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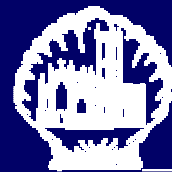
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CONSERVATION TRUST
CHRISTMAS CARD
FOR 2008

*'Christmas
Visitors to St
Laurence's
Church'*

A specially commissioned watercolour by Dr Polly Hamilton has been given to the Trust for use as their Christmas card for 2008.

Imaginatively featuring the church's South Door and Porch with a Christmas theme we do hope you will approve and purchase the card.

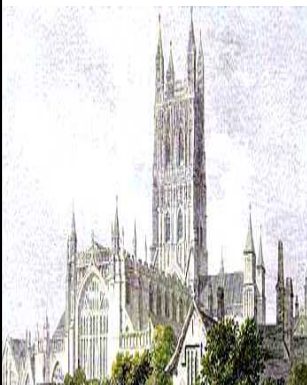
Polly's work is more usually seen in the Summer time in Ludlow as she has been the Artist for the Shakespeare Play at Ludlow Festival for 30 years.

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Conservation Trust Visit Upstaged!



It was all going according to plan! This inspiring trip, which had been carefully and thoroughly put together by Joanne Lindsay and David Lloyd, was in the bag! We were to visit Highnam Church and be shown around by Tom Fenton, the grandson of the builder, and then proceed on to Gloucester Cathedral. Here, Robin Nunn, Chairman of the Friends of the Cathedral, was to have given us a conducted tour of this beautiful

building, then we were to have had tea. Well, to quote a famous bard, "the best laid plans of mice and men" How could we have guessed what would happen? Only, that HRH The Princess Royal decided to pay an unscheduled visit to the Cathedral herself, on the very same day, what else! I suppose if one was to be upstaged by any one, it could not have been by much nobler a personage than this!

Synopsis of the urgent works required in St Laurence's, to be funded by the Conservation Trust as agreed by the Trustees

Notes continued:

⁴ Main work re pinnacles to be undertaken in spring/summer 2009 when grants to be applied for

Urgent Works	¹Total £	VAT £
General repairs		
Broken floor joists in the ringing chamber	760.00	133.00
Broken carving in St John's Chapel		
Carillon		
Computer & electrical connection	9,052.00	1,584.10
Rainwater goods		
Repairs to down pipes but mainly those connected with the Tower internal & external	6,275.09	1,098.15
²Electrics		
Report & works – urgent repairs needed	6,407.50	1,121.32
³Asbestos		
Report & works to safely remove this from around the boiler	9,310.00	1,629.26
Roofing		
General inspection and treating of flashings, leaks etc	2,778.00	486.16
Tiled floors-restoration		
South porch & under chancel screen	984.00	172.20
Stonework		
New threshold-south porch		
⁴ Tidying of loose stone around pinnacles	7,169.85	1,254.72
Other repairs & replacements		
Stained glass		
Repair nave clerestory		
Repair St John's & west window	5,450.00	953.75
reorder porch windows		
Internal roof timbers		
Architect inspection	485.00	84.88
Access platform		
To be employed for stained glass repairs & inspection of roof timbers	2,750.00	481.20
SUB TOTALS	<u>51,421.44</u>	<u>8,998.74</u>
VAT	8,998.74	
TOTAL payable	<u>60,420.18</u>	

Ewart Carson – Trustee

Ewart Carson and his wife, Fay, have lived in Ludlow for the past seven years. He was born in Liverpool and educated at Liverpool College and the University of St Andrews. Professionally a Chartered Engineer, he worked for Philips before moving to City University, London. There he headed a Department that did pioneering work in applying mathematics and IT in medicine. Here in Ludlow, although “nearly retired”, he is involved in a range of organisations. These include being a Churchwarden, Chairman of the Governors of Ludlow College and a Governor of Ludlow School. This keeps him active, particularly given the changes currently taking place in both Church and College. Currently he is the trustee representing the Ludlow Parochial Church Council which gives him a particular interest in the affairs of the Conservation Trust. By way of leisure pursuits he enjoys singing in the Choral Society, running (including the occasional half-marathon) and endeavouring to increase his knowledge of Italian language and culture.



