The Party on the Bridge, 11 July

Fortunately the weather was kind for this event and we were very grateful that Lord St Oswald was able to come to perform the opening ceremony. These pictures (from bottom left clockwise) show David Royston and Lord St Oswald; the Majorettes performing on the bridge; the magnificent display of baking for sale and the main image of the stalls set up on the bridge. The event raised in excess of £300 and we would very much like to thank all who helped on the day and provided baking for sale.

Kate Taylor
As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the memorial service for Kate Taylor has been organised at the Cathedral on Saturday 26th September at 2 pm. All are very welcome to join in this celebration of her life and works. The family would love to encourage as many people as possible to attend, although an RSVP to admin@wakefield-cathedral.org.uk would greatly assist with refreshment numbers.

The Annual General Meeting, Monday 6 July
The Annual General Meeting of the Friends took place on 6 July and the Officers and Committee are now as follows:
Chairman David Royston
Vice Chairman Brian Holding
Treasurer Richard Atkinson
Secretary Ann Kendall
Committee Bill Dawes, Diana Grudgings, Brian Hazell, Wendy Robb, Judith Royston.
The Very Reverend Jonathan Greener and Malcolm Warburton continue to represent the Cathedral and Roger Scott continues to represent the Chantry Lodge of Freemasons.

The Final Accounts for the Friends were not available at the AGM but they are now and if you would like to receive a copy please contact either Ann Kendall or David Royston (see details below) and we can send one to you.

Group visits
We continue to receive many requests from groups across the country for visits to the chapel. We shall need more volunteers who are willing to host them and (if possible) to speak about the history of the Chantry.
Open Days
Brian Holding has continued to open the Chantry at lunch time on Tuesdays throughout the summer and this will continue to the end of September. During the open period on Tuesday 25 August at 12 noon there will be a Lunchtime Concert by Michael Graham who performs on the “koto” a Japanese instrument with a delicate sound. All are welcome and tickets are not required for this event.

The Chapel will also be open on August Bank Holiday Monday 31 August between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and again on Saturday 12 September between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. for the Heritage Weekend.

The Chantry will be open on 30 September for the Art Walk from 5pm to 9pm. The exhibition on this occasion will be by Rachel Knowles, print artist.

We will plan to open on other days throughout the year, including in association with particular events at the Hepworth gallery. We desperately need volunteers to help steward at these open days. No previous experience or expert knowledge about the Chantry is required as help and a “crib” sheet will be provided. If you feel able to help please contact David on 07810 448185 or dj_royston@blueyonder.co.uk or Brian on 01924 376282 or brian@bholding.f9.co.uk. Your help would be very gratefully appreciated.

Forthcoming Events
On Tuesday 8 September at 7.30 p.m. there is Nativity of the Blessed Virgin and then Latin Requiem for Richard Plantagenet, Duke of York, is on Wednesday 30 December at 7.30 pm. Admission for these events is free but by ticket only. The tickets for these events will be available from the Theatre Royal box office for collection in person only. However, if this is not convenient for you, please contact alkendall@aol.com (01924 378349) or dj_royston@blueyonder.co.uk (07810 448185) and we can reserve tickets for you to collect at the event.

The Chantry is also being used as a venue for the Wakefield Literary Festival on Saturday 19 September at 7.15 p.m. for “On an Eastern Breeze” - a performance of Japanese poetry and music. Full details can be found in the Literary Festival Programme.

St Austin’s Choir will again be performing a Christmas Concert at the Chantry on 21 December at 7.30 p.m. Tickets cost £5.00 and include mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets for this event will be available from the Theatre Royal box office for collection in person only. However, if this is not convenient for you, please contact alkendall@aol.com (01924 378349) or dj_royston@blueyonder.co.uk (07810 448185) and we can reserve tickets for you to collect at the event.

There will be a requiem in the normal first Sunday service in November which will be on 1 November this year at 4.30 pm. The names of family members and friends who have died are read out by the priest at this service. Anyone who would like to have the name of a loved one read out should let us know before the last week in October; again contact either David Royston or Ann Kendall.

Wakefield Historical Society holds meetings in the Chantry most months (not January) at 7.30 pm. - 9 September; 14 October; 11 November; 9 December; 10 February 2016; 9 March and 13 April.

The Cathedral will be running a series of early evening activities for families in the Chantry throughout October, leading up to the half term holiday. These will be on 1 October, 8 October, 15 October and 22 October. All the events will be run as a drop in activity between 5 pm and 7 pm. The intention is for these will be informal gatherings so that people of all ages can come together to enjoy conversation, games and hot drinks and have the opportunity to ask questions about the Chantry.

Newsletters
As mentioned in the last edition we are endeavouring to reduce costs as much as we can to ensure that as much money as possible from the funds that we raise can be used for the upkeep and any works required at the Chantry. If you have received this Newsletter by post and do have an email account it would be very much appreciated if you could let us have your email address so that we can send future editions and any other news and updates to you in a timely fashion. Please forward to alkendall@aol.com or dj_royston@blueyonder.co.uk. However, we will of course, continue to send Newsletters by post where requested.

Don’t forget to keep in touch with the Chantry Chapel on the website – www.chantrychapelwakefield.org