

Open Door Days..

Chris Williams has gathered a keen team together which now opens St Augustine's to the general public four times a month: 1st and 3rd Weds (2 – 4pm) last Sat (10.30am – 12noon) & 1st Sun (2 – 4pm) It is hoped to open on a 5th day in 2015.

Visitors have come from far and wide – most are staggered at what lies inside the grey exterior!

Fruit, Flower and Veg Festival next year?

A celebration of all the wonderful things we grow in Penarth with competitions for children and entries voted on by visitors. A first for St Augustine's and possibly rather good fun!



It would be a little like the Christmas Tree Festival with entries displayed either side of the Church but with no lights!

Any thoughts on this new idea?

Farewell... Canon Roger Williams will be retiring in February and going to live in Usk. He has been supportive of the Friends from the start and we wish him and his wife, Prue, every happiness in their new life.

Sad news David Hoare, one of the first people to join the Friends, died in October. David loved St Augustine's which he had attended with his twin brother Don for many years. We send our sympathy to his widow Glenys, his twin brother Don and to the family.

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Programme arranged so far...

Thursday, 11th December 7pm in The Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth.

Field Hospitals in Afghanistan – an illustrated talk by Lt Col Caroline Whittaker who has first-hand experience in this area. No entry charge, but donations if wished.

AGM – immediately after the above followed by refreshments. Anyone wishing to stand for The committee, please let Tricia know (contact details below)

FRANK ROPER

December 12th 2014 marks the centenary of the birth of Frank Roper the illustrious artist, many of whose sculptures and windows are in churches in South Wales including St Augustine's. To celebrate this event there is to be a Service of Commemoration at Llandaff Cathedral at 5.30 that day. This will be preceded at 4.30 by an illustrated talk and tour of the building to view some of Roper's finest works. All are welcome.

2015

Thursday, 12th March, 7pm in the Parish Hall
Alan Thorne speaking about ' Churches in Penarth'
Entry on the door: £5 full: £4 Friends

Late September – Fruit, Flowers and Veg Festival –
See details elsewhere in this leaflet.

A concert at some point in the year

**THANKS TO EVERYONE – HELPERS, FRIENDS,
CHURCH SITTERS, PERFORMERS AND THE
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Friends of St Augustine's



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A day for remembering and to remember...

On Sunday, 3rd August, people from across Penarth and beyond gathered to commemorate the outbreak of WW1 and to witness the re-dedication of the newly conserved Roll of Honour.

The Archbishop of Wales, The most Revd Barry



Morgan re-dedicated the Roll of Honour and the service was led by the Rector, Canon Roger Williams. Among the many guests were Lady

Clarissa Egleston a direct descendant of Lady Windsor who had St Augustine's built in 1866 Dr Peter Beck the Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan, Cllr Martin Turner, the Town Mayor, and many relatives of some of the men named on the Roll. A retiring collection raised £838.72 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Remembering in a different way..

Poems and Pints On 2nd August, people packed into the back room in the Windsor Arms and listened with respect and some emotion as a selection of poems from WW1 were read, and accounts were given of four of those whose names are on the Roll of Honour in St Augustine's

Earlier in the summer on 12th July, young and old gathered in Windsor Gardens to hear **Brass in the Park**. The Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band looked so at home in the Victorian Bandstand! They played songs and melodies from the WW1 period. Many people remarked how wonderful it was to have the stand used for its original purpose and wondered if we could do something similar again...perhaps if anyone would like to offer help with the organisation...



Never mind the damp, the band's back in the park, let's settle down, picnic and enjoy a rare treat!

Roll of Honour conservation completed on time. Some of us were a little nervous about whether the conservation would be completed in time for the service in August. We needn't have worried, Kath Haslam and her colleague Sarah Warburton finished before the end of May. Even this small photo gives some impression of just how good it looks.



Nineteen people with connections to names on the Roll of Honour attended the Service of Rededication. One couple came forward after seeing the interview with Tricia on ITN News. They were keen to share information about their relative, George Guy.

It is hoped that recent publicity will prompt more people to contact the Friends, by phone 029 2115 2723: or email: friendsofstaugustinespenarth@yahoo.com.

Other events this summer and autumn..

On 18th May, Robert Court gave a fascinating and informative talk/recital on the inner workings of pipe organs. The versatility of our great William Hill organ was shown off to great effect. How very lucky we are to have both Robert and this wonderful instrument at St Augustine's!



On 19th June, we publicised a choral concert given by the Caritas Choir, conducted by Lindsay Gray. In return we were

rewarded by a feast of Renaissance music and a donation towards our funds.

The 23rd November was a real red letter day for the Friends. 'Four Hands, Four Feet' came to St Augustine's! Around 130 people heard Robert Court and Jeff Howard work miracles in duets and various combinations on the

organ, electric piano and iPad. It was truly memorable – one of the audience said “the best concert I've ever been to” (we think she has been going to concerts for over 60 years!), and one young enthusiast said he would now ask his parents for piano lessons! Thanks Robert and Jeff and please come again..

**Money raised over the last six months on events:
£1,941.**



Thanks to an idea suggested by Andy Davison, and a generous gift of bulbs from Ann Lush, we should have daffodils 'fluttering and dancing in the breeze' alongside the entrance to the Church in the Spring. Please, Mr Grass Cutter, don't chop off the leaves and dead heads next year!

Friend to Friends...

We have been in existence for just two years and what a time we have had! The Roll is conserved, we have had some excellent events and wonderful concerts. Above all, I will remember with great respect the Commemoration Service in August and the Rededication of the Roll of Honour. Kathleen Guy is leaving the committee at the AGM but we are all delighted that she will continue her excellent work researching the histories of some of the men named on the Roll. So many thanks, Kathleen, for all your hard work.

We are planning a quieter year to come, but several of us are keen on the Fruit, Flowers and Veg idea which will involve gardeners, flower arranging and I hope, a lot of children. Do say if you are interested and/ or would like to help..

Thank you all for your continued support and we hope to see you at the AGM and talk on 11th December.

Tricia Griffiths