



RET FORD CIVIC SOCIETY

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Christmas Visit to Doddington Hall

Thursday 28th November

Doddington Hall, a wonderful Elizabethan home, with a range of ceramics, textiles, furniture and paintings reflecting the 400 years of family occupation, is our destination this Christmas.

We will be served refreshments on arrival, have a guided tour and lunch and take in the inspiring natural decorations. Time for a walk around the gardens and a visit to the award-winning Farm Shop before a two-hour stop in Lincoln for sight-seeing or shopping. Please find your booking form with this newsletter or by e-mail if you're on line, and return it as soon as possible to guarantee a seat.



The annual **Retford Civic Society Quiz** evening is on Thursday 7th November at The Birches with pie and peas supper. 7.00 for 7.30 start.

To book contact Roger and Tina Tel: 01777 869549 or email grovevill@aol.com. If vegetarian, please say when booking. Cost is **£7**.



HERITAGE OPEN DAY 14th SEPTEMBER

This will be the 6th Heritage Open Day we have organised. This year the theme is traditional arts and crafts, and there will be displays and demonstrations taking place throughout the town with the main locations being St Swithun's Church and Bassetlaw Museum.

Crafts will include wood-turning, sculpting, furniture-making, book-binding, calligraphy, lace-making, spinning, blacksmith trades and stonemasonry. There will be opportunities, in many cases, for you to 'have a go' at the activities. As usual, many historic buildings will be open, free of charge.

The full programme is available on our website www.retfordcivicsociety.org.uk and will also be available on 7th September from our information stall on Carolgate, and on the day itself from our information point outside the Museum and from the venues which are opening. The Seth Ellis will be running the popular boat trips on the Chesterfield Canal and once again there will be heritage bus tours departing from outside Bassetlaw Museum.

RET FORD IN BLOOM

The annual presentation of awards for the various categories will take place in the Town Hall on Wednesday 2nd October at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

The next **Open Meeting** will take place at Grove Street Methodist Church Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 16th October.

The speakers at the meeting will be Barry and Ann Exton, who will talk about the restoration of the Majestic Theatre.



Retford Little Theatre mural (Dyers Court) was designed by Stephen Walker of RLT and executed by artists Frank Canning and Charles Vaughton, helped by Butch Barnsdale and Roger Jones. It was funded jointly by RLT and RCS.



Frank Canning, renowned local artist and RCS member (whose expertise has been invaluable - see the Dyers Court murals!), is holding an exhibition of his works at Retford Little Theatre. Proceeds will go to the theatre and Bassetlaw Hospice. The exhibition will be opened by Derek Turner at 7pm on Friday 11th October, and open 10am-1pm on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th, everyone very welcome.

BOLHAM MANOR OPEN GARDEN

On Sunday 23rd June, Pam and Butch Barnsdale's garden was open to the public. It was a most enjoyable event. In total, almost £2,000 was raised for charity, and the money from the refreshments, which many of our members helped with, has been generously given to RCS. This amounted to £734, and will be used for projects.

RCS are most grateful to Pam and Butch for all their hard work, and look forward to another lovely visit next year.



The Retford Civic Society continues to support and attend meetings of the Town Centre Business Forum and Totally Locally as they seek to promote and improve the town. Their latest venture is the 'Empty Shops' initiative, to be launched on Saturday 21st September. This scheme is inspired by the success of a similar initiative in Sheffield. The idea is that empty shop windows in town will be used for 'imaginative and artistic' displays so that shopping areas will continue to look vibrant and attractive.



RETFORD
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Who cares about Retford? WE DO!

With an eye to the future as well as the past.

Have you looked at our website?

Find it at www.retfordcivicsociety.org.uk

It's got information on our projects, past and on-going, pictures of events, recent Newsletters and heaps more interesting stuff about your Society.

Also, if you want to contact us directly you can email us: retfordcivicsociety@hotmail.co.uk