



CONSERVATION NEWS

Helping to conserve the fabric and treasures of St Laurence's

Spring 2017

Roof Repairs Begin

This summer scaffolding again appears around St Laurence as work begins on essential repairs to the gutters and improvements to high-level doors leading to the roofs. Also, several monuments in the church are suffering from the ingress of water at ground level;



St Laurence's roofs are the size of a football pitch.

cleaning out and repairing the external drainage gullies should solve this problem.

These repairs are funded by a £44,400 grant from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund (LPWRRF) and a £12,000 grant from the Conservation Trust.

As part of the LPWRRF grant application, a high-level examination was conducted and it was discovered that there has been significant deterioration to parts of St Laurence's roof, especially leading, timber and stonework. Whilst the scaffolding is in place, the Conservation Trust has agreed to provide £25,000 in additional grants to ensure that St Laurence remains watertight, preventing any damage to the historic treasures inside the building.

The Conservation Trust is only able to make these grants through the support and donations of the Ludlow Palmers. More information on becoming a member is found on page 3.

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Letter from the Chairman

The Ludlow Palmers successfully raised £12,000 over a four-month period to ensure that Tudor and Georgian woodwork in the Palmers' chapel survives for another 500 years. The Tudor linenfold panelling was repaired to prevent damp, cleaned and polished. The early 20th century reredos and panelling at the chapel's east end also was cleaned, polished and missing carvings restored. The Georgian gate required extensive repairs – it was taken apart, repaired, re-glued and re-hung. Finally, a group of volunteers cleaned and polished the Victorian pews and other woodwork. If you haven't done so, please take an opportunity to visit the Palmers' chapel and see the 'new' chapel for yourself.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Conservation Trust, a number of events are planned this year, beginning with the 19th May event at Broadward Hall featuring Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch Kt. On 24th June, a national conference on St Laurence's Tudor and Jacobean monuments will take place in St Laurence's. More information on these and other events are found in this issue.

The Ludlow Palmers have adopted the theme of 'Pilgrimage' this coming year. Palmers (a medieval term for pilgrims) and pilgrimages were an important part of medieval life, but they also strike a responsive chord in our modern, ever-changing world. This forthcoming year of 'Pilgrimage' will culminate in May 2018 with a special event for all Ludlow Palmers. As they say – watch this space for more details.

Rory Chase, Chair, The Conservation Trust for St Laurence

Conservation Trust Annual Meeting

On Sunday 4th June 2017, 2:00pm in St Laurence's, the Conservation Trust will hold its Annual Meeting, followed by tea & cakes and then a special Choral Evensong sung by St Laurence's choir to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Trust. All are welcome.

Join the Ludlow Palmers - Live History

Subscribers to the medieval Ludlow Palmers Guild paid an annual membership fee (equivalent to £220 in today's money) to help members reduced to poverty by theft, fire, shipwreck or other mishap or wrongfully imprisoned anywhere in England, to provide assistance during temporary sickness or incurable disease or as a dowry for sisters of the Guild on their marriage or entry into religion.

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For nearly 300 years until the Guild's suppression by Edward VI, the Ludlow Palmers provided St Laurence with financial resources to maintain and enhance the building, as well as enrich Ludlow town life through music and education. The magnificent building, beautiful ceilings, rare medieval stained glass windows, and historic



Medieval Ludlow Palmers from east window in St Laurence's Palmers' chapel.

misericords are a few of the Ludlow Palmers Guild's legacies to Ludlow and the nation. Founded in 2006, today's Ludlow Palmers support the repair and conservation of St Laurence's fabric and historical treasures. Membership in the modern Ludlow Palmers is based on positions assigned to medieval Guild members: Palmers, Stewards and Wardens. In addition, modern Ludlow Palmers may join the Guild Circle.

