

Once again the Council of the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral have been busy organising functions and events to interest members and at the same time, to pursue our object of supporting Blackburn Cathedral.

Thanks are due to various members of Council for their efforts. Val Edge and Felicity Ackroyd organised a coach trip in May to the National Memorial Arboretum followed by tea with the Friends of Lichfield Cathedral.

Their account follows below. They have also taken over the writing and mailing of prayer cards which are sent to the Parish Church which is mentioned in the daily prayers at Blackburn Cathedral. A new design of card has been printed, having on it a picture of the new Bishop together with the Dean. It is important to remember that the Cathedral is the mother church of all the churches in the Diocese, and the prayer cards, provided by the Friends, act as a reminder that, although removed geographically from Blackburn, all are remembered there in turn.

Thanks also go to Maureen Wood for organising the lunchtime talks: her report appears below.

Exhibition

Patrick Troughton, another member of Council will be holding an exhibition of his artwork in the Cathedral in November 2014. More details accompany this in a separate leaflet, but please make a note of the date of the preview, 3rd November, when Patrick will be there to talk about his work. Light refreshments will be provided.



Blackburn Cathedral Flower Festival



Lowri Cope and Karen Brooke continue to work hard in organising and promoting the flower festival to be held from the 23rd to the 26th June 2016 to celebrate the completion of the building project now underway at Blackburn Cathedral. It promises to be an outstanding event and a good deal of interest is already being expressed. More detail will be circulated in our newsletters in due course.

Advent Sunday

Another date for your diary is the Advent Sunday reception in the Dean's office in Church House on the 30th November at 5.30pm. Please use the booking form with this newsletter to indicate if you are coming, so that the correct number of seats for Friends can be reserved in the Cathedral.

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Fundraising

The Cathedral development is well underway now and the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral have been asked to make a contribution to a specific part of the funding. Your Council has had a meeting with Canon Hindley, who has been holding the reins on the project since its inception some 14 years ago, and a figure of £25,000 is sought for that purpose. That is a notable sum of money, but well within the ability of the Friends to provide it. Although a figure is crystallised, the item upon which it will be spent has not been fixed but is almost certain to be in the beautification of the area enclosed by the new building in the form of gardens with water features where visitors may find some peace and rest without actually entering the Cathedral itself. It is our intention that it should be clearly marked or named as provided by us.

By the time of the AGM next May, we should be able to inform the meeting of what exactly will be provided, but in the meantime we have to raise the funds, some of which are already to hand as the Friends have not made any sizeable grants over the last two or three years, knowing that a large sum will be required in connection with the Development Project.

Please consider making an extra contribution to the funds with this in mind. We had a very generous response to the request to sponsor refurbishment of the chairs in the Cathedral, and a similar response will allow the full grant requested to be made, so if every member started putting away a few pounds every so often, a generous grant will be possible. Please do not forget that, as the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral is a registered charity, if you are a tax payer, a Gift Aid declaration with your contribution adds to it 25 pence for every pound donated.

Jeremy Duerden, Chairman.

A booking form for all the events mentioned in this newsletter is enclosed but you can also book via the website www.fobc.info

Further information can also be obtained from:

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**Please visit the Friends' new
website at**

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The National Memorial Arboretum Trip

On 31st May a large party from Blackburn Cathedral embarked on visit to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, led and organised by the Friends Committee.

Whilst at the Arboretum the group attended a moving service in the chapel and were presented with a very interesting talk about the site and some of the memorials enlisted there. After viewing some of the key memorials, monuments and sculptures many members from the gathering had a guided tour by train around the grounds, which emphasised the size and scale of the site as well as the beautiful and thought provoking memorials at the Arboretum.

Later, the group moved on to the second part of the visit to Lichfield Cathedral.

They were given an excellent and informative tour around the Cathedral and gained opportunity, over a cup of tea, to meet some of the Friends at Lichfield. It was a delight to attend Evensong at Lichfield.

The visit was a very enjoyable, entertaining and memorable trip organised by the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral.

Val Edge & Felicity Ackroyd.



