

Greater Wigston Historical Society

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At last here is your Newsletter.

Due to early enthusiasm, this particular aspect of the society was overlooked. The many enquiries recently received have now made it obvious that a newsletter is a vital piece of work for the Society.

AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

To preserve and protect the heritage of the Greater Wigston area, whether in documentary or practical form to enable all people to benefit from it. The title "Greater Wigston" was chosen to encompass as great an area as possible that has at any time touched on Wigstons' past.

OBJECTIVES

To encourage interest in the history of Wigston by means of walks, talks, displays, slide and film shows.

To rescue any items bearing on Wigstons past that might otherwise be destroyed or lost forever.

To establish a Museum of Wigston. This project being very necessary to the furtherance of the restoration and eventual display of all the many items being collected by Mr Lucas, donated or loaned by people of Wigston.

ACTIVITIES

So far, the kitchen / cooking range forged at the Wigston Foundry has been rescued from "walling up" in Avenue House and is now in the hands of the Society. The vice chairman Jim Colver and the treasurer Mike Hulls spent a very enjoyable Saturday morning, despite a few headaches etc., caused by the work.

A start has been made on the restoration and a catalogue begun of the many items housed in the temporary premises at White Gate Farm. Several of these items were displayed at the Abington Silver Jubilee and despite the bad weather many people expressed interest in the work of the Society.

Later in the summer a similar display took place at the Meadows Gala and again a successful afternoon was felt to have taken place with several new

members joining. Both these events could not have taken place without the loan of a trailer by Mr Lucas.

On November 14th an evening of Magic Lantern Slides was held at the Wigston Liberal Club, this venue was also quite successful and no doubt only the first of many future events.

Membership of the Society is steadily increasing both active and passive variety. A nucleus of people has arisen who wish to take an active part in the Society and with the passive support of others; other entertainment of the above variety will become increasingly possible.

A.G.M.

This will be held in February 1981. The time and place has yet to be decided but all members will be notified in good time and are asked to attend.

This Newsletter is intended not only to inform of activities within the Society but also to be of interest to members who have any interest in the History of Wigston, therefore any contributions of articles that have a bearing on Wigstons past will be very welcome for inclusion in subsequent quarterly Newsletters.