An annual donation confers membership as a **Ludlow Palmer** and entitles individuals to receive public acknowledgement, invitation to the annual meeting, subscription to the quarterly newsletter, advanced notice of social, informational, musical and fund-raising events, as well as discounted tickets for designated events. Based on the amount of annual giving, individuals may become **Stewards, Wardens or Guild Circle** members. They receive all of the benefits of **Ludlow Palmer** membership, as well as additional benefits throughout the year.

Donation by standing order or direct debit, especially for **Wardens** and **Guild Circle** members, ensures that members will be first to receive information about all forthcoming events and activities, and guarantees participation in the Ludlow Palmers Council. It also enables the Ludlow Palmers to plan ahead in order to have adequate funds in case there are unforeseen emergency repairs to St Laurence's building and/or fabric.

We have one advantage over our predecessors six centuries ago. For every charitable gift made by a Ludlow Palmer who pays tax in the UK, the government adds 25% through Gift Aid at no extra cost to the donor. Legacies made in wills are exempt from taxation and can reduce inheritance tax.

To become a Ludlow Palmer, Steward, Warden or Guild Circle member, see page 7 and 8 of this newsletter.



Ludlow Palmers Celebrate 10th Anniversary

The Ludlow Palmers will celebrate its 10th anniversary at Broadward Hall by the kind permission of Mr & Mrs Anthony Lyle Skyrme. The event starts with champagne, canapés and music. Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch Kt, Professor of the History of the Church, University of Oxford, will then provide insights into the ups and downs whilst filming TV documentaries around the world.

Although perhaps best known for his TV documentaries, *A History of Christianity*, *Henry VIII's Enforcer: The Rise and Fall of Thomas Cromwell*, and *Sex and the Church*, Diarmaid MacCulloch, is a noted academic author on church history and the Tudor Reformation, including *Thomas Cranmer: A Life* and his most recent book *All Things Made New: The Reformation and its Legacy*.

In Front of the Camera (or Behind the Scenes While Making TV Documentaries) is from 5:00pm to 7:30pm at Broadward Hall, Clungunford, Shropshire. Tickets: £35.00 Palmers; £40.00 non-Palmers.



Diarmaid MacCulloch filming in Jerusalem.

Send your request for ticket(s) and cheques (made payable to CTSLL) to CTSLL, 2 College Street, Ludlow SY8 1AN.

The Ludlow Palmer

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Conservation Trust, Ludlow's SC Price and Sons bakery on Market Square has created the Ludlow Palmer – a scallop-shaped shortbread dipped in chocolate. The Ludlow Palmer is available exclusively from Price's, and 10% of all sales will be donated to The Conservation Trust for its work in repairing and restoring St Laurence's building and its historic treasures.



Conservation Trust Events

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Quiz Night

7:30pm to 10:30pm in Ludlow Brewery, Station Drive SY8 2PQ

Come and test your knowledge against Ludlow's best. Bring your team of 4 and have fun. Quizmaster: Jonathan Ormond. All income goes to the work of the Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow. Entry fee at the door: £3 (£12 a table of 4). Supper optional (extra charge).

Friday 19th May 2017

In Front of the Camera (or Behind the Scenes While Making TV Documentaries)

5:00pm to 7:30pm at Broadward Hall, Clungunford, Shropshire SY7 0QA

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the founding of The Conservation Trust. Tickets limited and in advance only: £35.00 Palmers; £40.00 non-Palmers. Send your request for ticket(s) and cheques (made payable to CTSLL) to CTSLL, 2 College Street, Ludlow SY8 1AN.

Sunday 4th June 2017

Conservation Trust Annual Meeting and Palmers' Anniversary Evensong

2:00pm in St Laurence's, Ludlow for AM, followed by Evensong at 3:30pm

The 2017 Conservation Trust Annual Meeting followed by tea & cakes and then a special Choral Evensong sung by St Laurence's choir to celebrate the Trust's 10th anniversary.