A Memorial at the National Arboretum



Friends gather outside Lichfield Cathedral.



Friends Lunchtime Talks.

Many thanks to you all for your continued support. The meeting in May on the life and times of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was particularly well attended.

The programme so far this year is :-

1. On Tuesday 21st October 2014 Judge Ted Donnelly will speak on his rewarding trips with HCPT to Lourdes, taking children with disabilities on pilgrimage.

2. On Tuesday 17th February Mr Michael Turner, head of History, will give us a short history of Stonyhurst College. This talk will take place at the college (transport can be organised for those who might have difficulty getting there) and lunch will be taken in college.

3. On a date to be arranged in May 2015, Judge Jeremy Duerden will give us an illustrated talk on New Zealand "Land of Fire and Ice".

Unless otherwise stated, talks will be in the Chesters Room in Blackburn Cathedral starting at 12.00 noon followed by lunch in the Crypt Café. Members £12.50: guests £15.00.

Maureen Wood.

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

Exhibition Invitation

Portrait of a Cathedral And Other Works on Paper by Patrick Troughton 3rd to the 29th November 2014 The Crypt, Blackburn Cathedral



This exhibition of drawings and watercolours showing differing aspects of Blackburn Cathedral will be on display in the Crypt from Tuesday 4th November. Following a Preview organised by the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral for Monday 3rd November, the exhibition will be open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm and on Sundays outside the times of divine worship.

The artist, Patrick Troughton has depicted various moments in the Cathedral's daily life during the last year, including many of the people and activities that contribute to its well-being. He is fascinated by the architecture and how many different people interact within its space from the bell ringers to the vergers and the clergy. He includes quiet corners and ordinary activities that a viewer might easily pass by.

Patrick Troughton studied History of Art at the Courtauld Institute of Art specialising in architecture. In 2001 he was appointed artist-in-residence at Canterbury Cathedral. He has since trained as a printmaker at UCLAN and regularly contributes to exhibitions with the Blackburn Artists' Society at Blackburn Museum and the Howarth Art Gallery, Accrington.

Currently he volunteers at a charity called Stubby Lee Community Greenhouses near Bacup, where those with mental health issues take part in horticultural activities. He is artist-in-residence there and enjoys drawing in the Victorian greenhouses whilst others are gardening and working on environmental projects.

He has designed a Christmas card for the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral, of whom he is a member. The Friends of Blackburn Cathedral are holding a preview of the Exhibition on Monday 3rd November at 7pm, and this reception includes conversation with the artist, light refreshments and music. All Friends are welcome.

For further information about the work is available from the artist on 01254 829685 and about the preview from the Hon. Secretary, Karen Brooke: other questions about the exhibition may be addressed to the Canon Chancellor, The Revd Canon Dr Ian Stockton on 01254 503095.

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

Booking form for forthcoming events - Autumn 2014

Name

Address

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Tel No

Email address

Please book me places at the following events as indicated

Food for Thought Lunch - Tuesday 21 October 2014

..... Lunches @ £12.50 Friends/£15 guests! sub total £.....

..... Places at talk (no charge)

Exhibition Preview - Monday 3 November 2014

..... no charge but please advise numbers

Advent Reception - Sunday 30 November 2014

..... no charge but please advise numbers

Food for Thought Lunch - Tuesday 17 February 2015*

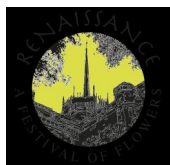
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..... Places at talk (no charge)

*NB This talk will be held at Stonyhurst College. Please indicate if you need transport to the venue.

TOTAL £.....

Please return completed form, together with cheque made payable to Friends of Blackburn Cathedral, to The Honorary Secretary, Friends of Blackburn Cathedral, Church House, Cathedral Close, BLACKBURN BB1 5AA



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BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

If you would like to receive details and updates of the Flower Festival please complete and return this form to Flower Festival Office, Blackburn Cathedral, Church House, BLACKBURN BB1 5AA or register on line at www.fobc.info:-

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email:

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For more information please contact secretary@fobc.info, or telephone 01772 616193

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