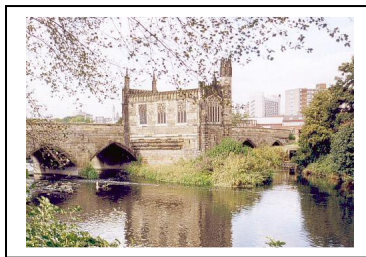


THE FRIENDS OF WAKEFIELD CHANTRY CHAPEL

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Memorial Service for Kate Taylor on 26 September



The Cathedral was very full for the Memorial Service to remember Kate who was so very involved in many aspects of the life of Wakefield. As part of the Service, the Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Dr Ingrid Roscoe presented Kate's son, Simon Jenkins, with the MBE that she had been awarded by the Queen. See the picture on the left.

On the day prior to the Service another event took place in Westgate Chapel when Kate's family were presented with a "Wakefield Star" in her name to acknowledge her immense contribution to raising the profile of Wakefield both locally and further afield particularly by documenting and sharing her knowledge of a wide range of aspects of local history. See picture on the right.



Group visits

The Chantry has always been popular for group visits and we do try and accommodate any requests that we receive. One of the limitations is having volunteers to man the Chantry for these visits and to help to make the visits enjoyable. If you do feel able to join a list of people willing to volunteer to help with this and (if possible) to speak about the history of the Chantry – a "crib" sheet can be provided - we would like to hear from you. Please contact David Royston 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.

Open Days

Brian Holding will recommence opening the Chantry at lunch time on Tuesdays from June 2016 onwards.

In 2016, the Chantry will be open at Bank Holidays – Mondays 28 March (Easter), Monday 2 May (May Day), Monday 30 May (May Bank Holiday) and Monday 29 August (Summer Bank Holiday) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day. We will also be open for the Heritage Weekend which next year will be on Saturday and Sunday 10 and 11 September again between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

We do hope 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 ad hoc open days. No previous experience or expert knowledge about the Chantry is required as help and a "crib" sheet will be provided. If you

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The Chantry will also be open for Art Walk events next year: 25 May 2016 – Purple Faye 3D acrylic artist; 27 July 2016 – Angela Rusby and again in September with Rachel and Mark Richardson – arts and photography.

Forthcoming Events

Christmas Concert

Don't forget, St Austin's Choir will again be performing a Christmas Concert at the Chantry on 21 December at 7.30 p.m. See enclosed poster. This has been a popular event in the past and tickets, which cost £5.00 and include mulled wine and mince pies, are 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 and pay for at the event.

Requiem for Richard, Duke of York

To mark the death of Richard Plantagenet at the Battle of Wakefield on 30 December 1360, the Friends and Wakefield Historical Society, by permission of the Dean and Chapter, have arranged with the Latin Mass Society of Leeds to have a requiem mass on the anniversary. The principle celebrant will be Father Michael Hall, Deputy Head of St John Fisher RC School, Dewsbury. Music, principally Gregorian chant, will be provided by St Austin's Choir. Admission for this event is free **but by ticket only**. The tickets are 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.

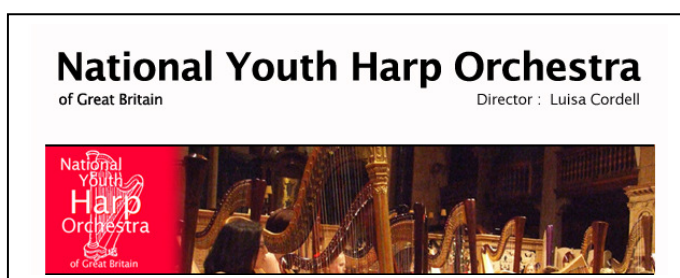
Wakefield Historical Society

The Society holds meetings in the Chantry most months (not January) at 7.30 pm. - 10 February 2016; 9 March and 13 April.

Preliminary Notices

Two fund raising events have been booked for 2016 so make sure the dates are in your new diaries after Christmas. Both are return events by popular request and proceeds will support the Chantry Chapel.

Saturday 26 June 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Chantry Chapel. "Midsummer Frolics" when Andrew Clark will again give a concert on the Chantry's Roland Electronic Organ. Tickets will cost £8.00, buffet included. Ticketing arrangements to follow.



Saturday 17 September 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at Unity Works. "The Magic of a Thousand Strings" – a welcome return by the National Youth Harp Orchestra of Great Britain. Tickets will cost £17 in person or £17.50 by telephone or on-line (£19 on the door), buffet included. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Unity on 01924 831114 or on-line at www.unityworks.co.uk.

Newsletters

We are now at the stage where a large proportion of members have sent us email addresses which we can use to make contact. This does, of course, help us to reduce costs as much as we can to ensure that as much as possible of the money available from the funds can be used for the upkeep and any works required at the Chantry. If you have received this Newsletter by post and have now got 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