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# The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow

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## The 'David Lloyd' Windows - a Permanent Memorial

David died on 17 May 2009. He was due to be leading, as chairman of The Conservation Trust, a particularly favourite tour of his – around some of the beautiful historic houses of Ludlow. He had been feeling unwell and had asked Jonathan Wood if he would be kind enough to take over. It was during the early part of the evening's event that the news came through that David had died. It could well have slipped people's minds, and those who have recently arrived, will probably not know, that the 'stewarding system' operated in the church was devised and made to work by David. The stewards, both church goers and non church goers, have raised many thousands of pounds. The church could not manage without this valuable input and it's all down to David. His books and the many other interests that he promoted, continue to enrich both St Laurence's and the town, in countless ways. Various groups of the town have

found different ways to commemorate his life, from a tree planted on the Millennium Green through to a peal of bells on what would have been his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. All these would have pleased and touched him. However, David was particularly proud

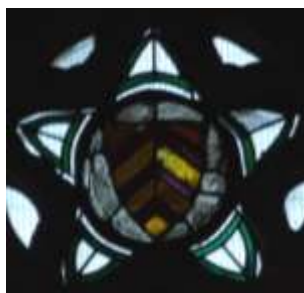


*Parish church of St Laurence, much beloved by David*

of the stained glass in St Laurence's, and in view of this, we believe that our intention to completely restore the medieval roundels in the north aisle, would have his enthusiastic support. This is going to cost in excess of £5,000, no mean sum, so to raise this kind of money by gifts from his friends, colleagues and fellow historians would gladden his heart! It

is difficult to measure the benefits David Lloyd brought to the town of Ludlow. He was devoted to its people, buildings and character, acknowledged the values of the indigenous and welcomed the qualities that new settlers brought with them, and managed to maximise all and everyone's abilities. There are many who felt the power of his persuasion if he had a certain task he wanted them to fulfil – it was hard to say 'no' to him!

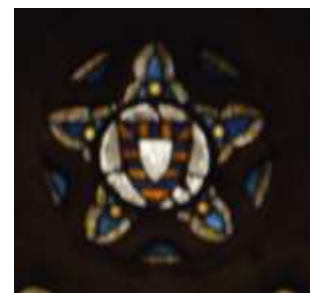
*So, you are being asked to say 'YES', and to give generously! Cheques should be made payable to the PCC of Ludlow and marked 'David Lloyd Memorial'. Please send to The Parishes Office, 2 College Street, Ludlow SY8 1AN – we are hoping to have collected the majority of the money needed by the end of June, so please don't hesitate - do this today. There will be a very simple plaque erected to mark the appreciation of his friends.. Reply slip—page 2*



*The arms of Elizabeth Clare*



*The arms of Theobald de Verdun (c 1316)*



*The arms of Maud Mortimer (c 1315)*



## Michael Hunt - Trustee (Treasurer)

Michael Hunt joined the Friends of St Laurence as treasurer in May 2004. In February 2006 he took over the same role in The Fabric Trust before becoming treasurer of The Conservation Trust on its formation in April 2006. Michael has many years of experience in voluntary work having held a number of posts as an active member of his school Old Boys association in south west London culminating in being elected president in 1999. He has continued to provide them with help and advice even after moving to Ludlow from Surrey



in 2003. He has been visiting south Shropshire for many years, his wife Jane having grown up in the Clun Valley and having been educated at

Ludlow High School. After working in industry for many years Michael eventually decided to study for accountancy qualifications in his own time whilst working full-time. He went into private practice in 1988 before finally setting up his own accountancy practice in 1992 which he continues to run from Ludlow. By way of recreation he enjoys travel, music, reading and watching both cricket and rugby (having retired from playing both many years ago). He and Jane have enjoyed visits to India in each of the last two years.

### Trustees - Welcoming one and saying farewell to four

At the beginning of this year, we welcomed Julian Morgan as a Trustee. We were delighted that she agreed to join the Trust. In the latter part of 2009, we were sad to accept the resignation of Joanne Lindsay as a Trustee; she was a valuable member of the team. At the Annual Meeting on 29 June 2010 there are going to be 3 Trustees standing down. Firstly, Jen Davies, a much valued member, has decided to retire.

