

LANCASTER JUDGES' LODGINGS

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The Judges' Lodgings in March

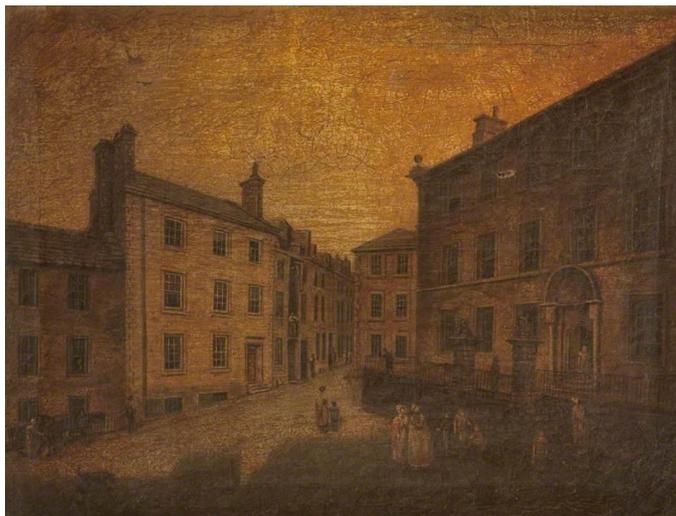
The JL team have been hard at it during March, preparing for the reopening of the building which we still plan for Friday 21 May, if the government road map remains on track. As well as making sure all the furnishings are in good trim, the staff have been scraping off old paint, old rusty patches, and generally giving parts of the building's fabric a bit of TLC. Since the JL's boiler has been rather unreliable during the chilly weather, such physical tasks have been welcome. The inside of the building has been somewhat echoing during the winter months – it will be great to have visitors coming through in a little under two months' time. Lynda, Museum Manager, is still recruiting volunteers to ensure that visitors have a good experience whilst still observing Covid-safety measures. See below on how to join as a volunteer, either in the house or in the garden (or both).

Friends' Events

Although it may not be possible to offer large scale events within the building, as we were able to do in 2019, we hope to run a couple of Zoom events before the reopening of the Judges' Lodgings and possibly one or two live events once the building and the gardens are open. There will two Zoom events in April –

- Wednesday 7 April 7.30pm – A Day in the Judges' Lodgings – a look at the workings of the Judges' Lodgings at some time in the mid-nineteenth century during the residence of one of the Assize Judges
- Saturday 24 April 11.00am – Painting Conservation in Action – Phillip Bourne of Lancashire County Conservation Department, will be telling us about the conservation of the early nineteenth century painting of the JL, on loan from Lancaster City Council, and conserved in 2019-2020 after fund-raising by the Friends. The painting now hangs in the JL Welcome Gallery, and we had hoped that there would be a ceremonial launch of it a year ago, but sadly that plan was frustrated. It will be fascinating to learn from Phillip exactly how the painting was

cleaned and brightened up from its former dingy state to the lively scene it presents today.



Before



After

Zoom links to these two events will be sent out nearer the time

We shall also hope to be opening up our popular Victorian Tea Room once a month and we hope very much that those Friends (and others) who supported us so successfully in our first year, either waiting on, making cakes and cookies and (very important) washing up, will be happy to put their names forward again for this year. More info on that in the April Newsletter.

Please Join Us

It has been great that many Friends have decided to renew their subscriptions to the Friends of Lancaster Judges' Lodgings, but we're always tremendously happy to welcome more. There's still plenty of time to renew your subscription – or to take out a completely new one if you haven't joined us before. The subscription rates remain the same as they were last year –

- £10 for over 25 year olds
- £20 for two adults or a family
- £5 for under 25s and unwaged people

Please send a cheque made payable to Friends of Lancaster Judges Lodgings C/o Sue Widden, 12 Castle Park, Lancaster LA1 1YQ; or make a bank transfer to TT's of Friends



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Many thanks for your continuing support – we rely on it so much to maintain our aim of supporting and enhancing the Judges' Lodgings.

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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