

New Ventures...

GROW SHOW SHARE...



We've been talking about it for months and it is now a reality! Penarth used to have a Horticultural Show, sadly it no longer exists which is particularly unfortunate for a town that describes itself as 'The Garden by the Sea'. The Friends had a bright idea – why not have an informal fruit, veg and flower event in St Augustine's along the lines of the Christmas Tree Festival. So GSS was born and a small group is now deep into the final detail of how it will work.

'Plots' (1'6" x 2') can be booked on which participants may display anything they have grown, made (e.g. preserves or craft items connected with gardens). Competitions for children, and the event will be opened by Victoria Wade, Gold Medal winner at the recent RHS Show in Cardiff. Displays will be judged by the public and entry for visitors £3 on the door (children free).

If you would like to take part, just phone 02920 707828 or email: friendsofstaugustinespenarth@yahoo.co.uk



ABOVE ALL, SPREAD THE WORD!

Delyth demonstrating what can go on a 'Plot'

FRIENDS TO FRIENDS...

One of our very supportive members has come up with an idea about Friends talking on their hobbies, interests or work. Several people have offered talks which would be given informally, perhaps over a glass of wine/coffee. We hope to launch this in the Autumn

HABITAT AND HERITAGE – A big project in the pipeline..

St Augustine's has a commanding position standing in a large churchyard overlooking Cardiff and the mountains beyond. Beautiful, but the state of the churchyard is pitiful. Decaying tombs and graves



make some parts dangerous to walk through and the cost of upkeep is growing. A little while back Judith Martin-Jones (whose background is in planning and conservation), and I went on a day organised by 'Caring for God's Acre'. We were inspired by how churchyards could be transformed into places of interest, beauty, heritage and protection for wildlife and plants.

We went to our committee and put forward a plan. They agreed that our churchyard has the potential to become a place where, with careful planning, small areas could be left for wildlife, paths and openings created for visiting and sitting, and the more historic tombs and graves identified and listed. Joseph Parry's tomb is an excellent example.



Joseph Parry's Tomb

The Parochial Church Council are behind this idea and the next big step will be to consult and involve the community. Even before this, however, we need to know if the project is viable. At this very moment we are waiting to hear if Environment Wales have awarded us a grant to carry out a survey and feasibility study. Watch this space and tell us what you think.

NEWS IN BRIEF...

Trip to Oxford 12th August

Few places left – phone 02920 707828/email triciagriffiths65@yahoo.co.uk

Friends help for St Augustine's

We helped with the costs of scaffolding to repair the roof and with the repair of the noticeboard. Also bought two display cupboards.

Website will soon be up and running again at:

www.friendsofstaugustines.org.uk

HOUSEKEEPING... A few people have not paid their subscriptions for this year. Anyone wanting to remain a member of the Friends, please contact the treasurer: Richard Griffiths – email richardgriffiths473@btinternet.com or phone 02920 707828. Emailing saves money! If you have an email address, do let us know.

We welcome help... We are always looking for volunteers and there are lots of ways people can help. If you have a little time to spare and would like to steward, serve drinks, deliver mail, or become a 'floating helper', let us know. If **Habitat and Heritage** goes ahead, there will be some exciting opportunities for volunteers of all ages.

THANKS – FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND INTEREST WITHOUT WHICH THE FRIENDS WOULD NOT EXIST!