



News from The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow

ELECTRONIC UPDATE NUMBER ONE

PAST NEWS

STREET COLLECTION RAISES £580.00

£580.00 was raised when Palmers, supporters (and family members of Dr Jen Davies!) descended on Ludlow Town Centre on Saturday 19 June and took part in a highly successful street collection. This was the second year Jen efficiently organised the collection: Trust Secretary, Maureen Stinton has approached Shropshire Council for permission to organise a similar event next year, and we value Jen's expertise and guidance in raising even more money in 2011.

NEW CHAIRMAN TAKES OFFICE

The Annual Meeting of the Trust was held in St Laurence's on Tuesday 29 June 2010, and our thanks go to retiring Chairman, Helen Coleman, Treasurer Michael Hunt and Trustees Dr Jen Davies and Claire Wilcox. Retired they may be, but we know they will still support the Trust, and we look forward to working with them on a variety of events over the coming months.

And whilst retaining contact with former colleagues, we welcome a new Treasurer, Michael Page, and three new Trustees: Karole Nicholson, Andrew Pike and Hugh Wood, who join existing Trustees, John Aitken, Elizabeth Bennett, Ewart Carson, Bill Eastwell, Julian Morgan, Maureen Stinton, and Rosemary Wood. Bill Lloyd-Kitchen is our newly elected Chairman, and we have lots of ideas and plans for the future.

'PIMMS AND POEMS' RAISES OVER £1,200.

Under the efficient direction of Trustee, Julian Morgan, our highly successful 'Pimms and Poems' evening at Millichope Park last month raised over £1,200. Thanks go to Mr and Mrs Lindsay Bury, Ian Barge, Antonia O'Kennedy, Hannah Coleman, Sally Newman Kidd and Michael Evans. And to everyone who supported the event, and thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful house and gardens, scintillating entertainment and delicious canapés!

PRESENT NEWS

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN 'SING-ALONG'

St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, Saturday 4 September 2010

And if you don't want to sing, then come along and just listen....

45 local singers will be rehearsing for three nights to ensure a rousing chorus accompanies the audience at the Gilbert and Sullivan Sing-Along in St Laurence's Church on Saturday 4 September. Plans are under way to involve the audience as much as possible.

"We've decided to select from just two operas, so that our Master of Ceremonies, Michael Evans, can easily recount the story of each one as the evening progresses," said organiser, Trustee Hugh Wood. "We've chosen HMS Pinafore and Mikado because these are two of the best known and will be easy to sing along to. To involve the audience as much as possible, we'll include choruses like "We sail the ocean blue", solos with chorus accompaniment, such as "I am the monarch of the sea", and also well-

known solos, including "On a tree by a willow, a little tom tit...".

But no-one will be forced to sing. The words and music are splendid; our chorus is strong, and our soloists superb. If you don't want to 'sing-along', then just 'come-along', and listen to and enjoy the music. And if you do want to sing, but feel a little shy about coming on your own, contact Rosemary Wood (details below) and join her in a row of pews specially reserved for non-singers.

"I'm really looking forward to the evening", said Rosemary. "But I simply cannot sing in tune. So please join me, Jonathan and some of our friends who are willing to have a go, but will rely on the chorus to mask our mistakes!".

Soloists include baritone Joe Brennan and soprano Katherine Bromley, both vergers at St Laurence's. The other soloists are members of Tenbury Operatic Society: soprano Ellie Peberdy; tenor Allan Grainger; baritones John Caldwell and Hugh Wood and mezzo-soprano Doris Wood, who will also act as conductor. The words will be specially printed in a leaflet compiled by Hugh, which will be handed out to the audience. Sheet music will not be available but you may wish to bring your own score.

Tickets for the Gilbert and Sullivan 'Sing-A-Long' cost £10 per person, and are available from the St Laurence's Shop, and the VIC in Castle Square. Phone 01584 877771 to reserve your ticket or email rosemary.wood3@virgin.net. OR PAY AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT.

CONSERVATION TRUST CHRISTMAS CARDS Order now and save money!



Hoarfrost

The Conservation Trust has commissioned Christmas cards featuring a stunning winter image of St Laurence's. Taken by local photographer Gareth Thomas and entitled 'Hoarfrost', the cards measure 7" x 5", contain the words 'Best Wishes', and cost £3.50 for packs of 5.

However, if you place an order **now, these are available at a special, discounted, price of £2.50. But you must send us your order and cheque/cash by 15 September 2010**

We will contact you in late-September, and ask you to collect your cards from the St Laurence's Shop. We envisage a 'sell-out', and cards will be sold on strictly 'first-come, first-served' basis.

Please complete the form overleaf, and return it as soon as possible with your cheque/cash. Cheques should be made payable to CTSLL (*The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow*)

ADVANCE ORDER FORM AT THE SPECIAL RATE OF £2.50 PER PACK

Please reserve packs of five cards. I enclose cheque/cash for

Name

Address.....

.....Post CodeTel.....

