

Greater Wigston Historical Society

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Annual General Meeting

This will be held on 19th February in the committee room of the Wigston Liberal Club. All members are asked to attend, nominations for the various offices are welcome. This will finish at 8 pm and an exhibition will then be open to the public, in the concert room. Mr Kemble (Electrical Shop) has kindly loaned video equipment to allow us to show the film "The Vanishing Village", as it is quite a short film more than one performance may be possible. The exhibition will be set up on the Thursday so that local schools may visit during the day. Guthlaxton School has loaned stands to set the exhibits up on.

March 17th 7.30pm White Gate Farm will be the next meeting.

Leicestershire Local History Council

Membership has been taken out and the programme of visits, lectures etc., is now available for G.W.H.S. members to attend.

Visit to All Saints, August 19th 1981

This was most interesting; Father Green gave a very concise history of the church adding many interesting anecdotes about the parish and amusing incidents connected with the church. He also very kindly allowed the Elizabethan Chalice and pattern to be inspected. Also the pewter collection plates donated over many years by the Churchwardens. A donation to the restoration funds was made as a thank you to Father Green.

Film Evening – Combined Civic Society & GWHS Venture

The films were shown to a packed audience, the first film being 'Holymoorside', made by the Historical Society of the Derbyshire village over several years. It was directed by Mr J D Goodwin, (originally of Wigston), who is the senior lecturer in Graphic Design and Film Production at Chesterfield College of Art, Mr Thompson of the Society at Holymoorside was also present.

The second film of the evening, 'The Vanishing Village' was made by Granada as an educational film to demonstrate the growth of a village, Wigston was chosen because of a wealth of documentation and items that exist.

Publications

On sale now is the booklet 'Search for St. Wistan', this is a transcript of the lecture given at St. Wistans by David Rollson of Durham University.

'Buildings of England' by Niklaus Pevsner, Penguin Books. This has been updated and the Civic Society were asked to contribute to the section on Wigston but felt that the Historical Society were more fitted to the task, this has now been completed and is in the hands of the publishers.

Several transactions have been compiled for the Society by Jim Colver, Vice Chairman, these will be on sale at the exhibition on the 19th February next at the Liberal Club.

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