

Summing up... the newsletter of the

Friends of Lancaster Judges' Lodgings Museum

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Chair's Report

I hope you enjoyed the 1st edition of the new look Judges' Lodgings (JL) newsletter and thanks to Nick Smith, the Vice Chair of the Friends Committee for putting it all together. Following recent discussion we have decided to produce the newsletter so it ties in with school holiday activities etc. So, the other two editions this year will be the end of July and middle of October.

Your committee has met twice since the newsletter. One of our main aims is to try and increase the Friends membership, which is great value, at only £10 per person and gets you free entry to the Museum and discount off some items in the shop. Please join if you haven't already and support this amazing building and its heritage as a central building in the story of Lancaster. To join the Friends or to find out more information, please look on our website

www.lancasterjudgeslodgings.org.uk or email secretary@lancasterjudgeslodgings.org.uk

The replica food for the Dining Room Table has been ordered and should be enhancing the Gillow Table by the end of June. A welcome addition to the room. Come and see them and look out for photos in Latest News on our website.

The banner to advertise the Victorian Tearoom is drawing in the crowds for the monthly tearoom and thanks again to Jack Knight for designing it and getting it printed.

We are delighted that we are now able to sell a new image of The Judges' Lodgings by local artist, Kim Leong. These delightful cards are available in the Judges' Lodgings Shop or via our website at the cost of £2 per card or 3 for £5.

The on line raffle will be up and running soon and tickets can be purchased via the website for the excellent prize of a personal tour by Jack, the Butler. More information later in the Newsletter.

The Summer Soiree for our dear friend and colleague Sue Widden is now planned for Thursday 1st August and again more information is available later in the newsletter.

Thanks to all the committee and readers of this newsletter for being interested and supporting the work of the Friends of the Judges' Lodgings Museum.

Catherine Fatkin, Chair of the Friends

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A Summer Soirée in memory of Sue Widden

Join us on 1st August to celebrate the life of Sue Widden.

Sue played a huge role in the local community. She was dedicated to supporting Lancaster and its people and was closely associated with Citizens Advice North Lancashire, The Judges' Lodgings Museum, Lancaster District Textile and Stitch Group and Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service.

Sue was a formidable campaigner with a passion for people and social justice.

On Thursday 1st August at the Judges' Lodgings Museum in Lancaster from 6pm-8pm, Sue's family and friends invite you to join them to celebrate her life with live music and memories. You will have the chance to find out more about the organisations and charities close to Sue's heart and money raised that evening will go to these causes.


There will be light refreshments. Tickets are £10 and can be purchased online at www.trybooking.com/uk/DNYW




Donations

If you can't attend the Soirée but would still like to support the community organisations and charities close to Sue's heart, please do consider making a donation.

By using the ticket booking link above, you can instead choose to make a donation to the value of your choice, which will be split equally between the four organisations. Just click Book Now and choose the donation option.



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A SUMMER SOIRÉE TO CELEBRATE THE
LIFE OF SUE WIDDEN




1ST AUGUST 2024

AT THE JUDGES' LODGING MUSEUM, LANCASTER
6PM-8PM

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC AND MEMORIES
OF SUE AND HER IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY.

TICKETS £10 - MONEY RAISED WILL GO
TO CAUSES CLOSE TO SUE'S HEART

RSVP at trybooking.com/uk/DNYW



From the Garden...

