The Ludlow Palmers

Conservation News

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

Autumn 2018

Ludlow Palmers Look to the Future

The Conservation Trust has, since it came into existence, raised over £500,000 for work on the church building and its contents. Sometimes it has been possible to have an event that has brought in several thousand pounds. But much of our money comes from the smaller events: the quiz nights, street collections, the Talk and Tea series – not always glamorous but nice little earners consistently raising a few hundred pounds, often from the general public rather than Palmers.

However, most of our income comes from the regular donations of members, the solid core of Palmers who year-by-year consistently support the work of the Trust. Where would be without you! Thank you.

What that says though, is that to increase our income we need to add to our numbers, to recruit more Palmers. So, we are going to try something new.

People on the streets are well disposed towards us when we do the street collections. Now, on Thursday October 4th we are going to take a Market stall. This idea came from Lou Griffiths who is taking the lead in this venture. We will sell Conservation Trust Christmas cards, and show people the work that the Trust has supported over the years. But, actually Lou and her helpers will be there to gossip (not to one another!) but to talk to passers-by, and share some enthusiasm and the sense of purpose that we have and hopefully we will gain a few new recruits.

A Happy Medieval Christmas

On Friday 14th December, 7.30pm, we will have a Happy Medieval Christmas for Palmers held in The Sitting Room at The Blue Boar, Mill Street. The room will be wondrously decorated for the occasion.

Michael Brown, who has given talks for Palmers before, will entertain us with words and music. And, there will be 'medieval' refreshments. Jane Hunt and helpers are cooking up ideas on 'medieval food', vaguely authentic and not too frightening – no boar's heads! Punch – alcoholic and non-alcoholic will be made by the Blue Boar..... *continued*

You need to book a ticket for this event – the cost for the evening will be £15.00. Please send your cheque, payable to CTSLL, with your name and telephone number, or email to: Ludlow Palmers Xmas Party, CTSLL, 2, College Street, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1AN.

Letter from the Chair

It has been an interesting summer, you may have been enjoying the sunshine, but I have been delving into the Conservation Trust's archive, reading old minutes, looking at the fundraising and listening to those Palmers who have wished to bend my ear.

So, what have I learned? As so often is the case, two things are significant: a commitment to the cause and a pleasure in the camaraderie of working together, learning new things, garnering new ideas.

The cause? Well, we have a great responsibility and privilege in Ludlow to be blessed with the "Cathedral of the Marches". Churches are, of course, a place for faith and worship, but this, in the past, meant that they also became the place where the best that the human imagination could create – through art and craft – found a home. It is our responsibility to ensure that the loss of faith in our time doesn't mean a loss of sensitivity to the treasures whose beauty can inspire and give life to the human spirit.

Part of our task is to educate ourselves about just what we have in St Laurence and learn how we can share our own enthusiasm with others.

A couple of weeks ago, I went to St Mary's in Fairford, Gloucestershire where the late medieval glass is of a quality on a par with that in St Laurence. A link with St Laurence is the figure of Prince Arthur in one of the windows. And, just as St Laurence has the story of the Palmers, so Fairford has the story of the wool merchant from Cirencester and his son who spent their fortune building Fairford and installing the stained glass, which is both rare and of the highest quality. The building is filled with light from the 28 large windows.

Our windows are in need of conservation and the windows in Fairford have recently been conserved. The audio tour has the voices of the conservator explaining the work, and the voice of Joanna Lumley and others guides you around.

It was a delightful experience and I hope that next year the Palmers will be able to enjoy a visit to Fairford together.

Sylvia Turner, Chair, Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow

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".

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 misericords are a few of the Ludlow Palmers Guild's legacies to Ludlow and the nation.

Medieval chancel stained-glass window of St George slaying the dragon.

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.

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.

Palmers' Autumn Coach Trip

On Thursday November 1st, there will be a visit to Birmingham Cathedral where there are four stained glass windows designed by Edward Burne-Jones – they are considered to be his finest work. We will have a specialist tour to look at them. Our own stained glass in St Laurence's is in need of conservation and the windows in Birmingham are similarly in need of conservation and funds are currently being raised.

From Birmingham we will go to Wightwick Manor, near Wolverhampton, an Arts and Crafts house owned by the National Trust. There is a collection of Pre-Raphaelite paintings by Rossetti, Burne-Jones and others. Thomas Mawson landscaped the gardens.

We will leave from the Ludlow Assembly rooms at 8.15am prompt and will leave Wightwick at closing time, 4pm, reaching Ludlow around 5.30pm.

Bring binoculars if you have them for the windows and your National Trust card if you are a member. Booking is now open; the cost includes coach and entrance ticket, coffee at Birmingham Cathedral and a light lunch at Wightwick Manor.

Name:..... Number of tickets:.....

Address:.....

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Postcode:..... Telephone:.....

Email: .....

Are you a National Trust member Yes / No

Please enclose your cheque, payable to CTSLL, for £40 for a non-NT member / £30 for an NT member

If you care to take this opportunity to make an additional donation for the Conservation Trust this would be most welcome (please complete form on pages 7).