Thursday 15th June 2017

Recent Work of Historic England in the Welsh Borders

2:30pm to 4:30pm in Ludlow Methodist Church, Broad Street

Bill Klemperer, Principal Inspector of Ancient Monuments, offers a 'behind the scenes' look at the organisation's efforts to save our ancient treasures from destruction. Part of the Palmers' Talk and Tea series. Tickets (limited seating): £5 on door (tea and cake included).

Saturday 24th June 2017

Memorials in the Marches

9:00am to 4pm in St Laurence's, Ludlow

A day-long event featuring talks by some of the country's leading experts on church monuments with special emphasis on St Laurence's monuments of the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Organised by the Ludlow Palmers and Church Monuments Society. The standard fee for the day is £45, but Ludlow Palmers pay just £35 and local residents £40. Full details are available at: http://www.ludlowpalmers.uk/Ludlow_Monuments.pdf. Book online or by writing to Ludlow Palmers Conference, 2 College Street, Ludlow SY8 1AN

Thursday 21st September 2017

Ludlow Museum - Past, Present and Future

2:30pm to 4:30pm in Ludlow Methodist Church, Broad Street

Helen Jones and Monty Lowe talk about the history of Ludlow Museum, its collection and future plans. Part of the Palmers' Talk and Tea series. Tickets (limited seating): £5 on door (tea and cake included).

More 2017 events are found at the Palmers' website:

<http://www.ludlowpalmers.uk/calendar.html>



Coach Trip to Radnorshire

Join the Ludlow Palmers on 4th May on a day coach trip to Radnorship. This social outing will explore the Welsh towns of Old Radnor, New Radnor and Llandrindod Wells. We leave Ludlow at 9:15am and return approximately 5:30pm. Tickets (limited seating): £15 – ring 01584 878232.

The Palmers' coach trip to Radnorshire includes a visit to Llandrindod Wells.



Memorials in the Marches

St Laurence's most impressive monuments relate to members of the Council of the Marches. On 24th June, a national one-day conference, "Memorials in the Marches", will be presented jointly by The Conservation Trust and the Church Monuments Society. Speakers are leaders in their field.

Three lectures will focus on Council of the Marches monuments. As background to these talks, Nia Powell of Bangor University will provide an overview of the Council of the Marches and comment on its significance to the Welsh people. Sally Badham MBE will speak on the incised slabs in the south transept and parvise room. And, Dr Holly Trusted of the V & A will focus on the Salwey monument, setting it in the context of other 18th century sculpture.

The standard fee for the day is £45, but Ludlow Palmers pay just £35 and local residents £40. Full details are available at:

http://www.ludlowpalmers.uk/Ludlow_Monuments.pdf.

Book online or by writing to Ludlow Palmers Conference, 2 College Street, Ludlow SY8 1AN.



Become a Ludlow Palmer

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- Single donation if applicable (complete gift aid form and make your cheque to CTSLL)
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- Offer to help with the Ludlow Palmers
- I/we agree to allow our name(s) to be entered into Palmers' literature and on website at the appropriate Palmers' membership level (see page 8).
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THE CONSERVATION TRUST FOR ST LAURENCE, LUDLOW

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LUDLOW PALMERS MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Ludlow Palmers falls into four categories and is based on positions held by the medieval Ludlow Palmers Guild:

Ludlow Palmers: Annual donation up to £249 entitles members to receive public acknowledgement, invitation to annual meeting, quarterly newsletter, advanced notice of social, informational, musical and fund-raising events, as well as discounted tickets for some events.

Stewards: Annual donation between £250–£499 entitles members to all Ludlow Palmers’ membership benefits plus free tickets for some events.

Wardens: Annual standing order donation between £500–£999 entitles members to all Stewards’ membership benefits plus free tickets for certain events.

Guild Circle: Annual standing order donation of at least £1000 entitles members to all Wardens’ membership benefits plus invitation to special events and privileged access to event speakers.

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