Email

Please return to: Rosemary Wood, The Merchant House, Lower Corve Street, Ludlow SY8 1DU.
01584 877771 rosemary.wood3@virgin.net

THE DAVID LLOYD MEMORIAL APPEAL

To date, over £8000.00 has been received for The David Lloyd Memorial Appeal. David was so proud of the stained glass in St Laurence's, and the much needed work on the medieval roundels in the North Aisle will be undertaken as a memorial to him. The heads of the three most easterly windows contain original glass, probably the oldest in the church, and architectural comparison with dated work at Tewkesbury Abbey suggests that work on the windows began in 1320 as a posthumous memorial to Theobald de Verdun, a benefactor of the church. The centre roundel depicts the arms of Theobald, whilst the arms of his first wife, Maud, daughter of Edmund Mortimer, are to the east, and those of Elizabeth Clare, daughter of the Earl of Gloucester, are to the west.

The Conservation Trust plans to erect a simple plaque, as a tribute to David and his immense contribution to St Laurence's over the years. The Appeal is still open, and if you wish to make a donation, cheques payable to Ludlow PCC and marked 'David Lloyd Memorial' should be sent to The Parishes' Office, 2 College Street, Ludlow, SY8 1AN, or handed to one of the Churchwardens.

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, we can recover the tax. This increases the value of your gift by nearly 30%. See form below.

The 'David Lloyd' Memorial GIFT AID FORM

St Laurence's PCC, Ludlow Charity Number X70936
Please complete and enclose with your cheque

Surname..... Mr/Mrs/Miss/ Forenames.....

Full postal address.....

.....Post Code.....Tel.....

Declaration: Please treat the money donated by me as Gift Aided. This includes my present donation and all donations that I make from this date until I notify you otherwise.

NB: you must pay income tax or capital gains tax equal to the tax claimable on your donation

Signature.....Date.....

FUTURE NEWS

SOCIAL EVENTS

Chairman, Bill Lloyd-Kitchen is keen to establish contact with all Palmers and supporters, and the Trustees intend to introduce a 'social element' into their future plans. The first occasion this year for Palmers to be together will be at the Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight service, when Palmers will be invited to join the Trustees for a glass of mulled wine in the Church before the service begins. Watch out for your invitation!

FUND-RAISING PLANS FOR 2011

Plans are under-way for a variety of events including a Quiz Evening, a 'Housman' Evening, Guided Historic Walks, and a Street Collection. 'We are working with Jim and Frances Page from the Housman Society to stage an event which tells the story of Edward Alfred Housman's sad but fascinating life,' said Publicity Officer, Rosemary Wood. "And next summer, Trustees Andrew Pike and Karole Nicholson will be creating and leading a number of historic walks to local churches, which will literally 'follow in David's footsteps'. Trustee Elizabeth Bennett has already filled all the places on her four 'Artists, Paintings and Picture Gallery' courses, and is looking at the possibility of repeating these in January/February, whilst Trustee Bill Eastwell is researching an event as I type! So there are plenty of things to look out for next year, starting with **The Conservation Trust Weekend** in May!"

THE CONSERVATION TRUST WEEKEND Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 May 2011

The Parish Church of St Laurence's, Ludlow, is one of only 25 Greater Churches in England. Several of these buildings are former monastic properties, converted to parish church use after the English Reformation; others are large parish churches built at a time of great wealth. Most are Grade 1 listed, and defined as being a 'cathedral-like' church with the organisation and financial structure of a parish church. So whilst St Laurence's is an historic jewel of national renown, the financial responsibilities of conserving and maintaining it are assumed to be implemented at local level.

TIME TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX....

The Trustees have decided to organise a **CONSERVATION TRUST WEEKEND** celebrating our superb 12th century 'Greater Church', to attract visitors from neighbouring counties as well as residents. We will invite stone masons throughout the country to come to Ludlow to take part in a Stone Carving Festival. Visitors can watch the masons at work, and bid for the finished artefacts at an auction on Sunday afternoon. There will be an exhibition of medieval crafts, food, music and entertainment, and a parallel programme of walks and talks in the Church and throughout the town during the weekend.

Can you help?

All offers and contributions to the programme of events gratefully received!

WHAT IS THE CONSERVATION TRUST?

The Conservation Trust (Charity Registration Number 1114678) was set up in 2006 to raise money for the maintenance of the parish church of St Laurence, Ludlow. It continues the tradition of the Friends of St Laurence and the Fabric Trust, which are incorporated within it.

The Conservation Trust is secular and independent, aiming to promote regular giving and fund-raising and to reach all those who have a love for this building, wherever they live. Much of our money comes from regular giving, which we encourage as it enables us to plan our programme.

WHAT IS A PALMER?

Those who are able to give to the Conservation Trust on a regular basis will be enrolled as Palmers of the Trust, and will be entitled to certain privileges. The term Palmer invokes memories of the mediaeval Ludlow Palmers Guild which benefited St Laurence's, and the town of Ludlow, in many ways.

HOW DO I BECOME ONE?

Contact the Trust's Publicity Officer, Rosemary Wood, on 01584 877771 or email rosemary.wood3@virgin.net for copies of the Palmer's Application Form.

Please tick here if you do not wish your details to be included in the Conservation Trust Mailing List