

# People's Cathedral Newsletter

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

It has been an exciting few months since the announcement of our successful application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and subsequent award of £4.6 million. This is a transformational time for Guildford Cathedral, so why not pay us a visit. We will remain open throughout the works - do come and see the progress in action.

### Project Update

#### People

Our first free Family Fun Day was a big success with over 400 visitors enjoying the Cathedral and our special Magna Carta inspired activities. We were joined by the English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble, who played music of the era throughout the day and invited visitors to have a go. Author Christopher Lloyd delivered storytelling sessions, chronicling key events in the fight for freedom since the signing of the Magna Carta. The Guildford metal detecting club offered children the opportunity to find coins and learn about their discoveries and local calligraphers displayed their skills and helped families to produce stunning lettering. In addition, staff and volunteers did an excellent job at helping families create crowns, dragon eggs and royal bracelets.



#### Heritage

The removal of the pipe organ has been a challenging but necessary process and marks the first tangible



indication of the project gaining momentum. Removing the organ not only protects the instrument, but also provides a valuable opportunity for much needed restoration, which will take place in Liverpool. Some aspects of the organ will remain at the Cathedral, stored in the Regimental Chapel. A digital organ has been installed and is currently being adjusted to meet the needs of our organists. We hope that the fully refurbished pipe organ will be reinstalled in the Cathedral during 2017.

#### Community

Our Volunteer and Apprentice Officer has been out and about this month, attending Farmers Markets and Coffee Concerts to recruit urgently needed volunteers to support the Cathedral. We are hugely reliant on our volunteers and are hoping that, through the project, we will increase numbers considerably. There are a large variety of roles available, enabling you to develop and gain more skills. If you are interested please contact Philippa at [philippa@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:philippa@guildford-cathedral.org) or call 01483

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## Oral History: Share Your Memories



Guildford Cathedral has a truly remarkable construction history, founded on the personal generosity and commitment of individuals and organisations across the community. Through the People's Cathedral Project we want to tell this story by capturing the memories of the brick-givers and those involved in its construction and early days.

The memories captured will help to tell the story of

the Cathedral to future visitors through use in educational workshops and interpretation materials. In addition, recordings and written memories will be placed in the Cathedral's Archive and deposited at the Surrey History Centre for the wider community to access and enjoy.

If you have a story or know of someone who may be willing to be interviewed please contact Helen Ellis (contact details below). Alternatively, if you prefer not to be interviewed, we are also collecting written memories which can be sent into Guildford Cathedral for the attention of Helen Ellis.

## What's On

### Architecture Study Day

On 14th October we will be hosting an Architecture Study Day, focusing on the work of Sir Edward Maufe and the construction of Guildford Cathedral. Speakers include Robert Drake from the Twentieth Century Society and John Bailey and Fergus McCormack from Thomas Ford & Partners (our Project architects). To book please visit <http://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/139> or use the contact details below.

### Family Activity Day

Join us on Saturday 17th October between 11am & 3pm for a FREE Family Activity Day inspired by classic stories such as Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Winnie-the-Pooh and The Wind in the Willows. There will be crafting, trails and storytelling for ages 3-12 in addition to an exhibition of illustrations from children's books from the E H Shepard Archive, courtesy of the University of Surrey. No booking is necessary.

### Proclaiming Liberty: Autumn Lectures

On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November, the Cathedral will be hosting evening lectures on the theme of Proclaiming Liberty in response to the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. For more information on these events, or to reserve your place, please visit <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/news/2015/proclaiming-liberty> or use the contact details below.

### CONTACT US

To learn more about these events, project activities or to volunteer, please email [helen@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:helen@guildford-cathedral.org) or call 01483 547888

### The People's Cathedral

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