day for the lectures and the new venue for the lectures

Time of Day:

The results of the poll regarding a preference to have the talks in the afternoon or evening was almost equally split, However, The evening is still the preferred option.

Change of day for the lectures:

It has been found that Thursday evenings clash with many other events organised by other organisations. It has been decided therefore that future lectures will take place on Tuesday evenings starting with the 2013/2014 Season.

The venue for the lectures:

Various locations have been visited to check their suitability to host our winter lectures. The venue that most meets our needs is New Waterton Hall Warwick Road. We believe that Waterton Hall is easy to get to on foot, and also provides adequate car parking.

Winter lecture programme 2013/2014

All lectures commence at 7:30 pm. A complimentary cup of tea or coffee and biscuit will be available from 7pm please arrive early.

This year we are presenting a special winter lecture '**Chanel & the Tweedmaker**' by David Ramshaw, based on the recently published book by Patricia Hitchon.

It will held on Tuesday 22nd October 2013 at '**RICHARD ROSE MORTON ACADEMY**' (**Not Morton Manor**) and will commence at 7:30pm. Tea & coffee from 7pm. All lectures will be held at New Waterton Hall with the exception of the Linton Tweeds lecture 22nd October.

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In 1912 Scotsman William Linton started Linton Mill in the Caldewgate area of Carlisle,

As the years rolled on, the name of Linton became synonymous with good quality. Their exquisitely designed cloths were shown often on the Paris catwalks. This led to massive business with America - the Americans being keen to reproduce the outfits shown in the Paris couture houses and in the authentic Linton fabrics.

The other Lectures in the 2013/2014 Season are:

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| Tuesday | 19 th November | 2013 | The Life of St Cuthbert by Rev. Keith Teasdale |
| Tuesday | 14 th January | 2014 | Old Milestones by Terry Moore |
| Tuesday | 18 th February | 2014 | The Work of Carlisle's Heritage Officer by Roger Higgins |
| Tuesday | 18 th March | 2014 | London Road and Harraby Green by Denis Perriman |

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.

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.*

Please note the 2013 AGM of the Carlisle and District trust will be held on Tuesday 17th of September. The meeting will take place at the New Waterton Hall and will commence at 2pm. There will be no entrance charge for this meeting and complimentary coffee/tea and cakes will be served at the completion of business.

All Trust members are welcome.