Notes: ¹Some of these amounts are provisional

² Considered essential as the building is at risk

³ Removal is necessary under Health & Safety regulations

Chairman' Report from the Annual Meeting held in July

Annual Meeting of the Trust held in St Laurence's Church on Monday 7 July 2008

Chairman's Report

David Lloyd reported: This has been a very good year for the Trust. From income & after expenses we were left with a net surplus from our own resources of £23,000. We were delighted to receive 2 legacies totaling £35,500 meaning that the balance for the year came to around £58,000. The PCC received £36,000 for building works, the greater part for the drains regarded as a priority for the year. We have held 10 events in the year, all of them enjoyable. These included a coach tour to Shrewsbury, a series of evening walks, 2 choral events, a garden party and supper at the Lodge, Overton (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Salwey), our traditional autumn produce sale, coffee morning, a Town & Church hospitality evening

& an innovative quiz evening. Together these made a profit of around £4,000, but they also served the wider purpose of



encouraging donations & maintaining a high profile for the Trust. A number of other events are scheduled for the coming weeks including a sponsored bike ride, a coach tour of 3 Herefordshire churches &

the Palmers' Feast, to be held this year at the traditional time of Pentecost. Our Christmas card for 2007 sold out, making a profit of around £1,700, and small amounts of other wares, books & mugs have been sold. Donations yielding just over £12,000 remain central to our activities & we are grateful for all those who give regularly. We circulated all our supporters in January to encourage regular giving & were pleased that a number of people undertook to give regularly. There have been some changes among the Trustees. Hannah Coleman, due to work and family commitments, has stood down & Brian Owen has been replaced by John Aitken, the Town Council representative. Three new Trustees have joined us—Joanne Lindsay, Maureen Stinton & Rosemary Wood—and have already made significant contributions to our activities. We have an exciting programme planned for the coming year & morale is currently high!

APOLOGIES!

To Lillian Tomlinson who was the photographer for The Journal at the Palmers' Feast in May. We used her lovely photos in the July edition of the Newsletter but had no space to credit or to thank her. She has received our apologies & a copy of the Newsletter.

We are also sorry for the poor quality of the July Newsletter. We produce it in house & then send it away for printing and something got lost between our computer & the printer at the other end. We have now changed the arrangements.



Christmas Quiz

When you go to the church shop for your Trust Christmas Cards (**you will have to hurry though, they are selling out fast!**) please consider picking up a Quiz. Jen Davies has sorted this out for your enjoyment & it is about sweets! It will cost you all of £1 & there is a prize at the end, if you win of course.

Looking Forward to 2009 - please put these dates in your diary

Thursday 12 March - coffee morning at Elizabeth and Leonard Bennett's, 26 Broad Street.

Friday 17 April - Palmers' Feast -at de Greys. Details to be arranged.

Sunday 7 June - Lunch-time Garden party at Alison & Richard Cundall's, Maryvale, Mill Street.

Summer - 'Journey in Time' guided Sunday afternoon stroll through the town visiting historically interesting houses. Date to be fixed.

Thursday 3 September - Commemoration of the outbreak of WW2 - a themed evening with an appropriate supper. Venue to be confirmed

Saturday 14 November - Concert -with the Craven Arms Men's Chorus and the Ludlow Male Voice Choir in St Laurence's.

Mortimer Ramble - a possibility for Autumn. A day (in 2 parts) walking in Mortimer Forest including a break for lunch, based at High Vinalls car park.



The Salwey memorial

At the Annual Meeting, David Lloyd gave a short illustrated presentation on the Salwey memorial in the chancel of St Laurence's. This was built

in recognition of the support given to St Laurence's by members of the Salwey family, right up to the present day. The memorial, to Theophilus Salwey, was erected in 1760, following his burial on 11th May. Theophilus belonged to one of the junior branches of the Salwey family, who became established at Richard's Castle in the 17th century. The founding father was Richard Salwey (1615-85), fourth son of Humphrey Salwey of Stanford-on-Teme in Worcestershire. Richard became a London merchant, trading especially with the Levant, and after serving as a Major in the Parliamentary army during the 1642-46 Civil War, he became Ambassador to Turkey during the Commonwealth. Rich-

ard's eldest son, John, became Lord of the Manor at Richard's Castle, living eventually at The Moor, and a succession of elder sons inherited the lordship, two of whom built town houses in Broad Street. Younger sons, however, as in numerous land owning families, had to make their own way in the world, as did Theophilus (1699-1760), who like his father, became a dry-salter in the City of London, later marrying the daughter of a rich soap boiler. Theophilus was a highly successful London based merchant, who became a Director of the Bank of England, and was able to move to Woodford, a fashionable village in the south west corner of Essex, which was 'studded with Georgian houses of comfortable size'. His will, made four years before his death, shows that Theophilus was a man of enormous wealth, with a town house in a London Street, his own coach, chariot and horses, and numerous securities and investments. The will begins:

My body to be carried to Ludlow and there buried at Moderate Expense as may be. I order that a monument be set up to my memory in the parish church of Ludlow and give the sum of £250 to be applied for that purpose.

