



THE WINDOWS APPEAL IN ACTION

Work has well and truly started on the windows in the Presbytery, thanks to the donations of so many of you.

There are nine windows in all to be conserved. The first pair of windows, from the south side of the Presbytery Clerestory (the very high glass) have been removed, conserved and now replaced. While the windows were being worked on at Holywell Studio in Wells (above) our stonemasons had the enormous task of restoring the stonework around the windows.

Many of you came to hear Steve Clare, founding director of Holywell Studio, explain the work they are carrying out. His passion for the job was evident to all and has buoyed us to finish our fundraising appeal as soon as possible.

Steve issued an open invitation for all Friends to visit his studio and we are organising trips for later this year—more details overleaf.

AUTUMN / WINTER PROGRAMME AND OTHER EVENTS

Please return the enclosed booking forms to secure your place where necessary. Owing to the potential refurbishment of the Deanery, it is not yet clear where the coffee mornings will take place. Please check for our monthly Friends' email or call the Friends' Office nearer the time.

| Date | Details | Time |
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| 15 Jul | Coffee and Cake. Priors Hall | 10.30am |
| 16 Jul | Friends' Festival and AGM | All day |
| 9 Sep | Coffee and Cake. Venue tbc | 10.30am |
| 22 Sep | What's My Wine? Priors Hall | 6.30pm |
| 6 Oct | Volunteer's thank you tea party—by invitation | 4.00pm |
| 8 Oct | New Friends Afternoon—by invitation | 3.00pm |
| 12 Oct | Friends' Annual Lecture with Bill Bryson | 7.30pm |
| 21 Oct | Coffee and Cake. Venue tbc | 10.30am |
| 3 Nov | My Life as an Auctioneer, Andrew Smith, Paul Woodhouse | 2.30pm |
| 18 Nov | Coffee and Cake. Venue tbc | 10.30am |
| 16 Dec | Christmas Coffee and Cake. Undercroft | 10.30am |

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(booking form for this will be sent out in October)

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| 8 Dec | Christmas Soiree | Time tbc |
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INFORMATION ON OUR EVENTS AND SPEAKERS

WHAT'S MY WINE?

Join a team, taste an unknown wine, listen to the panel of 'experts' (the virgers!) describe the wine and decide, as a team, which of the experts is telling the truth. This is repeated with different wines throughout the evening until a winning team is declared. This event, which includes a Ploughmans Supper, promises to be a great deal of fun.

MY LIFE AS AN AUCTIONEER

Andrew Smith has been an auctioneer and fine art valuation expert for over 35 years as part of Andrew Smith and Son, one of the South's principal independent fine art auctioneers. Andrew will talk about his experiences in the saleroom.

FRIENDS' FESTIVAL AND AGM

This year we have a brand new tour created specifically for Friends' Day. Following on from our Royal Patron's 90th birthday, the 'Regarding Royalty' tour will highlight the royal connections within the Cathedral. Details of all the events and booking form are enclosed with this mailing.



FRIENDS' ANNUAL LECTURE WITH BILL BRYSON

There will be enough seats for all Friends and more. As mail delivery times for this mailing cannot be guaranteed to be the same for each of you, we have put a deadline of 13 July for ordering tickets through the Friends Office. Seats will be issued via a ballot. Only one (non-Friend) guest can be booked per Friend through this ballot. After 13th July, tickets will be available to everyone on a first come, first served basis, through the Cathedral Box Office.

Please encourage potential guests to join the Friends to make the most of the ballot and discounted ticket price.

Trips to Holywell Studio are being organised for November this year, when their team will be working on the coloured glass. Dates are yet to be finalised and places will be limited. Please return the enclosed form if you are interested in taking part.

CATHEDRAL EVENTS

STONEMASONRY FESTIVAL, 8-9 JULY

Stonemasons from around the country will gather in Winchester and show off their skills in the Cathedral Close. Watch them carve, find out about the masonry work at the Cathedral and have a go yourselves. On Sunday 10, view the finished work and take part in a public auction of the works made. Suggested visitor times: 11am – 3pm.



DOWNTON ABBEY IN PERSPECTIVE: SERVANT LIFE IN ELITE HOUSEHOLDS IN THE 17th AND 18th CENTURIES. 15 July 7.00pm A lecture, in the New Learning Centre, by Professor Roger Richardson. Tickets £5 from the Box Office.

HARVEST WEEKEND 1-2 October

A weekend of food and farming fun in the Cathedral Close. Plenty to do for all ages from trying the delights of the Hampshire Fare members produce to meeting animals at the on-site farm experience.



NEW FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

We are glad that this new membership has proved so popular already—welcome to you all. We will be sending out a special Family Membership newsletter soon, to inform you of all the family-friendly Cathedral activities as well as providing some key Cathedral facts for the children. If you would like more details of the Family Membership, please call the office.



A sneak preview of this year's Christmas cards. They will be available in the office from July