Previous Activities
We have continued to make the Chantry Chapel available for performances. The concert on the 25th March by Ösp and Sophie Ramsay was one of these and more recently we were pleased to host a concert by the vocal ensemble Via Nova. This included Tchaikovsky’s “Vespers” combined with new works written to complement this piece. The concert also included Credo from Missa Wakefieldensis – a piece written by Jonathan Bielby. This concert was well supported and donations were divided between the Chantry and Via Nova (see picture on the right).

The other significant activity has been the repair work to both the interior and exterior of the building. Unfortunately this did mean that some activities had to be cancelled – the open day at May Bank Holiday – or re-arranged – the Bridge Tournament. However we did try to continue some events including the Art Walk at the end of May which went ahead whilst there was scaffolding, etc., within the building. The Friends take responsibility for meeting the costs of any works to the building so this has made quite a dent in our funds which makes it even more vital that we continue to make the building available for a variety of events in order to replenish our balances against future requirements.

Future Dates
Open Days
The final dates in the programme of open days at the Chantry will be Monday 27 August and for two Heritage Weekends on 8 and 9 September and 15 and 16 September 2018. The Chantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tea and coffee will be available. Additionally the Chantry will continue to be open on Tuesdays to the end of September from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wars of the Roses
On Saturday 15 September at 7 p.m., our Treasurer, Richard Atkinson, will be giving another of his entertaining and informative talks - The Wars of the Roses Abridged. This summer Richard has taken his talk out on tour which included a presentation at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival earlier this month. Join us for a rollicking slide through one of the bloodiest periods of British history. Admission is FREE but a ticket is required. This must be purchased online to guarantee admission. If anyone wishes to book a ticket by sending an email to richard.atkinson@events-central.org that’s fine And It Will Avoid The Booking Fee. Full details can be found on the Chantry website and our Facebook page.
Art Walks
As mentioned last time, we are celebrating 10 years of the Art Walks. The Chantry will be open on 26 September from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Keep an eye on the website for details of the exhibition on that date.

Sunday 28 October – Bridge Tournament
You will see from the comments above that because of the building work this event organised by Danny Parsonson, Committee member, has had to be re-arranged for Sunday 28 October. This is not open to the public but is very well supported and results in a significant and very welcome donation to the Friends’ funds.

Annual General Meeting
This is a further reminder that the Friends’ Annual General Meeting this year has been moved to Sunday 7 October to coincide with the Harvest Festival service at the Chantry. The Harvest Festival Service starts at 4.30 p.m. and the AGM will follow starting at 5.30 p.m. Please put the date in your diaries as all members are welcome to attend. More details will following next month.

Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 December 2018 at 7.30 p.m. - St Austin’s Choir Christmas Concert
Tickets for these two events have been on sale for a while now and even though it is well ahead more than half the tickets have been allocated. These concerts do sell out each year so don’t delay if you wish to attend one of the St Austin’s Choir Christmas Concerts on 18 and 19 December 2018 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Box Office at the Theatre in person, by phone 01924 211311 or on the theatre web site www.theatreroyalwakefield.co.uk. Tickets are £10 each plus a £1.75 booking fee (per booking not per ticket!).

Wakefield Historical Society
The Society holds meetings in the Chantry most months (not January) on the second Wednesday at 7.30 pm. Full details of the topics to be covered can be found on the Wakefield Historical Society website at www.wakefieldhistoricalsociety.org.uk

Religious Services
The Chantry is first and foremost a religious building and there are two services per month on the first and third Sundays at 4.30 p.m. We also celebrate specific dates, e.g. holding a Harvest Festival Service on the first Sunday in October. We would very much like to see more support for these services and all are welcome to attend.

Miscellaneous
Fund raising opportunities
If you have any suggestions for fund raising events in aid of the Chantry funds then please do not hesitate to contact David Royston to discuss them. As ever, we are always on the look out for volunteers willing to man the Chantry for group visits or to help with stewarding at events. If you do feel able to join a list of people willing 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 Bholding@outlook.com. Your help would really be appreciated.

Newsletters
As before we would remind members that if you have received this Newsletter by post and have now got an email account please send us the details so that we can email future editions and any other news and updates to you in a timely fashion. This obviously helps to reduce costs of printing and postage and ensures 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. Please forward to al kendall@aol.com or dj royston@blueyonder.co.uk. However we will, of course, continue to send Newsletters by post where requested.

Privacy Policy
In line with new GDPR regulations, the Friends have produced a Privacy Policy. I am attaching this document for your information and it can also be accessed through the website. Any information that we hold will not be shared outside the organisation with the exception of contacts re claiming Gift Aid as appropriate. We take security and confidentiality of personal information very seriously. However please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish your details to be removed from the records or you have any concerns.

The Friends have a Facebook page which can be accessed via https://www.facebook.com/The-Chantry-Chapel-of-St-Mary-Wakefield-1047532055302781/ or by clicking on the facebook icon on the website.