

LANCASTER JUDGES' LODGINGS

UPDATE

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The Judges' Lodgings in September

Despite some confusion over lockdown rules generally, and the fact that Lancaster and Morecambe returned to a limited lockdown for the time being, the Judges' Lodgings remains open – still the only museum in the district to be open so do make full use of it. The footfall



since the JL reopened at the end of August has been encouraging – Good numbers on the opening weekend which was the August Bank Holiday weekend, a drop-off the following weekend, but gradually building up again, so for the first four weeks of opening the Judges' Lodgings welcomed 335 visitors altogether who were enthusiastic about spending in the newly stocked and very attractive looking shop in the entrance hall. There



are even some Christmas goodies in the shop and don't forget that if you are a Friend of the Judges; Lodgings and can show your membership card, you will receive a discount on all items bought at the shop.

There are new interpretation panels in the period rooms and the context of each room and the pieces in it are clearly described.



Visitors are rating it highly with a couple of quotes from TripAdvisor since the reopening: “This a great place for an affordable day out. A very interesting old building with extremely passionate staff who really know their subject.”

“I have just been in the Judges’ Lodgings with one of my granddaughters, she is 8yrs old she was fascinated and loved the dolls houses upstairs she said they are very detailed we will be going again.”

Good to get such great feedback.

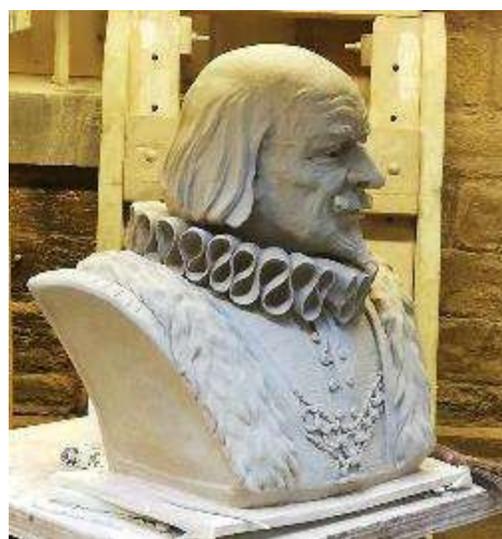
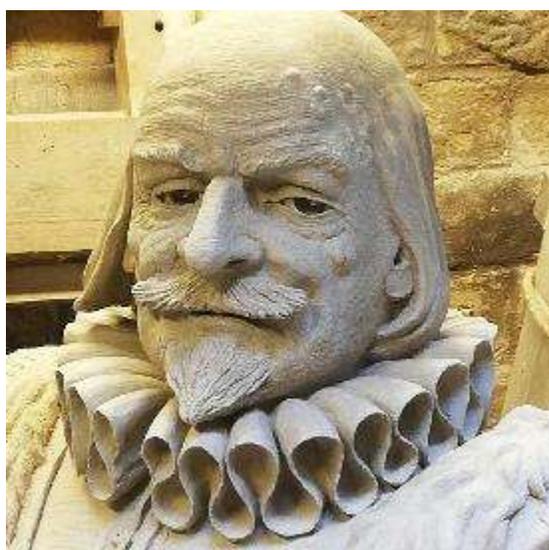
Friends’ Events

So far it has not been possible to set up a recording session for the concert which has been flagged up several times, because of the restrictions on travel and social mingling. It has not been forgotten however and as soon as the players can get together in one place we will be moving forward on that.

We are hoping to set up a Zoom talk later this year – more of that in a future issue.

What did Thomas Covell Look Like?

After last months’ imagined faces of the Lancashire Witches, sculptor Alan Ward has produced a not-completely-imagined bust of Thomas Covell – significant as the builder of the Judges’ Lodgings and also for being head of Lancaster Castle when the witches were incarcerated there before their trial. Alan says – “There's only the worn away brass in the Priory to go on, so it was good fun thinking what he might have been like”



Volunteering at JL

You can volunteer at JL through the LCC Volunteering Programme either to act as a Room Steward or to join the Gardening Team – follow the link <https://lancsvp.org.uk/opportunities>

Join Us

If you have not yet joined the Friends, or you have friends and neighbours who would be interested in supporting our work to ensure that Lancaster Judges' Lodgings remains open and accessible to the public, please contact me, and encourage them to do the same – sue.widden@outlook.com – and I'll send joining details. Please feel free to forward these newsletters to your friends and relatives and encourage them to join us in our work.

Comments and ideas from everyone are always welcome and we are happy to share them widely. If you have a view or a comment to contribute to UPDATE, please email me at the address below.

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