The memorial, with its classical frame and pediment enclosing a Roccoco style assemblage

of motives, has a winged putto, a symbol of resurrection, rising triumphantly over a skull and bones, horrific tokens of death. To the left the Salwey arms confirm that this is a memorial to emblazon family achievements, not only the mercantile wealth of Theophilus, but also the political role in the Parliamentary cause in the 1642-46 civil wars of his grandfather, an earlier merchant, who, as the text reminds us:

.....sacrificed all and everything in his power in support of public liberty and in opposition to arbitrary power.

It is almost certain that the memorial was designed by Sir Robert Taylor (1714-88), 'one of the most successful architects of his time'. It has stylistic similarities to other memorials that can certainly be attributed to Taylor, including those at Thorpe, Middlesex, and Honington, Warwickshire. Also, Taylor and Salwey both had properties at Woodford and had business associations in the City of London, where Taylor became architect to the Bank of England. Taylor was knighted in 1772 when he became Sheriff of London. There is a monument to him in the south transept of Westminster Abbey.



June Emerson & Steve Heaven

Summer Drinks Party

On Monday, 8 September, more than 100 people attended a joint event organised by the Friends of Whitcliffe Common and the Conservation Trust. This delightful Summer Party was held in the Wedding Marquees (note the plural) that had been erected at the home of Lottie and Nick James, for their daughter's wedding reception, held on the previous Saturday. It proved an excellent venue, elegantly furnished and with

floral decorations worthy of Chelsea. The small marquee was essentially the bar, the larger one was where everyone congregated to chat, eat and drink and listen to Old English music played beautifully by June & Steve and to take part in the various activities that had been organised to extract money, in the least painful way, to go to the two charities. To that end there were exhibitions, a chance to buy this year's Christmas Cards for both charities & Commemorative Mugs for Whitcliffe, to play bagatelle, and of course take part in the raffles. We would like to note here and thank our sponsors: Smart & Cook for donation; Mark the Cheese and Robin Farmer for food and the musicians who generously gave us their time. The event raised £600 for each charity- a magnificent sum. Our final and most sincere thanks to Lottie & Nick for inviting us to share their home and 'tents'!!

Raising the Bamboo Curtain'

St Laurence's Church on the evening of 17 October 2008

There were around 70 people who braved a chilly church for this evening telling of 2 people's experiences in China. Both Elizabeth Ford and Pamela Thompson entertained us with short, illustrated talks about their individual travels in this vast and diverse country. Both were dressed in colourful costumes and spoke warmly of their times there and the Chinese that they met. It was the more interesting because they each spoke of different eras and entirely different reasons for being there. Pamela told of visiting China with a friend in 1986. What they achieved in 2 weeks and the distance they travelled, was amazing. They flew from Hong Kong and back via Kunming - city of eternal



Pamela & Elizabeth

spring'; Chongqing, 36 hours by train through the high mountains of Guizhou & Sichuan provinces; 4 days spent on the Yangtze, sailing through 3 gorges on its way to Wuhan. Subsequently these gorges were dammed & flooded; Beijing seen by bike; the bustling part of Shanghai where they explored the Concessions & the Bund.

A break followed, with refreshments kindly organised and served by Antonia O'Kennedy and Jean Turner.

Elizabeth Ford continued by telling us that she first visited Beijing, with her late husband Peter, in 1989. They saw the Terracotta Army in Xian and were there at the time of the Tiananmen Square massacre. Her main talk concerned her teaching in a college at Xian with VSO during 2006-2008. She obviously found this experience to be rewarding and most worthwhile. She had time to get to know her students well. She was able to observe Chinese customs and appreciate the friendship and goodwill that was extended to her. The evening ended with questions. Grateful thanks were expressed by David Lloyd, to both of them, for their most enlightening talks. Proceeds shared by the Trust & VSO.