

GENERAL MEETING 2006

A General Meeting of Freeman of Llantrisant will be held at Llantrisant Guildhall at 7:30 pm on Friday 20th October 2006, to discuss and debate the works of the Trust over the past year and to accept suggestions to improve its effectiveness.

The five-year terms of office of Freeman's Trustees Henry Alexander, Huw Rees, Dean Powell and Dewi John expires at the meeting, consequently, an election must take place. The named trustees may allow their names 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 Freeman present at the meeting.

LLANTRISANT CASTLE

Following a feasibility study undertaken in 2004, by consultants working for Rhondda Cynon Taff Council a "working group" to consider how, what and when works to the site are undertaken to preserve what is left of the castle the Clerk, and two other Freeman form part of the working group.

The recommendation of the group is that the remains of the castle and curtain walls be "fully consolidated" and a full archaeological dig be undertaken to determine "what is actually underground" on the site.

LLANTRISANT 10 YEAR VISION PLAN

Although more than 12 months have passed since the local authorities consultants presented its 10-year vision plan for the old town, I am sorry to report that nothing further has happened

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 cattle grid on the access road to Graig House has been installed limited fencing and access works are all that left to complete the necessary works.

It hoped that the first animals to graze the Graig since the early 1950's will be reintroduced in the spring of 2007.

COURT LEET DINNER

LLANTRISANT'S Court Leet Dinner 2006 was again held in the Llantrisant Leisure Centre with over 130 Freeman and guests sitting down to dine.

In addition to fine food and the best of company, Freeman are entertained by some of the country's finest after-dinner speakers, and I am able to report that this years principle speaker was Mr Clive Thomas Lord Lieutenant of the County but better known as one of the worlds best "football referees" the theme of his talk was a potted history of his time as a referee at the end of which he invited questions from the floor. The responding speaker was the Trusts own Gareth Jones (Trustee) and barrister at law.

The trial of allowing parties to reserve tables for 8/10 persons (booking at the same time) proved a success and will therefore continue.

The next dinner will be held on Friday, May 2007, speakers and venue to be confirmed.

FREEMEN'S ROLL – COMPUTER COPY

In addition the paper copy of the enrolled Freeman's names entered into the "Freemen's Roll" each year a working copy has been kept on computer for the last three years where any updating for example changes of address etc are kept, earlier in the year a problem was experienced which caused the current database to fail and also its backup to fail to restore a result of which was all the changes being lost.

Newsletters this year will be posted to Freeman address that maybe out of date if you are aware of any fellow Freeman that have not received their normal copy please pass on your copy and ask them to contact the Clerk.

LLANTRISANT.NET

All you internet surfers please note our "new look" web site which will go live shortly.

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" able to be searched will be also available for your perusal.

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VALEDICTIONS

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

John Gordon PHILLIPS, Roll No. 2148.

David Thomas Idris JOHN, Llantrisant,
Roll No. 2201.

Norman Mordecai WATTS, Barry, Roll No. 2538.

Glyndwr BENDLE, Beddau, Roll No. 2737.

DATA PROTECTION

The Trustees hold data held on computer of all enrolled Freemen and intend to publish names, roll numbers and "relation" on the internet web site Llantrisant.Net.

Any Freeman not wishing to have his information held or published please contact the Clerk and it will be removed.

FREEMEN ENROLMENTS

The long-term viability of the Freemen of Llantrisant maybe brought into question due to the changes in the numbers of couples getting married with a large percentage of those married ending in divorce (possible reduction in the numbers of children qualifying to become Freemen).

Trustees have decided that they must rise the question "should we change the rules of Freeman qualifications" with the general body of Freemen and to that end it has been decided to send out another newsletter in May 2007 fully listing the background and Trustees concerns and requesting Freeman opinions.

The format has yet to be agreed but it is intended to use a combination of methods to allow the Freemen rank and file to make their opinions known for example the internet site, postal and a special general meeting of Freemen in June 2007.

Should a change enrolment qualifications be approved then your Trustees would need to change the "scheme" and this change must be approved by the Charities Commission.

The outcome will be published in the Autumn 2007 newsletter.