

# People's Cathedral Newsletter

## Welcome to the Seventh edition of the People's Cathedral Newsletter

Work is progressing at an impressive rate with scaffolding going up both internally and externally. We will remain open throughout the works - do come and see the progress in action.

## Project Update

**PEOPLE** Local teenagers from the Challenge will be stopping Guildford High Street in its tracks with scenes from the history of Guildford Cathedral.....The Challenge will be visiting the Cathedral on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August as part of the National Citizen Service (NCS).

The Challenge ( <http://www.ncsthechallenge.org> ) is a major provider of the NCS which seeks to bring young people from different backgrounds together to let them take on new challenges, learn new skills and meet new people.



The group will be listening to recorded memories of the history of the Cathedral and creating short scenes to be filmed at the Cathedral and in Guildford High Street then shown to staff and volunteers on 18 August and put on YouTube.

**HERITAGE** Staff at Guildford Cathedral undertook a gargantuan task to move almost 800 of our 1400 plus kneelers to Loseley House for protection during the works. Thanks to kindness of Mr Michael More-Molyneux, Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, the kneelers will be stored until the works to the Crossing are complete.



Each kneeler was individually designed and approved by Lady Prudence Maufe, the wife of Sir Edward Maufe and architect of Guildford Cathedral.

All the kneelers are divided in half diagonally, the bottom half in Guildford Blue denoting Stag Hill, the light top half denoting the sky or the brickwork.

Each kneeler was supposed to incorporate one of the symbols of the Cathedral; a dove flying down; a flame or the Guildford Cross.

It has been estimated that it would take an expert 110 hours to sew one kneeler.

**COMMUNITY** We are delighted to have the Milkshake Maker at Guildford Cathedral this summer as part of the Cow Parade Surrey.

Individuals, companies and schools have sponsored life-sized cows which they have then decorated themselves or with the help of an artist.

The cows are on display across Surrey until the end of August when they will be judged at the inaugural Surrey Hills Food, Drink & Music Festival at Coverwood Farm.

The cows will then be auctioned, raising money for charities and the Surrey Hills Trust Fund, a charity established to conserve and protect the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, leaving a legacy for generations to come.



## Summer Fun for the Family

With the start of the summer holidays, our new Cathedral children's trail has been launched to help young visitors understand the works underway, while the grounds are becoming popular with young people searching for Pokestops (there are 5!). We are looking forward to welcoming seniors to the Marquee to enjoy a Jazz Coffee concert on 25 August, the first of a new monthly series culminating at Christmas.

Looking ahead to the autumn term, plans are progressing for our Open Day on 10 September and we have registered to be part of The Big Draw festival when we will be creating a Paper Cathedral on 25 October. Our special interest learning events, including Textiles, Archives and Public Lectures will give us further opportunity to engage with new audiences.



## We Need You!

As part of the People's Cathedral Project, we are working hard to improve our volunteering offer and engage new audiences to assist us to keep the Cathedral operating as an integral hub for the community. The project has provided an opportunity to widen volunteering roles and be more flexible in terms of time commitment. Currently we have volunteering opportunities in:-

- Archive digitisation and cataloguing
- Proof reading for interpretation information boards, leaflets and books
- Oral history interviewers and transcribers
- Family Fun Day Craft helpers
- Coffee Concert welcomers and refreshment assistants

We are delighted to have an intern with us who is currently providing much needed event support to the team with tasks ranging from developing family fun day activities to producing posters to promote our activities.

We rely hugely on our volunteers and require help with a selection of events coming up:-

<https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/support/volunteer/volunteer-requirements-for-forthcoming-events>

If you have some free time and would like to volunteer, please contact Gill Thorpe on 01483 547885 or email [gill@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:gill@guildford-cathedral.org)

## Artist in Residence Workshop a Hit

Guildford Cathedral's current Artist in Residence, architectural photographer, Richard Ellis, played host to a unique workshop on Saturday 16 July.

The attendees at the workshop, including students, professional photographers and enthusiastic amateurs, looked at lighting, exposure, composition, lens choice and depth of field using the Cathedral as its subject.

Post production techniques, such as combining multiple exposures, light balance, and perspective control were also explored using Photoshop.



Louise Kenyon, The People's Cathedral Outreach & Engagement Officer said:

*"We are delighted that our artist in residence has been able to share his professional expertise and his knowledge of our iconic Grade II listed building with a diverse group of enthusiastic photographers. The Cathedral is having a major facelift and we are keen to record this stage in its life. The photographic workshop has provided a wonderful opportunity for people to be welcomed to The Peoples Cathedral, work collaboratively and help to reveal its unique beauty. We have plans to run further events in the coming months to appeal to a range of special interest groups"*



The youngest attendee on the workshop, 15 year old Maggie Bass, from Tormead School aspires to be an architect. Maggie said: *"It was great to spend a day at the Cathedral looking at the detail of the building and learning about using Photoshop. The Cathedral looks quite different at the moment with the interior full of scaffolding, but it is wonderful to photograph!"*

## What's On

### Monthly Thursday Coffee Concerts

25th August, 15th September, 20 October, 24 November 11.15am-12pm

FREE informal Concerts held in the Marquee at Guildford Cathedral showcasing talented and local performers. FREE refreshments served from 10.30am.

### Cathedral Heritage Open Day: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 11am-3pm

Come and join us for a behind the scenes look as the building work is now underway at The People's Cathedral. Hear about the challenges of working on a Grade II listed building or take a tour to learn about the work which is taking place. There will be FREE activities for children to enjoy so come along and see this once in a lifetime project.

### The Textiles of Guildford Cathedral: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Join us and guest speaker Mary Sleight for a FREE study day on the Textiles of Guildford Cathedral, places should be booked in advance.

### Autumn Public Lectures: October and November

This autumn Guildford Cathedral will be hosting a series of FREE public lectures on the theme of Flourishing Humanity. Four lectures will be taking place on Thursday 6 & 20 October, 3 & 17 November at 7:45pm

### The Archives of Guildford Cathedral: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

An opportunity to explore our fascinating Archive at a FREE study day with a range of speakers and display of materials.

### Winter Market & Fair: Friday 18 & Saturday 19 November, 10am

Entry £3 on the door, under 14s FREE. A veritable feast of Christmas gift ideas, delicious food and drink, and festive decorations.

### Christmas Carol Concert with Age UK Surrey - 13 December, 11.15am

An informal FREE Carol concert held in the Marquee on the Green at Guildford Cathedral, with FREE refreshments served from 10.30am

Admission FREE

Come and join us for a behind the scenes look as building work is underway on the People's Cathedral Project.

# OPEN DAY

Saturday 10 September 11am-3pm

Hear about the challenges of working on a Grade II\* listed building or take a tour and learn about the work which is taking place.

Discover unseen images from the Cathedral Archives and hear about our exciting Oral History project.

There will be activities for children to enjoy so come along and see this once in a lifetime project taking place.

Supported by The National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund

THE People's CATHEDRAL

For more information contact Louise Kenyon The People's Cathedral Outreach and Engagement Officer 01483 547 886 [louise@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:louise@guildford-cathedral.org)

## CONTACT US

To learn more about these events, project activities or to volunteer, please email [louise@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:louise@guildford-cathedral.org) or call 01483 547886

## The People's Cathedral

*"This building was paid for by local people and is today, and will remain, open to all"*