RETFORD CIVIC SOCIETY

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There was a very good attendance at the Retford Civic Society AGM on 21st October. Before the main business of the evening Kate Firth gave an interesting and well-illustrated talk on 'Ye Olde Bell – Past and Present' and her 44 years involvement in the hotel, many of them as General Manager. Members also enjoyed a fascinating display of Retford memorabilia, including Retford bank notes, brought by Gerald Cooke.



All the current **Committee members** were confirmed for the coming year, as follows: Derek Turner (Chair) Robert Lamb (Deputy Chair) Lesley Sumner(Secretary) Bruce Barnett (Treasurer) Pat Barnett (Membership Secretary)

Other Committee Members: Pam Barnsdale, Peter Horner, Andy Massey, Carol Moore, Andrew Silcock, Joan Turner

It was announced that Subscriptions will remain the same for 2027 at £14 for individual membership, £22 for joint membership.

VISITS

Due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no Christmas visit this year. We now look forward to our visits in 2027. Details of the first visit, to Beverley, are available and a booking sheet is being sent out with this News Sheet.

AN INVITATION FROM BABWORTH CREMATORIUM

All are invited to Babworth Crematorium & Memorial Gardens for a Remembrance Service, to come together to honour and remember the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Friday 6th November 2026

3:30pm

The service will be led by Celebrant Steve Casey, with attendance from members of the Royal British Legion. This special service will provide an opportunity for our community to come together in reflection, gratitude and support for our veterans. Everyone is warmly welcome.

LITTER PICK

It was a lovely sunny day for our autumn litter pick when 19 members turned out to help clear up the town. This large group, which included a family with a great grandson, made short work of piles of rubbish behind Boots shop and then moved on to Carolgate and the alleyway alongside the Salvation Army Charity shop. Others did a great job on Arlington Way, the area around the London Road traffic lights and along the Chesterfield Canal. We made a big difference and enjoyed a well-earned sit-down and a hot drink at the Bay Tree cafe afterwards. Many thanks to all those who took part.



RETFORD TOWN SQUARE AND MARTYN'S LAW

Peter Horner, Pam Barnsdale and Bruce Barnett are representing RCS on the plan to protect the public from a lorry attack. Current proposals include replacing the existing bollards with more and stronger bollards alongside the road frontage and the seats being replaced by heavy duty cement blocks with wooden seating on the top.

Some changes have been made at our suggestion but we are concerned that the work will still harm the appearance of the area.