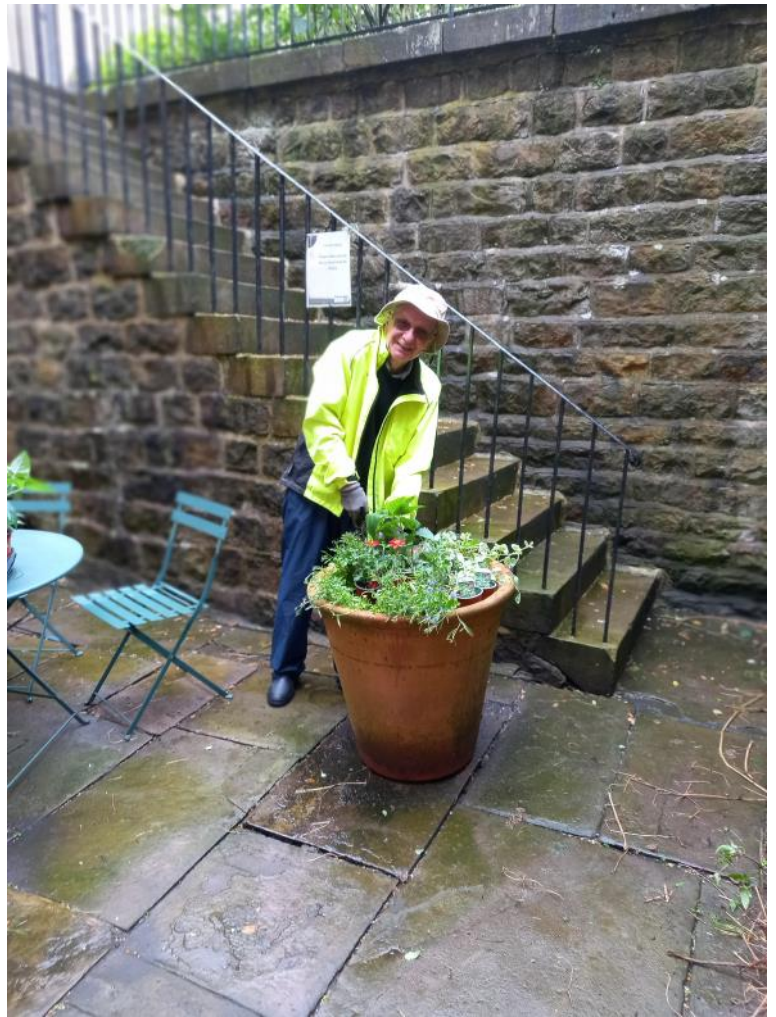
Since the last Newsletter in mid-March 2024, the weather has, unfortunately, continued to disrupt some of our planned garden work.

However, on the 23rd May, we were delighted to be able to spend a busy morning not only weeding the path and beds, but also welcoming the arrival of trays of plants for us to put into the beds and pots. The purchase of the plants this year was enabled by a grant, for which we are most grateful, from the Eric Wright Charitable Trust.

The recent mixture of rain and sun has meant that additional colour is now brightening up the garden for the many visitors who venture up the steps from the courtyard. Regular grass cutting has also encouraged some interesting games of croquet.

If you are able, do visit the garden, where we hope you will enjoy some time relaxing in the sunshine.

The Garden Team



Join the Friends and help the Judges' Lodgings

The Friends' Committee would be delighted if you would consider becoming a Friend of the Judges' Lodgings, thus enabling increased support to this wonderful Museum. Members receive free entry and other discounts.

Membership forms and further details can be found on the Friends' website at lancasterjudgeslodgings.org.uk



Text BUTLER to 70215 to Win a VIP Visit!

Jack Knight (in his very entertaining guise of the Judges' butler) will once again be conducting a VIP tour of the Judges' Lodgings for the winner of our 2024 raffle and up to nine of their friends. After a sparkling drinks reception the lucky party will enjoy an informative and entertaining guided stroll through the rooms of Lancaster's most opulent house.

Simply text the word BUTLER to 701215 to donate £3 and receive a ticket.

Last year's VIP tour raffle raised over £400 for the JL, and the prize was enjoyed by a happy group of Lancastrians as a pre-Christmas treat. This year, it could be you!

Text BUTLER to 70215 - entry instructions will follow in reply. Competition entrants must be 18 or over. Receive one prize draw entry for every £3 donated. No donation necessary. Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message. Competition closes at 23:59 on 31 October 2024. Donations made after this time will not be entered into the draw, but you may still be charged. Winner will be drawn at random on 1 November 2024 and announced shortly afterwards. The results are final and no correspondence will be entered into. The date of the tour will be arranged between the winner and the museum. This contest is promoted by the Lancaster Judges' Lodgings Museum Trust, registered charity 1171209 and uses the donation services of donr.com



Tour of the Lancashire Conservation Studios

The Friends have arranged a tour of the Lancashire Conservation Studios in Preston, taking place on 16 October at 1pm.

Our tour, lasting approximately two hours with plenty of opportunity for questions, will give Friends an insight into the expert work of Lancashire County Council's Conservation Unit which provides specialist conservation services to the Judges' Lodgings and other institutions throughout the country and beyond.

