

The Summer Newsletter

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Queen Anne's lace, purple vetch, rose-bay willow herb, large white convolvulus, small pink convolvulus, yellow ragwort, tall waving grasses, butterflies and flitting sparrows all on show in the sunshine this morning looking down from the silence and stillness of Blaby Road /Spion Kop rail bridge now under repair for 7 weeks.

OFFICERS

Alan Kind has relinquished his position as vice chairman and Maureen Waugh has volunteered to take up Alan's place. Colin Hames can relax at our meetings after his excellent service as minutes secretary. Thanks to the Little Know it All magazine that kindly gave us space for an advert, we may have found a replacement and some new members as well.

Here are the current officers:

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| <u>Chairman</u> | Norman Fisher | <u>Minutes</u> (interim) | Colin Hames |
| <u>Vice chairman</u> | Maureen Waugh | <u>Newsletter</u> | Mary Essinger |
| <u>Secretary</u> | Colin Towell | <u>Committee members:</u> Alan Kind, May Hilton, Geoff Styles | |
| <u>Treasurer</u> | Peter Holmes | | |
| <u>Membership</u> | Peter Holmes | | |

THE HALLATON TREASURE

One day a man from Slawston carried his metal detector to a hilltop near Hallaton and found a few thousand coins from the Iron Age. Then he had to tell nobody for three years while the site was properly excavated. Now this treasure will be on display as a travelling exhibition at the Framework Knitters Museum from August 13 2011 until September 25 2011. Open Saturdays 10.30 till 3.30 and Sundays 2pm till 4.30pm. Don't miss it.

LEICESTER VICTORIAN SOCIETY

On the evening of June 21 the Society welcomed the Leicester Victorian Society to South Wigston for a guided tour. Starting and finishing at St Thomas' church they were shown shops, houses and churches of the Victorian landscape with our detailed commentary on its history and architecture. It was an extremely successful event and we received a most appreciative letter of thanks. Thanks to Peter Holmes and Alan Kind. We are thinking of devising other local interest walks.

SENIORS DAY

The Civic Society will be attendance at OWBC's "Young at Heart Day" at Parklands on Thursday Sep 22 . Our new leaflet Two Steeples Walk will be available showing footpaths over the fields in your local area.

PLANNING MATTERS

The street name for the development in Newton Lane will be, at the suggestion of the society, Cottoms Close.

Felling of thirty poplar trees in Penny Close

Demolition of Alpha House South Wigston. Letter of support requesting the site is left in reasonable condition.

Clifford St. Demolition of rear annexe and erection of two dwellings. Letter of over intensification of building.

PRIDE OF THE BOROUGH

Once again, the Pride in the Borough group has done an excellent job with flower displays and encouraging residents to make their gardens colourful. The mature trees in Bell Street certainly add some softness to the street scene. Well done to all those involved.

EAST MIDLANDS CIVIC AND HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

EMAHCS is an umbrella regional body which we belong to. It supports local societies and acts as a clearing house for information and views. The quarterly meetings are followed by tours or talks based on the local area in which the meeting is held. The most recent was at Bullbridge near Ambergate in Derbyshire, a most interesting place full of industrial archaeology. An awayday in June was to Eyam, the plague village, also in Derbyshire.

PUBLIC ART

We are working on a project to establish a piece of public art in Wigston Magna to compliment Oadby and the proposals for South Wigston. Please get in touch if you have any ideas.

*Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm at Age Concern, Paddock Street, Wigston. New members are most welcome,
details from the Secretary on 07813 782899.*