Please return this slip and cheque to:
Ludlow Palmers Autumn Coach Tour, CTSLL, 2 College Street, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1AN

Conservation Trust Events

Thursday, September 20th, 2018

We Will Remember Them

2:30pm to 4:30pm in Ludlow Methodist Church, Broad Street. Clive Richardson talks about Remembrance of the Great War – its battle fields, significant sites, and its impact today. Part of the Palmers' Talk and Tea series. Tickets (limited seating): £5 on door (tea and cake included).

Thursday, October 18th, 2018

Back to Dear Old Blighty

2:30pm to 4:30pm in Ludlow Methodist Church, Broad Street. Poet Gareth Owen and local musicians Ann Gray, Martin Thomas and Roger Champkin will perform a series of poems and songs, some modern and some dating from the time of the Great War. The Ludlow Male Voice Chorus will sing a number of songs together with modern pieces suitable for a remembrance concert. Part of the Palmers' Talk and Tea series. Tickets (limited seating): £5 on door (tea and cake included).

Thursday, November 1st, 2018

Ludlow Palmers Tour of Birmingham Cathedral and Wightwick Manor

8:15am to 5:30pm. Leave from the Ludlow Assembly Rooms. Tickets (limited seating): £40 for non-National Trust members, £30 for a National Trust Member. Send to: Ludlow Palmers Autumn Coach Tour, CTSLL, 2, College Street, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1AN.

Thursday, November 15th, 2018

Now the War is Over

2:30pm to 4:30pm in Ludlow Methodist Church, Broad Street. Local historian Derek Beattie talks about life in Ludlow and South Shropshire after the end of the Great War. The war was over, but the peace had yet to be won. Part of the Palmers' Talk and Tea series. Tickets (limited seating): £5 on door (tea and cake included).

Friday, December 14th, 2018

Ludlow Palmers Christmas Party

7:30pm in The Sitting Room at The Blue Boar, Mill Street, Ludlow. Tickets (limited seating): £15. Send to: Ludlow Palmers Xmas Party, CTSLL, 2, College Street, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1AN.

More 2018 events are found at the Ludlow Palmers' website:
http://www.ludlowpalmers.uk/calendar.html

Conservation Trust Christmas Cards
Order now and save money!

The Conservation Trust has produced a new 2018 Christmas greetings card from a photograph taken in December 2017 by Gareth Thomas. The photo shows St Laurence and Ludlow last winter after a heavy snow fall. The card measures 208mm x 146mm (approximately 8 1/4" x 5 3/4"). Inside are the words 'With Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year'. The cards are sold in packs of 5 at a cost of £4.00 per pack.

However, you can place an order now at a special discounted price of £3.50 per pack, maximum 5 packs per household. But you must send us your order and cheque/cash by 31st October 2018. The number of special order cards is limited: they will be sold on a 'first-come, first-served' basis. Please complete the form below and return it as soon as possible with your cheque/cash.

St. Laurence's Church, Ludlow.

Conservation Trust Christmas Cards
ADVANCE ORDER FORM AT THE SPECIAL RATE OF £3.50 PER PACK

Please reserve..... packs (5 cards in a pack) of Conservation Trust Christmas Cards at a cost of £3.50 per pack. I enclose a cheque made payable to CTSLL for £..... for the cards. If you would like the cards posted to you, please add £2.00 per order for p&p. Please return to: CT Xmas Card, 5 St Julian's Avenue, Ludlow SY8 1ET.

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Telephone:.....

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Become a Ludlow Palmer - Live History

Please tick all that apply:

- ☐ Standing order (complete the standing order form reverse side and gift aid form if applicable)
- ☐ Single donation (if applicable complete Gift Aid form and make your cheque to CTSLL)
- ☐ Request information about legacies
- ☐ 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).
- ☐ Add my name to the mailing list (I/we agree to receive information on Ludlow Palmers activities, events, etc, in print/electronic formats)

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Please return to the Ludlow Palmers, Membership Secretary 2 College Street Ludlow SY8 1AN, UK

THE CONSERVATION TRUST FOR ST LAURENCE, LUDLOW

Gift Aid declaration - for this & future donations

Title:..... First names or initials:.....

Surname:.....

Full home address:.....

..... Post Code:.....

Tel:..... Email:.....

Please Treat As Gift Aid Donations All Qualifying Gifts Of Money Made Tick Box(es) Which Apply

Now ☐ In The Future ☐

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not quality. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Date:..... Signature:.....

Please notify the Conservation Trust if you want to cancel your declaration, change your name or home address, or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and / or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please return your completed form to:
The Hon Treasurer, THE CONSERVATION TRUST FOR ST LAURENCE, LUDLOW
(Charity No. 1114678) • 2 College Street, Ludlow SY8 1AN, United Kingdom

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 additional 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.

THE CONSERVATION TRUST FOR ST LAURENCE, LUDLOW STANDING ORDER INSTRUCTION

To: The Manager of ..... Bank plc

Address: .....

..... Post Code: .....

Sort Code: ..... Account No: .....

Account Name: .....

Please pay: **National Westminster Bank plc, Ludlow Branch**
Sort Code: **53-81-18**
Account No: **82517193**
Account Name: **The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow**

The sum of £ ..... starting on (date of first payment) .....

and thereafter on (date and frequency of payments) .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Please return the completed form to: The Hon Treasurer, The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow 2 College Street, Ludlow SY8 1AN United Kingdom

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