



# CONSERVATION NEWS

## The Conservation Trust for St Laurence

*Helping to conserve the church for future generations*

Autumn 2014

### Conservation Trust Annual Meeting

By the kind permission of the Ludlow Town Council, on 10th June 2014, The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow held its annual meeting at the Ludlow Guildhall. Over 30 Conservation Trust supporters attended the meeting, which was preceded by Julia Ionides' talk on the history of the building and its architecture.

**At the meeting the following individuals were elected as Conservation Trust officers:**

**Hugh Wood - Chair • Rory Chase - Deputy Chair**  
**Michael Page - Treasurer • Andrew Pike - Secretary**

John Aitken retired as a Trustee after serving the maximum two terms. He was thanked for his service to the Trust, including Chair for the past year. Colin Richards, recently retired as Shropshire Council Historic Environment Manager, was appointed as a new Trustee.

### Successful Summer Concert

A large, enthusiastic audience packed St Laurence Church on a beautiful summer's evening to hear the famous Georgia Boy Choir give a concert in aid of The Conservation Trust. The Choir is widely regarded as one of the premier musical organisations for boys in the United States. Led by Artistic Director and Conductor David R. White, the 36-strong Choir's programme included great sacred music, American spirituals and folk songs from around the world.

As an addition to the programme, Associate Conductor and Organist Scott Hamilton Atchison, currently serving as director of music and organist at Atlanta's Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, performed a work by Frank Bridge on St Laurence's famous 1764 Snetzler organ. The Choir ended their concert with an encore of the Hoagy Carmichael classic 'Georgia on My Mind'.

The summer concert raised £750 towards the work of the Conservation Trust.

### Join the Palmers

Individuals who give to the Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow on a regular basis through a standing order are enrolled as Palmers. The term 'Palmer' invokes memories of the medieval Ludlow Palmers Guild, which benefited St Laurence Church and the town of Ludlow in many ways.

The Conservation Trust has no religious affiliation with the church. The objects of the Conservation Trust are to assist in the maintenance, repair, restoration, preservation and improvement of the church.

Become a Palmer by making regular donations or providing a legacy. For more information, contact The Hon Treasurer, The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow, c/o Parishes Office, 2 College Street, Ludlow, SY8 1AN.



## Vision Project Update

Two small but significant events took place in early July: the return of the picture of St Barbara and the arrival of the practical completion certificate for Target 2, which means completion of the final snagging of the roof and pinnacle project (an agreed list of finishing touches between client and contractor). These two events mark the completion of nearly £500,000 worth of work as part of Target 1 and 2 of the campaign to secure St Laurence's for the future. An incredible achievement by us all!



South Lantern

Whether you are an 'attender, believer, or some combination of all three, the privilege of ensuring the survival of this internationally important heritage falls to us all, people of Ludlow and the many friends of the Church, both Church community and members of the Conservation Trust.



Wall Paintings

These recent high-profile and urgent projects have enabled us to tell more people about why the church building is important; some 150 people came on the recent roof tours. Not only this, but we have been able to communicate the need for the work we still have to complete to ensure that future generations can enjoy what we now enjoy. So, on behalf of the church community we would like to thank the Conservation Trust for its

continued support; working together there is so much we can achieve.

However, we can't sit on our laurels. Over the next year we hope to complete a number of smaller, but none the less urgent projects. Our task is always to ensure the building is watertight, that rainwater is disposed of efficiently without damaging the building, that we reduce any fire risks to a minimum, and that we carry out where necessary preventative conservation on fragile works of art.



The church is a unique treasure trove of art works, in stone, timber, glass, paint and other mediums. The planning for Targets 1 and 2 began as far back as 2008, and since then further work has been identified as urgent. More recently, our historic collection of textiles has been nominated as 'a church treasure at risk' by the Church Buildings Council (CBC). We are hoping that through the CBC campaign we can secure much needed funds to ensure that these delicate items of 19th century artwork can be preserved. It is only in the last few years that we have realised the historic value of the 19th century textiles; they are unique in this county as an example of outstanding craftsmanship.

*Works necessary in the next year include:*

**Re-pointing the south lantern windows of the tower.**

**Repairing the roof doors onto the south porch, chancel and tower.**

**Repairing the gullies from north transept around to the south porch.**

**Conservation of the wall paintings in the Parvis room,  
south transept and St John Chapel.**

Each of these items needs to be completed in the next year to prevent further damage or loss of fabric occurring, remembering that 'a stitch in time saves nine'.

At the same time, the congregation and many friends of St Laurence's have recently raised substantial funds to upgrade the electrics and replace the lighting. We are hoping that we may also be able to take advantage of the latest technology and install a wireless fire alarm that will mean round-the-clock monitoring of the building in case of fire. We also are planning repairs to the hood mouldings above the proposed new boiler house area as that project proceeds, subject to securing the necessary funding.

*Shaun Ward,  
Clerk of Works, St Laurence Church*



Lady Chapel roof before (above ) and After (below) renovation





## Richard III, Ludlow and the House of York

The Conservation Trust is organising a day of talks and tours which will highlight Ludlow's connections with King Richard III and the House of York. The programme includes:

**Michael A Hicks** (Professor of Medieval History, Head of History, The University of Winchester): *"The War of the Roses and the Yorkist Kings"*

**John Grove** (Mortimer History Society): *"The Mortimer Earls of March, and the House of York"*

**William West** (Englyshe Plate Armourie): *"Armour and Weapons During the War of the Roses"*

**Philip Schwyzer** (Professor of Renaissance Literature, Exeter University): *"Shakespeare and the Remains of Richard III"*

