

LANCASTER JUDGES' LODGINGS

UPDATE

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Judges' Lodgings in June

June was the hottest month – ideal for activities of all sorts at the Judges' Lodgings, especially out in the garden, where all the plantings and blossoms were flourishing. At the beginning of the month the Friends of JL held their Summer Fair in the garden, along with the Pop-up Tea Room in the courtyard. The Fair, unfortunately, clashed with other minor, though national, events, such as the Cup Final, which may have lowered the footfall a little – avoid that date for future years. There were plenty of games and competitions for all ages, so



there was a good buzz. For further entertainment we had the music of Hum, Holler and Sing, providing a lovely background to the festivities. Thanks



very much to the community choir and their conductor for coming along.

There were two more workshops for young people in the #Wild Escape project, led by Leila Harris, the artist who was commissioned to paint the imagined portraits of Black Lancastrians.

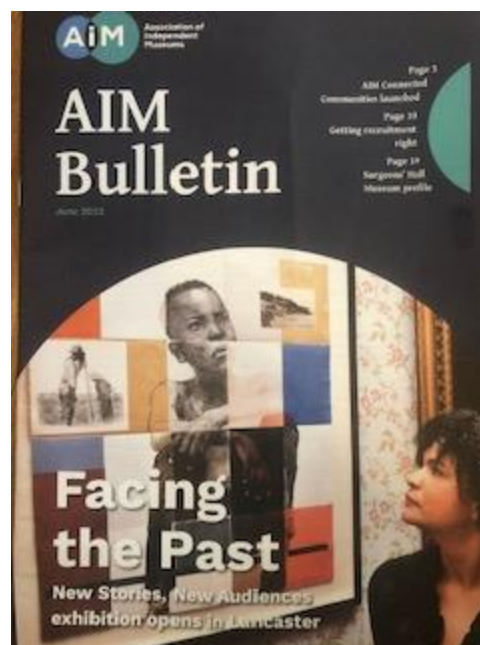


Leila inspired some lovely work from the young people depicting their thoughts on nature.

Leila's work is continuing to arouse interest outside the Judges' Lodgings – she is featured on the cover of the most recent issue of the Bulletin of the Association of Independent Museums. We hope that she will go from strength to strength and we're proud to be working with her.



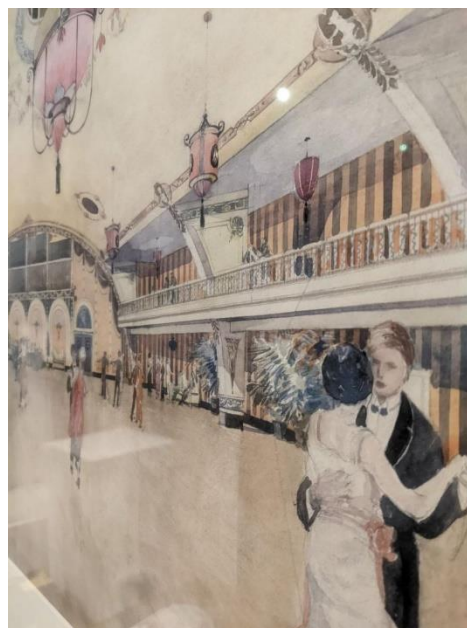
The major event in June was the opening of the newly



refurbished Gillow Gallery with an exhibition **Gillows of Lancaster: a Global Story**. The exhibition shows many more aspects of the history of the Gillow

enterprise than was previously the case, covering all the many sections of society affected by Gillows from the workforce, including

the involvement of enslaved Africans, through to the wealthy clients and patrons, not only in the UK but all around the world. Gillows designed furniture and buildings for many occasions and purposes – chairs for the Houses of Parliament, lounges for liners, the Customs House in Lancaster and many more. The image here shows a ballroom of the 1920s designed by Gillows – you can see the original watercolour in the exhibition.



The Friends of JL Raffle 2023 was launched at the Summer Fair – please see attached poster for information about how you can take part and win the chance of the prize of a lifetime – a VIP Tour of the Judges' Lodgings for you and your chosen friends.

The Garden in June



The beginning of June was the time for planting out new items in the Garden – mid-to-end of June saw their blooming. It has become the ideal spot for relaxing during your tour



of the JL, for children to run around more uninhibitedly than inside and for parents to show off their prowess – and we hope winning – in the children's games set out there. You can access the Garden from the first floor by the Billiard Room or through the Tea-Room courtyard – mind the stone steps, but admire the stunning rose bush. (Thank you to Amy, Jenny and Roger for the images)



Coming Events

More good things coming up –

Saturday 1 July 12.00-3.00 – Victorian Pop-up Tea Room – enjoy delicious home-made cakes and bakes, with tea, coffee or cold drinks. Cash and card donations welcome. All proceeds go to the support and maintenance of the Judges' Lodgings – please give generously.

Saturday and Sunday 8-9 July Dino Fest at the JL – Dino poo and Dino slime – learn all about them 11.00-4.00 on Saturday and Sunday – £2.00 per child. See attached poster.

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Sunday 16 July 6.30pm-8.30pm – Friends’ Summer Concert – a concert of classical music in the JL Dining Room. See the attached flier for programme and details of the concert. You can book tickets online <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CNAN> . Tickets are £10.00 for members of the Friends of JL and £12.00 for non-members. Tickets are limited, so book now.

Friday 28 July, 12.00 noon – Friday Lunchtime Talk – The Curious Case of Ephraim Montgomery – Convict for Australia. Tickets £4.00 to include entrance to the JL and tea/coffee refreshments at the talk. You can book ahead -call 01524 581241 or email judgeslodgings@lancashire.gov.uk

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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