



Greater Wigston Historical Society

White Gate Farm, Newton Lane, Wigston Magna Leicestershire

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MUSEUM

At Easter the G.W.H.S. will open the Museum of Wigston to the public. Previously it's been impossible to do this due to lack of space to display the items in the collection and people have had to make an appointment to view it. Now, however at long last this problem is about been solved. For the official reopening it is hoped that the oldest Wigstonian will be present, but not as an exhibit! Even so it is still impossible to display the entire collection at once and so the displays will be changed from time to time. In order to keep open, volunteers will be needed to assist with manning one day during the week and at weekends. If you are interested in helping please contact Duncan Lucas.

Leicestershire Museums have recently opened a service for local museums to give help with information on restoration, displays etc., and at the last meeting Mr. Mo ore came along to explain what help he could offer.

FIELD WALK

Before the clocks changed from summer to winter the Society managed to enjoy a field walk from Wigston to Cooks Lane, along the canal to Kilby Bridge (vital refreshments here). The walk was organised by Pete Wilford and the pace was set by Duncan with scathing remarks about slowcoaches at the rear. Nevertheless a lot of interesting information about the history and wildlife of the area was given by Pete and Duncan. There are hopes of organising other walks as soon as the better weather returns.

DIG

The site has now closed for the winter but before it was closed and filled the Leicestershire Field Survey (Museums) came and had a good look into it, a lot of interesting material has been found from Iron Age to Medieval times. Enough to make it necessary to continue as soon as weather permits.

Ron McPhail who laboured through the summer to excavate and notate the site was made an Honorary Member at the meeting held in October.

TRANSACTIONS

Due to a delay by the printers these are still not available but hope is now on the scene and they should be printed very soon,

A.G.M. - 25th, February, 1983 - 7. 30. p.m.

Though it doesn't seem five minutes from the last one the time is again upon us. As last year so this year with a slight difference and some new displays and competitions. The venue is the Wigston Liberal Club and an Open Day will be held including a display of local Artists work and a 'Name the Article' competition. As it was such a great success last year we hope for a repeat this year so come and see us. It has been decided to make a nominal charge for entry of 50p for a family .ticket, 25p for adults and 10p for OAP's and Students.

Any nominations that you wish to make for Officers for 1983 can be notified to D. Lucas or A. Hull, (Tel. 718083) .

May I remind all our Members that 1983 Subscriptions are now due and that the Membership Secretary is B. Bilson (Tel s 881715).

The cost of Membership is to remain the same and included in this is affiliation to the Leicestershire Local History Society-.