

GENERAL MEETING 2004

A General Meeting of Freemen of Llantrisant will be held at Llantrisant Guildhall at 7:30pm on Friday 14th October 2005, to discuss and debate the works of the Trust over the past year and to accept suggestions to improve its effectiveness.

The five-year term of office of Freeman's Trustee Anthony Cale expires at the meeting, consequently, an election must take place. The named trustee may allow his name to be resubmitted for consideration. Any Freeman may stand for election, but he will be required to attend personally and be nominated and seconded by Freemen present at the meeting.

LLANTRISANT CASTLE

Following a feasibility study undertaken in 2004, the recommendation of the consultants is that.

A full archaeological dig be undertaken to determine "what is actually underground" on the site.

Fully consolidate what remains of the "ravens tower" and encase the structure within a glass envelope and to provide a viewing platform at the top of the tower.

LLANTRISANT 10 YEAR VISION PLAN

The local authority has engaged consultants to produce a 10-year vision plan for the old town, part of their terms of reference is to recommend areas that would allow the town to develop its historical heritage. The trust has contributed to the study and has particular interest in the consultants' final recommendations for the castle and guildhall site.

Horse & Pony Passports

The Trustees have decided that from April 2006 all horse/pony graziers must produce valid passports to the Commons Cverseer for each animal.

LLANTRISANT.NET

All you internet surfers keep a lookout for our new web site which will go live before the end of the year.

It is proposed that the web site will be updated on at regular intervals with news of the Trust and its activities.

A cut down version of the "Freemen's Roll" will be also available for your perusal.

COURT LEET DINNER

LLANTRISANT'S Court Leet Dinner continues to grow in popularity with over 220 Freemen and guests sitting down to dine this year.

In addition to fine food and the best of company, Freemen are entertained by some of the country's finest after-dinner speakers, and I am able to report that this year was no exception to that rule, with two wordsmiths of some note the Trust were delighted to welcome BBC Radio Wales presenter Roy Noble as the principal speaker, supported by Mel Thomas [back for a second year], both speakers were on top form and Mel completed his speech with a poem dedicated to the work of the Clerk which had the whole audience in stitches.

The next dinner will be held on Friday, May 19 2006, speakers to be confirmed.

In an attempt to address the request from freemen for families or groups to be able to site together it has been agreed that tables maybe reserved for parties of 8/10 persons, to qualify the whole party must be booked at the same time.

Trust's Cartographer

At the Court Leet dinner the trust said a sad farewell to Brian Davies J.P. who retired as the cartographer, Brian [although not a Freeman himself] has hand written all of the new Freemen's certificates for the last twenty five years.

The Clerk thanked Brian for his endeavors on behalf of the Trust and presented him with a certificate and a bottle of cheer.

LLANTRISANT COMMON – FENCING OF THE OPEN PASTURELAND

Those Freemen of us who actively graze animals on the main common are fully aware of the numbers of animals that are involved in road traffic accidents every year where animals are either injured or killed.

With the provision of an industrial estate at the bottom of the common and the opening of the new hospital the numbers of traffic movement using the common as a "rat run" has increased ten fold.

Discussions with the police and local council over many years have not resolved the problem and the Trust must now ask itself is it time to consider "fencing" off the two roads where they cross the common thus restricting animal movement. Freemen have enjoyed the privilege of grazing the open common for over 650 years.

Please write or email the Clerk with your views on this emotive subject.

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Valedictions

The Trust has learned with deep regret the passing on of the under mentioned Freemen :-

Trevor DAVIES, Llantrisant, Roll No. 1888.
Vernon PHILLIPS, Llantrisant, Roll No. 1893.
Leslie Frederick RAINES, Tynant, Roll No. 2269.
Glanville LLOYD, Tonyrefail, Roll No. 2274.
Kenneth Charles HICKS, Scunthorpe, Roll No. 4060.

Llantrisant Town Trust

The Trustees are able to offer the following quality garments:-

Sweatshirts, V-neck black in colour to signify the black army, complete with the Town Trust coat-of-arms. Various sizes available cost £20 per garment, £2.50 postage and packing.

Polo Shirts, green in colour to represent the green of the Common, again with the Town Trust coat-of-arms. Various sizes available cost £16.50 per garment plus £2.50 postage and packing.

Freemen's Ties, with the mace inverted to signify the loss of "borough status" at a cost of £10.00p each which includes postage.

Should you wish to order please make cheques payable to Llantrisant Town Trust and include actual chest size when placing the order.

Graig Common

The Trustees are continuing to work closely with both the Countryside Council of Wales and the Local Authority to reintroduce limited grazing onto the Graig.

The only major outstanding item is now the installation of a cattle grid on the access road to Graig House.

It is hoped that the first animals to graze the Graig since the early 1950's will be introduced in the spring of 2006.

TRUST ARCHIVE

The trust archivist Freeman Noel Israel has for a number of years been collecting or copying various items of what has now become a large collection relating to the history of the freemen, the trust or the old town.

The trustees are considering converting the clerks' office in the Guildhall into an area where visitors [by appointment] may peruse this wonderful insight into our history and heritage.

It is also intended to include on our web site articles of our history that Freemen may find of interest.