

Looking back over 2015...a year of memorable events..

'Lost Lives Remembered'



on 4th July when everyone involved in the gathering of the histories of men on the Roll of Honour, came together for talks, exhibitions and lunch. A superbly organised event which was much enjoyed.

Kathleen Guy talking about the ongoing Lost Lives Project

Later that day, an appreciative audience heard Jonathan Parkin playing classical guitar.



Grow Show Share – much to our delight, and slightly to our surprise, it all came together and was a great success. Look out for another GSS this July.



Opening GSS, The Mayor, Cllr Rosemary Cook & Victoria Wade



Overall 'best in show' Lizzie Davies

Jazz in July – The Tudor Rhythm Kings got several feet tapping in July.

'**Four Hands, Four Feet**' was yet another triumph of dexterity and musicianship by Robert Court and Jeffrey Howard in November.

The Oxford Trip in August - We finally made it! A most enjoyable day which included visiting two Butterfield buildings: St Barnabas at Horton-cum-Studley and Keble College Oxford. The day finished with a good supper at the Glendale.

Programme

AGM and talk on Frank Roper by Ilse Fisher. Thursday, 25th Feb, 7.00pm
The Parish Hall, Albert Road

'The Building of St Augustine's'
Saturday, 9th April, 2.30pm
Parish Hall, Albert Road
Alan Thorne

£5 on the door to include refreshments.

GROW SHOW SHARE
Saturday 9th July 11am – 4.30pm &
Sunday 10th July 12noon – 4.30pm
in St Augustine's Church
The growers and makers of Penarth
Show us what they're made of!

'Voices from Mametz Wood - July 1916'
Lecture by Dr Jonathan Hicks
Saturday, 16th July 6.30pm
The Parish Hall, Albert Road
£5 on the door

Dedication of the History of the Roll of Honour
In St Augustine's
Sunday, 17th July (during the 10.30am service)

Forthcoming concerts in
St Augustine's (not Friends events)

February 28th 6pm - Cardiff Ardwyn Singers (Festival Concert for St David's Day) £10/ £5 under 18
May 10th 7.30pm - Latvian Radio Choir (Vale of Glamorgan Festival)
May 18th 1pm – Organ Recital by Robert Court with Joe Zalba Smith (flute) (Vale of Glamorgan Festival)

Tickets for all the above concerts on the door

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Happy Birthday St Augustine's!

This year it is 150 years since St Augustine's was dedicated on 11th September, 1866. The first stone was laid on 7th June, 1865 and everyone, from William Butterfield to the bricklayers must have worked very fast to get it completed in 15 months!

During the year, there will be various events to mark this anniversary, starting on 9th April with a talk on the Building of St Augustine's by Alan Thorne. The Parish is organising a Flower Festival over the weekend of 11/12 June (the Friends will be helping with a display about the history of the church). In September there will be a service of celebration – details will be announced later.



St Augustine's in 19th century



St Augustine's in 21st century

This aerial photo gives a rather different impression of St Augustine's. It was taken during the ecological survey of the churchyard last year.



Looking forward...

AGM and FRANK ROPER



Not many people enjoy Annual General Meetings, but ours is going to be rather special. Apart from electing the new committee and thanking three hard-working members who are standing down (Andrew Davison, Delyth Williams and Petra Aydin Barberini), there will be a talk on the sculptor Frank Roper by Ilse Fisher. Frank Roper's

work is widely known and respected, and for some time he lived and worked in Penarth. Do come along on **Thursday, 25th February, 7pm in the Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth.**

GROW SHOW SHARE

After several false starts, sleepless nights and near misses, Grow Show Share came together so well we could hardly believe it! Most difficult was getting the idea across of an event that was part horticultural, part craft with a large helping of humour and fun. So, we're doing it again, this time earlier in the year so there will be more produce around to display. Start planting, planning and plotting for the weekend of 10th and 11th July. Anyone wanting more information, please email:

friendsofstaugustinepenarth@yahoo.co.uk or phone: 02920 707828.

HISTORY OF THE ROLL OF HONOUR

The leather-bound edition of this history of the Roll is finished, and it is a beautiful piece of craftsmanship, both in terms of the printing and binding. More importantly, the content provides a compelling story of our remarkable Arts and Crafts memorial, researched and written with meticulous care by Kathleen Guy and Chris Higley to whom we owe a great debt of thanks. This history is

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our gift to future generations and it is fitting that it will be kept in a purpose made display cabinet in St Augustine's. The History will be dedicated during the morning service which starts at 10.30am. on 16th July. Copies of the History are available to buy for £5 – email: friendsofstaugustinespenarth@yahoo.co.uk or phone 02920 707828

LECTURE ON MAMETZ WOOD

Early in July 1916 hundreds of Welshmen died in the Battle of Mametz Wood, some were from Penarth. Dr Jonathan Hicks has made a particular study of this part of WW1. 100 years on, he will be giving a lecture entitled 'Voices from Mametz Wood 1916'. This event is part of our ongoing commemoration of WW1. Saturday, 16th July, 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. £5 on the door.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST DOCHDWY'S

Llandough is also celebrating the 150th anniversary since St Dochdwy's was built. During the second week of July there will be a number of celebratory events – do look out for them and, if you don't know St Dochdwy's, go up and look round. It is a lovely church and will remind you in some ways of the inside of St Augustine's. 1865/6 must have been a bonanza time for local builders !

OPEN CHURCH

The team of church sitters continue to keep the church open for visitors on a regular basis. Numbers vary – particularly when the weather is bad. However, the visitors who do come are hugely appreciative and from time to time we get people coming in groups. During the summer we had the Victorian Society come and it was good to see a group of experts so clearly delighted by Butterfield's handiwork here in Penarth!

Open days are: 1st and 3rd Weds 2 – 4pm, last Sat 10.30am – 12 noon and 1st Sun 2 – 4pm

New recruits are always welcome – contact Chris Williams on: 02920 703084 or email: chriswilliams43@gmail.com

FROM THE TREASURER- Richard Griffiths

Our finances are in a healthy state. I was particularly pleased to receive £714 in Gift Aid before Christmas and annual membership subscriptions are coming in gradually. A full report on the finances will be made at the AGM and I am happy to provide copies to anyone unable to attend.

FRIENDS HELP FOR ST AUGUSTINE'S

We have recently contributed £500 towards the cost of the repair of the West Window, have bought a display cabinet and are buying a rotating leaflet rack.

WEBSITE www.friendsofstaugustines.org.uk

This is now up and running so please use it to keep up to date with events and news. Many thanks to Linda Guilfoyle for her expertise in keeping the site up to date.

HABITAT AND HERITAGE COMMUNITY PROJECT

The ecological survey is complete and we have an active committee chaired by Andrew Davison to take this project forward. The immediate focus is on installing bird and bat boxes (£30 each if anyone would like to sponsor one). Then we are looking at grass cutting regimes, and deciding where to establish 'natural paths'. The group is going to apply for grants to get the project going and to help with the overall planning. Nature walks will be advertised shortly.

LASTLY, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND INTEREST.