**Sebastian and Vickie Field** (Ensemble Sine Nomine) and Jessica Bruno (lutenist): *"Music for the Plantagenet Kings"*

**John Barratt** (Ludlow Historical Research Group): *"Ludford Bridge Avenged: the Battle of Mortimer's Cross 1461 and the Renaissance of Yorkist Ludlow"*

**THERE ALSO WILL BE A CHOICE OF EITHER ONE TOUR OR 'MEET THE AUTHORS':**

Tours (Select one)

**Clive Richardson** (Ludlow Historical Research Group): *Medieval Ludlow and the scene of the battle of Ludford Bridge.*

**Shaun Ward** (Clerk of Works, St Laurence Church): *History and medieval architecture of St Laurence with emphasis on the 15th century building.*

**Hugh Wood** (Mortimer History Society): *St Laurence Church medieval heraldry (Mortimer / House of York) in stain glass and misericords.*







## Meet the Authors

(participants make own arrangements for lunch / dinner)

Date: Saturday 4 October 2014 • Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Venue: Ludlow Assembly Rooms • Price: £35 (Admission by ticket - strictly limited)

Tickets are available from the Ludlow Assembly Rooms in person, or online:  
<http://www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk/diary.php?category=29>

## Music from the Age of Richard III



Ensemble Sine Nomine and IatB Ensemble present an evening of music and song from The Age of Richard III. During the concert a narrator will set the music within the context of the War of the Roses and the life and death of King Richard III.

*Fanfare (Rotta), Speciosa (John Dunstable), Stella Celi (John Cooke), Agincourt Carol, There is No Rose, Gloria (John Cooke), Benedictus (Anon), En Triumphant (Dufay), Tota pulchra es (John Plummer), Sumer is icumen in, Packington's Pound, Chant L'homme armé, Missa L'homme armé – Kyrie (Josquin Despréz), Nesciens Mater (Walter Lambe) and Descendi in Ortum Meum (John Dunstable)*

Date: Saturday 4 October 2014 • Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Venue: St Laurence Church, Ludlow (unreserved seating)

Price: £15; Children under 16 admitted free

Tickets are available on the door, from the Ludlow Assembly Rooms in person, or online:  
<http://www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk/diary.php?category=29>

**Note:** A combined ticket for the “Richard III, Ludlow and the House of York” talks/tours and “Music from the Age of Richard III” concert: £45 Adults

Both of these events are in aid of the Conservation Trust for St Laurence Church, Ludlow (Charity No 1114678)





## The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow

Charity No 1114678

The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow, has no religious affiliation with the church. The objectives of the Trust are to assist in the maintenance, repair, restoration, preservation and conservation of the building.

If you would like to help with the care and conservation of this magnificent building for future generations, the Trust invites you to:

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Make a donation. Cheques should be made payable to CTSLL. Please fill in the form and return it, with your donation, to The Hon Treasurer.

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Become a Palmer. Individuals who give to the Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow on a regular basis through standing order are enrolled as Palmers of the Trust. Please fill in the form and return it to The Hon Treasurer, The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, 2 College Street, Ludlow SY8 1AN.

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Leave a legacy to the Conservation Trust. Please fill in the form and return it to The Hon Treasurer.

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## Conservation Trust Events

### 4th October 2014

#### Richard III, Ludlow and the House of York

*(presentations by noted speakers and tours of medieval Ludlow and St Laurence Church)*

*Ludlow Assembly Rooms and other venues, Ludlow, 9.00am to 5.00pm*

*Tickets: £35 Adults (Admission by ticket – strictly limited)*

*Tickets available from Ludlow Assembly Rooms: <http://www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk/diary.php?category=29>*

### 4th October 2014

#### Richard III - Meet the Authors

*(Dr Susan Fern, Matthew Lewis, K E Martin talk about Richard III and their own writings)*

*Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Ludlow, 11.30am to 1.00pm*

*Tickets: £5 Adults (Admission by ticket – strictly limited)*

*Tickets available from Castle Book Shop, 5 Castle Street, Ludlow SY8 1AS, Tel: 01584 872562):*

*<http://www.hive.co.uk/shop/ludlow/castle-bookshop/>*

### 4th October 2014

#### Music from the Age of Richard III

*St Laurence Church, Ludlow, 7.30pm*

*Tickets: £15 Adults, Students under 16 admitted free.*

*Tickets available from Ludlow Assembly Rooms: <http://www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk/diary.php?category=29>*

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### 29th November 2014

#### Christmas Medieval Bazaar

*St Laurence Church, Ludlow, 10.00am to 4.00pm*

*Entrance fee (Children admitted free)*

*The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow will have a stall selling its Christmas cards, cakes and Christmas cookies.*

### 26th January 2015

#### John Beasley's Venice

*Ludlow Assembly Rooms 10.30am to 2pm*

*Spend a delightful morning on a photo-journey of the wonders of Venice with the Rev John Beasley.*

*Tickets: £5 Adults (Conservation Trust Palmers admitted free). Includes light lunch.*

*(Admission by ticket – strictly limited).*

*Tickets available by writing to: Mr Rory Chase, CTSLL, c/o Parishes Office, 2 College Street, Ludlow SY8 1AN (Cheques made payable to CTSLL)*

# CONSERVATION TRUST CHRISTMAS CARDS

*Order now and save money!*

The Conservation Trust has produced a Christmas greetings card for 2014 from a photograph taken by Gareth Thomas. The card is entitled 'Ludlow Winter Walk' and measures 7" x 5". Inside are the words, 'Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year'. The cards are sold in packs of 5 and cost £3.50 per pack.

However, you can place an order now at a special discounted price of £3.00 per pack, maximum 5 packs per household. But you must send us your order and cheque/cash by the 1st October 2014. We will contact you in late October and ask you to collect your cards from the St Laurence church shop. 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. Cheques should be made payable to CTSLL (The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow).



'Ludlow Winter Walk'

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