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Alternatively telephone our Secretary on 01709 378735 to request a Membership Form by post.

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# Rotherham Archaeological Society Newsletter - February 2012

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## News Update

### Rotherham Minster - truly stunning!

If you have visited Rotherham recently you will have been able to enjoy seeing the Minster in all its glory now that the scaffolding has finally been removed.

The £2.25m restoration project which has taken approximately 10 years to complete has now finished and the view from the newly completed Minster Gardens and Corporation Street is truly stunning!

We understand that there are more plans in the pipeline to improve facilities within the Church itself - not least a new kitchen so that meals can be provided as well as coffee and tea.

### Rotherham Local Development Framework

Rotherham MBC will be carrying out further public consultation on the LDF in 2012 so watch out for any announcements in local papers, tv and radio.

The Consultation Feedback Report is now available on the RMBC website - [http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/downloads/file/6243/feedback\\_report\\_january\\_2012](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/downloads/file/6243/feedback_report_january_2012)

You will remember that along with many others, the Rotherham Archaeological Society registered its objections to the removal of several sites from the Green Belt in the **Bassingthorpe Farm** area. Not least, the Society was concerned that the creation of a new urban sprawl in such a prominent landscape would mean a loss of 'local distinctiveness' and have an adverse impact on the all important view from the Town Centre.

For more information read our full submission online ([http://www.rasociety.org.uk/pdf/files/RAS\\_response\\_Roth\\_LDF\\_Sept2011.pdf](http://www.rasociety.org.uk/pdf/files/RAS_response_Roth_LDF_Sept2011.pdf)).

### Events Update 2011:

#### Green Men & Gargoyles in South Yorkshire

Our final event of 2011, held on Monday 21st November, was an illustrated talk by celebrated local heritage speaker Pat McLaughlin of Heritage Inspired. Thank you to Pat for once again inspiring us to look beyond the obvious and explore our local churches and other historic buildings for these unusual objects.



## Diary Dates:

**Thursday 16th February 2012 - 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Stag Island, Wickersley Road, Rotherham**

#### 'The Harrying of the North'

Fascinating talk by Lloyd Powell on the devastation caused in the North by the Normans following their Conquest. Lloyd will be pleased to answer any questions.

Members: £4.00 Visitors £4.50 - includes refreshments. For more information email [admin@rasociety.org.uk](mailto:admin@rasociety.org.uk) or telephone 01709 378735.

**Thursday 29th March 2012 - 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Stag Island, Wickersley Road, Rotherham**

#### 'Elizabethan Life - A visitor from the 16th Century'

Talk by Maureen Taylor (Specialist in bringing 16th Century Social History to life). Discover what life was like in the 16th century from 'Lady Mary Palmer', a contemporary of Elizabeth I, Robert Dudley, William Cecil, George Talbot and Bess of Hardwick. Learn about her life, the lives of her husband, children, servants, child-birth, food, her home and much more.

Hot Cross Buns, Tea and Coffee will be available. Members: £4.00 Visitors £4.50 - includes refreshments. For more information email [admin@rasociety.org.uk](mailto:admin@rasociety.org.uk) or telephone 01709 378735.

**Thursday 24th May 2012 - 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Stag Island, Wickersley Road, Rotherham**

Annual General Meeting followed by **David Anson's** talk entitled **'The Five King Arthurs'** plus **Buffet Supper**.

We nearly all accept that King Arthur is a composite character and his story has many aspects, both ancient and modern. The story has changed over time but when and where did it begin and how did it get to its present form? Why is it so popular and how did a Celtic legend become so essentially English? David discusses five aspects of the King Arthur legends followed by an opportunity for the audience to introduce their own six, seven or eight!



Members: £6.00 Visitors £7.00 - includes Buffet Supper. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** To book telephone 01709 378735 or email [admin@rasociety.org.uk](mailto:admin@rasociety.org.uk)