

LANCASTER JUDGES' LODGINGS

UPDATE

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The Judges' Lodgings in July

We are pleased to be welcoming new members to the JL team, especially Leah Burns the new Room Steward Supervisor, who has the sometimes difficult task of sorting out the monthly rotas of room stewards. She is always thrilled, whenever she flags up a gap or two on the rota and puts out a call for help, that there is an immediate response and the gaps are filled. She looks forward to meeting as many of you as she can in due course.

Other new members, whom you might not meet, are the servants attending the Judge when he is in residence. They are to be found in the activity packs which are available for children as they go round the house and are the result of a collaboration between the JL and stitchers from the local branch of the Embroiderers Guild. We hope that children (and parents) will have lots of fun making up stories about these characters.



Judge and Housekeeper



Butler and housemaids



Chef and kitchen maids

July in the Garden

The hot sunny weather during July has left the garden wilting a bit, but still providing fun with the outdoor toys and outdoor croquet – ideal for family rivalry.

The Victorian Tea Room

The pop-up Victorian Tea Room had its first outing for well over a year last Saturday 24 July, and fortunately the weather was dry. We had a great team of volunteers, as cake-makers, washers-up and servers – so many thanks to them for the success of the reopening. The preparation included washing all the china and cutlery after its sojourn wrapped up in boxes stored in a dark cupboard – the boxes, being lidless, also had attracted some extra residents such as spiders, beetles etc, now homeless, alas. We now have boxes with lids, so that particular activity will not need to be repeated. The courtyard looked lovely when all was laid up, and the cakes on the serving table. Some



Raspberry buns going fast

interesting little facts about the tea room on 24 June – Mandy recorded 4,800 steps while she was participating in the tea room and we were able to recycle 29 tea bags into the compost. The most important fact of course is that we made £131.50 which will help considerably to boost the Friends' finances.



Your servers for the day

The next Victorian Tea Room will pop up on Saturday 14 August, 11.00am-3.00pm.the time. Please put the date in your diaries and if you can help by baking, serving or washing up, please let me know on

sue.widden@outlook.com I'll send out a reminder nearer the time.

Events

Professor Alan Rice's online presentation **Black Lives Metter – Then and Now** on 30 June was well attended. There were some technical hitches as is so often the case, but we were able to send round Alan's powerpoint afterwards, along with information on the current exhibition by Lubaina Himid at the Maritime Museum **Memorial to Zong**, commemorating the 130 enslaved Africans who were thrown overboard from the slave-ship Zong, because stocks of water were running low. You can check the details

<https://visitlancaster.org.uk/whats-on/memorial-to-zong> and there is a catalogue available at £10.00.

The JL in August is taking part in in the BID event **Witches and Wizards Day** with a **Witches' Academy** for children all day on Sunday 8 August. Come and learn some super spells.

The Friends of the JL are presenting a family event – **The Life and Times of a Beekeeper** – on Sunday 29 August in the garden (covid restrictions permitting), with the possibility of watching real bees about their daily business and learning how a beekeeper looks after them. Save the date – more details later.



Spot the Bee

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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