The Unit comprises professionally qualified specialists in the care of easel paintings, sculpture, natural history, decorative arts and objects.

Tickets are free, and may be booked by visiting www.trybooking.com/uk/DPMP

Pop-up Victorian Tea Room - can YOU help?

Our Pop Victorian Tea Room continues through the summer, which means we're looking for volunteers to help out on:

Saturday 6th July,

Saturday 3rd August, and

Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th of September (Heritage Open Days weekend).

There is a small team who run the tea rooms but we could do with more volunteers! We need help to set up from 10.00 am to 12.00, serve 12 – 3 pm and to clear away from 3 – 4 pm. We also need back room staff to wash up from 12 – 3 pm and of course cake bakers.

Could you give us a couple of hours of your time on a Saturday?

The tea rooms raised over £1,200 for the museum last year and it looks like they may do just as well this year. A great opportunity to help the Friends, have fun, get to know more like minded people as well as eat delicious homemade cakes!

Please contact me if you can offer your services for any of the other dates listed. Call on 07866 079577 or email mandywhitehoucelancaster@sky.com.

Mandy Whitehouse, Tea Room Co-Ordinator



New Card Commissioned

We are delighted that a very talented local artist Kim Leong has kindly donated a pen and ink image of The Judges' Lodgings Museum as the image on the new cards commissioned by The Friends. They are available in the Museum Shop for £2 each or 3 for £5.

Events at the Judges' Lodgings

style + **SENSIBILITY**

Regency Fashion **1800-1830s**

Step out in style with a new exhibition showcasing the best of Regency fashion.

27 June - 17 November 2024
Judges' Lodgings Museum

Opening Times: Thursday - Sunday,
11am - 4pm

Phone: 01524 581241
Email: judgeslodgings@lancashire.gov.uk

Address: Judges' Lodgings Museum,
Church Street,
Lancaster,
LA1 1YS



Lectures

Tickets £5, including refreshments. Book at bit.ly/EventsAtJudgesLodgings, call 01524 581241 or email judgeslodgings@lancashire.gov.uk

Antinous & Hadrian - 14 June, 12 noon

This is the story of the most famous gay couple in Roman history, the Emperor Hadrian and his young lover. Although perhaps better known for Hadrian's Wall, some ancient sources suggest that the emperor had several gay relationships before he met the handsome Antinous. In this talk Dr Colin Penny reveals the story of their relationship, of Hadrian's obsession with him, along with how and why Antinous came to be worshipped as a god throughout the Roman world.

Sex & Scandal? The Edward Gibbon Wakefield Case - 28th June, 12 noon

The story of scandal involved the abduction of wealthy heiress, 15 year old Ellen Turner by Edward Gibbon Wakefield. This shocking news was the talk of high society in 1827 when the perpetrator was brought to trial at Lancaster Castle. Dr Colin Penny reveals the true story of what happened to Ellen and her abductor.

From Morecambe Bay to Botany Bay - Convict Women - 26th July, 12 noon

Over 450 women and girls were transported to Australia from Lancaster Castle for crimes ranging from theft of a pan to manslaughter. A sentence of transportation meant to be cut off from family and friends for a life over the ocean, never to return. Local historian Naomi Parsons shares the stories of Lancashire women sent to the other side of the world.

Regency Dance & Music Performance - 30 June

Celebrate the opening weekend of our Style and Sensibility: Regency Costume exhibition with some "good old English country dances". Enjoy live music as the Regency Rejigged dance group move to tunes by the Regency Players, all in delightful costume.

Performances at 11.30am, 2pm and 3pm. Included in admission price, no booking required.

Dino Fest Dino Poo & Slime Making - 13 & 14 July

Back by popular demand! Celebrate all things prehistoric and poopy by making a pot of your own dinosaur gloop at Judges Lodgings. Plus spot our dinosaurs hidden around the museum and garden.

Family friendly, no booking required. £2 per child.

Free Summer Holiday Drop Ins

Drop in for free craft activities every Friday of school summer holidays. Includes Silhouette Portraits 26 July & 16 August, Hats & Fans 2 & 23 August, and Georgian Toys 9 & 30 August. No booking required.