

Wrexham Heritage Forum

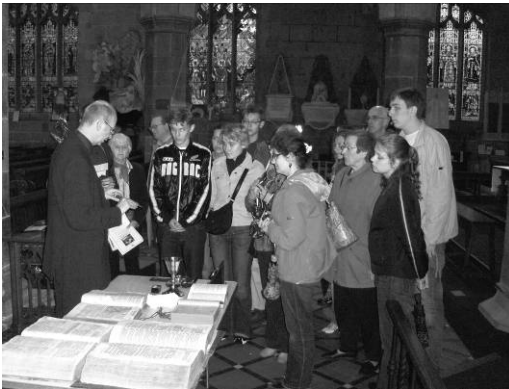
Newsletter – February 2008

Introduction from Nick Roe, Chair of the Forum

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2008. We aim to produce one every three months to let people know about the work of the Forum. As you will see from these columns, the Heritage Forum has been Wrexham's big success story of the past twelve months, with growing membership and successful funding applications. I hope that we shall now go from strength to strength and that all those who care about Wrexham's heritage will join us. Please let us know of events that you would like to see taking place, or if you would be prepared to organise an event in your own locality. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you all again at All Saints Church, Gresford, on 7 February.

With best wishes for 2008.

Nick Roe



Canon Marshall shows visitors treasures from the Church strong room

Review of Recent Meetings

Meetings at both St. Giles Church in Wrexham and at Brymbo Steel Works were held last year. At St. Giles, in July, Canon Geoffrey Marshall and Paul Whitham gave an insight into the issues faced in managing an historic building. A visit to the tower and an opportunity to see items from the church strong room followed. The meeting at Brymbo in October included short talks taking in the story of iron and steel making at the site, the discovery of the fossil forest, and how the newly developed site would be integrated with the Brymbo community.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 7th February 2008, 6.45 for 7.00pm All Saints Church, Gresford

Churches and Tourism. Sue Kelly will be talking about the development of Wrexham Open Church Network. Can security concerns compromise having a church open at all times?

Sunday 9th March 2008, 2.45 for 3.00pm at Brymbo Steel Works

Following last years evening visit, a daylight chance to look at the outside developments at Brymbo, and to see more of the site including the geology of the coal beds. 'Sensible' shoes recommended! Arranged in conjunction with Wrexham Science Festival.

Thursday 24th April 2008, 6.45 for 7.00pm at Wrexham Museum

Steve Barlow from the Heritage Lottery Fund will give an update on HLF policy, and take related questions from members. The Forum AGM will be held at this meeting.

Full details of all these meetings will be sent to members.

Facilities for members

Over the last few months a number of applications have been made for grants to allow the Forum to acquire some items of equipment for use by members. We have been fortunate to have secured the following:

Awards for All Wales	£4860
Welsh Church Acts Fund	£250
AVOW Small Grants Fund	£70

The grants will allow the Forum to obtain both main resource, and laptop computers, A2 and A4 printers, scanner, a digital camera, projector, stand/screen and public address system. A set of display stands will also be available. The equipment will be housed at the Wrexham Museum in Regent Street, Wrexham and we aim to have it available from early April 2008.

More information about all the equipment will be circulated to members in due course.

Fforwm Treftadaeth Wrecsam

Mae Fforwm Treftadaeth Wrecsam yn sefydliad annibynnol a gafodd ei ffurfio er mwyn annog y cyhoedd a chyrrff gwirfoddol i gyd-weithio gyda'r gymuned leol er mwyn cynyddu dealltwriaeth, cyfranogaeth a chadwraeth ym myd treftadaeth y fwrdeistref sirol.

Amcanion Fforwm Treftadaeth Wrecsam yw:

- Annog a galluogi cyrrff cyhoeddus a gwirfoddol i gyd-weithio gyda'r gymuned leol er mwyn annog gwerthfawrogiad, cyfranogaeth, cadwraeth a chynnydd ym myd treftadaeth y fwrdeistref sirol.
- Datblygu dealltwriaeth o rôl a phwysigrwydd treftadaeth, ac i wneud y mwyaf o'i chyfraniad at yr economi leol.
- Cefnogi datblygu sgiliau a chynorthwyo'r sector treftadaeth leol i fod yn gynaliadwy.
- Hyrwyddo a chodi ymwybyddiaeth y cyhoedd o'r dreftadaeth leol, gan gynnwys Fforwm Treftadaeth Wrecsam a'r sefydliadau sy'n aelodau ohono.
- Annog a chynyddu cyfleoedd dysgu gydol-oes ym myd treftadaeth leol.
- Hyrwyddo a manteisio ar gyfleoedd i greu arian ar gyfer y dreftadaeth leol.

Mae aelodaeth yn agored i sefydliadau ac unglonion sydd a diddordeb mewn hyrwyddo amcanion y Fforwm.

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Wrexham Heritage Forum

Wrexham Heritage Forum is an independent organisation that was formed to encourage and enable public and voluntary bodies to work together with the local community in order to increase understanding, participation and conservation of the County Borough's heritage.

Aims and objectives

- Encourage and enable public and voluntary bodies to work together with local communities in order to encourage appreciation, participation, conservation and enhancement of the heritage of Wrexham County Borough Council.

- Develop understanding of the role and impact of heritage, and maximise its support for the local economy.
- Support skills development and build the capacity of the local heritage sector in order that it can be sustainable.
- Promote and raise public awareness of the local heritage, including the Wrexham Heritage Forum and member organisations.
- Actively encourage and increase opportunities for lifelong learning based on the local heritage.
- Promote and take advantage of opportunities to generate funding for the local heritage.

Membership is open to organisations and individuals that are interested in promoting the objectives of the Forum.

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Giles's
Church tower*