She was due to leave last July, but agreed to stay another year after the death of David Lloyd, providing valued continuity. She has been a hard worker for the cause—Christmas cards, Christmas quizzes, market stalls and latterly the instigator of the street collection—her contribution has been endless over the years. Secondly, Michael Hunt, originally the Treasurer of The Friends of St Laurence's, then, for a brief time

the Treasurer of The Fabric Trust, and finally, of the Conservation Trust. He has been a great Treasurer and he deserves a well earned rest. Lastly, Helen Coleman. She was originally a Trustee of the Fabric Trust and then, upon amalgamation of the Friends and the Fabric Trust, as a Trustee of the Conservation Trust. She is currently the Chair and has been Chair of both the Fabric and Conservation Trusts, on and off, over the years!

### VIP date for your diary



#### 'Pimms and Poems'

Wednesday 14 July 6pm- 7.30pm

Venue: Millichope Park

By kind permission of

Mr & Mrs Lindsay Bury

The gardens will be open from 5pm

**Pimms and canapés will be served in the hall from 6pm**

There will be entertainment in the Music Room

This promises to be a delightful evening wandering the gardens of the Park and enjoying the lovely interiors of the house.

**Tickets: £12.50 from The Wool Shop; Castle Bookshop; TIC; St Laurence's Shop**



*Gay & Bob Wallis displaying one of Bob's evocative paintings—July 2009*

For 2 weeks over the period of the Ludlow Arts Festival 2009, Gay and Bob Wallis exhibited many of Bob's paintings in their house on Henley Road. These works of art were for sale and

Gay and Bob very kindly donated a percentage of the sale of the pictures to the Conservation Trust. This was very generous and much appreciated by the Trust, who benefited by being in receipt of **£142, as a result of their thoughtfulness.** The exhibition was very interesting as it showed the many different styles and materials that Bob uses when he is in creative mode! As we strolled around the room, we moved from modern, brightly coloured, sometimes stylised, works through pastels, oils, combinations of both and the water colours. Personally, I feel that this is his chosen medium. My favourite is the one illustrated. HC

## Coffee Morning - Thursday 4 March

The Trust is remarkably lucky when it comes to the weather for its Coffee Mornings, and this year was no exception. The sun shone beautifully on Ludford and the river. We had stalls and a raffle indoors, along with coffee and biscuits, and a plant stall in the front garden. **We made £387** which was excellent considering that 2 Bell Cottages is quite a long way for people to walk from the centre of town, and we were aware that many of our usual attendees may not have felt able to come— we apologise for this, hopefully we can be more central next year. However, for those that did, it was a most enjoyable occasion. We owe a great deal of gratitude to Shirley and Bill Lloyd-Kitchen for letting us use their delightful cottage, it really is a gem. Thanks go to Antonia O'Kennedy and Pam Ait-



*Shirley and Bill in the sitting room at 2 Bell Cottages, Ludford*

ken for serving up the coffee. We are grateful also to Countrywide and to Homecare for very generously supporting us with raffle prizes. **An added bonus was that St Giles' Church,** recently refurbished and with lovely brasses on view, was open for those wishing to visit. Many people did and thanks go to John Nash and Peter Batsford for being such interesting and welcoming hosts.

## The Rotary Club of Ludlow

The Trust is extremely grateful to the Rotary Club, under the present Chairmanship of Michael Evans, for making it one of the beneficiaries of the profit taken from the Fron Male Voice Choir Concert held in St Laurence's last November. The Trust was chosen as one of the three charities to benefit from this event. The sum **received was £1,200,** The cheque was presented to the **Conservation Trust's chairman** at a Rotary Club lunch held at the Feathers Hotel in February. A very pleasant occasion. Thank you.

## The Ludlow Choral Society

The Trust continues to thank the Choral Society for its on-going support. It holds a Workshop annually in aid of The Conservation Trust where people are invited to join the singers of the LCS for a day, and then a concert is held in the evening for the public to hear the results of all their hard work. This is under the direction of Patrick Larley to whom we are very grateful



## The Palmers' Feast

Some of the regular **attendants of the Palmers' Feast** have questioned why it has not taken place this year and have expressed **disappointment that it hasn't** appeared on the list of events. The real reason is that the Trustees were finding it extremely problematic selling the necessary number of tickets to make it viable. It is also difficult to find a suitable venue; the Old School Room in Mill Street is just the right place, but catering there is especially full of problems. The Trustees have given considerable thought to this and have decided that perhaps it should become a biannual event—so will work along those lines and try to find the right venue.