



The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow

Charity No 1114678

WHAT'S NEW?

QUIZ RAISES £170.00

The Fun Quiz Evening on Thursday 24 March started with a most enjoyable supper at the Charlton Arms at Ludford and was a great success. The event raised £170.00, and our thanks go to Quiz Master, Jonathan Ormond, organiser Karole Nicholson, and 'host', Graham Willson-Lloyd, who provided the venue. And congratulations to the winning team, led by the Rector of St Laurence's, the Venerable Colin Williams!

CONSERVATION TRUST EASTER CARDS ON SALE IN THE CHURCH SHOP

The Trust is indebted to erstwhile Trustee, Dr Jen Davies, who has once again produced Conservation Trust Easter Cards. These show the Paved Garden with daffodils and the church tower, and cost 80p each or £4.00 for packs of 5. The cards are available from the Church shop, as are those of the Housman Cherry Trees at only 50p each.

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

'Following in David's Footsteps': Church Walks, led by Trustee Andrew Pike.

Culmington Church, Wednesday June 15 Leintwardine Church, Wednesday June 22

Many people will remember with great fondness the series of Church or Town Walks, led by the late Dr David Lloyd. Trustee Andrew Pike, Hereford Diocesan Archaeological Adviser, and Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, will lead two such walks in June. Starting at 6.30, participants will enjoy a leisurely walk, and a visit to the parish church, accompanied by an expert historical commentary. Participants will be offered coffee and biscuits at Culmington, and the opportunity to enjoy a fish and chip supper at the Sun in Leintwardine.

Further information will be available in the next Newsletter.

Street Collection in aid of the Conservation Trust

Saturday 18 June

Dr Jen Davies has again agreed to organise a Street Collection for the Conservation Trust. Last year resulted in a wonderful total of £580.00, and we hope to raise even more in 2011. Volunteers needed! Contact Jen at jendavies_ludlow@yahoo.co.uk, or phone 01584 876981 or 01926 421669

Conservation Trust Annual Meeting, 6.00 pm Thursday 30 June

St Laurence's Church, Ludlow

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Conservation Trust, when Chairman, Bill Lloyd-Kitchen will outline last year's achievements and next year's plans. The Trustees have pleasure in inviting Palmers and supporters to join them afterwards for a complimentary glass of wine in the marquee outside the church.

The Annual Meeting will be followed by the David Lloyd Memorial Lecture, when the speakers will be St Laurence's Church Architect, Andrew Arrol, Surveyor to York Minster, and Clerk of Works, Shaun Ward. Entitled, "The Conservation of St Laurence's Church", the talk will explain the significance of Ludlow's parish church, one of the finest in England, with its rich legacy of architecture and glass.

The Memorial Lecture is a Ludlow Festival event: tickets cost £8 per person, and may be obtained from the Festival Office (01584 872150) or on the door on the night.

Siluria: the lost ocean of the Marches and the first life on land

An illustrated talk by Michael Rosenbaum, Emeritus Professor of Geology

Wednesday 13 July, St Laurence's Church, Ludlow

This talk will illustrate the importance of the Silurian to the fabric of St Laurence's: built with and upon rocks deposited some 420 million years ago, a time when the ocean to the west was being destroyed, life was beginning to emerge from the sea onto land, and Ludlow was south of the Equator!

Michael's talks are always fascinating and extremely knowledgeable. Put the date for this one in your diary now! Tickets cost £5.00 per person, and may be obtained from Rosemary Wood, rosemary.wood3@virgin.net or phone 01584 877771



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LUDLOW CONSERVATION WEEKEND

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 May 2011

Church Green will spring into life on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 May, when the Conservation Trust for St Laurence stages 'The Ludlow Conservation Weekend'. Events include:

- Illustrated Talks in the Church
- Conservation Walks through the Town
- Guided Tours in St Laurence's
- A Stone Carving Festival on Church Green
- An Exhibition and Demonstration of Craft Skills
- Brick Making
- A Children's Activity Area
- Floral Displays in the Church
- Entry to St Laurence's Paved Garden and Sale of 'Medieval' Plants
- Prize Giving Ceremony for the Best Carving
- Auction of the Carvings

ILLUSTRATED TALKS, WALKS AND GUIDED TOURS: Registration for the Illustrated Talks, Walks and Guided Tours cost £10 per person and speakers will be historic buildings researcher, Duncan James; Stephen Treasure, Managing Director of Treasure and Son; and Simon Buteux, Consultant Archaeologist and owner of the Reader's House.

The talks take place in St Laurence's on the morning of Saturday 21 May, and the fee includes entry to the Stone Carving and Flower Festivals, plus attendance in the afternoon at either a Guided Walk in the town, or a Guided Tour of the church. Detailed information and a registration form are enclosed.

STONE CARVING FESTIVAL – Entry £1.50, including re-admission. Children Free

Stonemasons working on cathedrals as far apart as Trondheim in Norway, Winchester in Wessex and York Minster will be joining craftsmen from Newcastle, Lancashire, Rutland, Gloucester, London, and Somerset to demonstrate their skills in Ludlow this May. Visitors will have the opportunity of watching the masons at work, and bidding for the completed carvings at an auction on Sunday afternoon.

BRICKMAKING AND CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS – free entry

Marquees on Church Green will house companies demonstrating stained glass restoration; traditional masonry and plastering; use of lime mortar on historic monuments, and other traditional craft skills. And Colin Richards, MBE, Head of Historical Environment at Shropshire Council, will be making bricks, using local clays.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY MARQUEE – free entry – Face Painting £1 or £2

There will be a Children's Activity Marquee, where youngsters can make their own stained glass windows, learn to write like a medieval monk, make bricks from play dough, and have their faces painted!

FLOWER FESTIVAL - £1.50 including re-admission and raffle ticket for an arrangement. Children free

The Church will be decorated with a number of stunning arrangements by top florists and flower arrangers. There will be a display of 'Wedding Dresses through the Years', and bridal arrangements in St Catherine's Chapel. Donations towards the cost of the flowers in memory of a loved one are possible, and a card with a printed message could be placed near the arrangement. Contact Louise Griffiths on lougriff35@gmail.com or phone 01584 876203

MEDIEVAL PLANTS ON SALE: Visitors can buy plants which would have flowered in our churchyard in medieval times, and visit St Laurence's Paved Garden.

LOCAL FOOD, DRINK, AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT: Local food and drink will be on sale throughout the Weekend. Many medieval towns had their own town band of musicians who were known as Waits (or Waites): the Ludlow Waites will perform on Saturday.

AUCTION OF CARVINGS: All carvings will be auctioned on Sunday afternoon, and the proceeds donated to the Conservation Trust. Visitors will have the opportunity of leaving a bid beforehand.

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR FULL INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS AND OUR SPONSORS
www.stlaurences.org.uk (Conservation Trust – Ludlow Conservation Weekend)