



# Friends of St Peter & All Hallows Church West Huntspill

## Newsletter Issue 2 - Winter 2020

Welcome to the Winter edition of our quarterly Newsletter, we hope you find it interesting. If you have any comments, or would like to contribute to future editions, contact details are at the end of the Newsletter.

### **Our First Event –Skittles at the Orchard Inn**

The Skittles Night at the Orchard Inn on 16<sup>th</sup> November was a great success. Nearly 40 people enjoyed a sociable and fun evening and a total of £151.68 was raised for the fund.

Following the tasty and plentiful buffet, a game of knock-out skittles was played with some skill and lots of enthusiasm. We had many requests to repeat this event in the future, so watch this space!

### **Membership target met!**

In the last newsletter, we said that we had set ourselves the target of having 100 members by the end of 2019. We are very pleased to announce that we finished the year with 104 members! Thank you to all of you.

### **~~~ Future Events for your diary ~~~**

#### **Coffee Morning, 10 a.m. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February at the Balliol Hall**

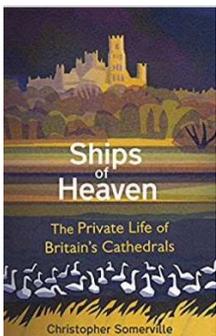
There will also be a Raffle, Bottle Stall and a Bring and Buy stall.

We would be very grateful to receive donations of cakes and if you have anything suitable for a Raffle prize or any bottle of any size or content for the Bottle Stall or for the Bring and Buy stall (maybe even an unwanted Christmas present) please telephone Ann (01278 794927) or Janet (01278 229379) before Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Entry £3 to include a hot drink and a cake. Under 10's free.

#### **Talk “Ships of Heaven” by West Country author Christopher Somerville**

#### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2 p.m. at the Balliol Hall**



We are very excited to be able to present this event in West Huntspill. Christopher Somerville has had some 40 books published. His most recent books are *Ships of Heaven – The Private Life of Britain's Cathedrals*, and *The January Man – a Year of Walking Britain*, which was shortlisted for the 2017 Wainwright Prize.

A theme that runs through his work is exploration of the countryside on foot and at slow pace, with an emphasis on obscure, remote and disregarded places. He contributes the weekly 'A Good Walk' feature to the Saturday Times.

Tickets in advance: Members £8, Non-Members £10 (including a cream tea) available from the Membership Secretary or from our website (see contact details at the end of the Newsletter)

## **Concert at the Church – Richard Lennox Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 7:30 p.m.**

Richard is an exciting and innovative classical crossover Pianist and Organist and we are delighted to announce that he is bringing his unique brand of music to the Church. This virtuoso musician plays everything from Bach to The Beatles, musical theatre to rock and roll, and just about everything in between!

He has worked extensively in theatre, cabaret and major concert venues across the UK and Europe, including the Royal Albert Hall.

Tickets in advance: Members £8, Non-Members £10 available from the Membership Secretary or through our website (see contact details at the end of the Newsletter).

## **3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 Talk – The Lost Treasures of the Knights Templar**

Details to follow in the Spring Newsletter.

***WE ARE PLANNING ADDITIONAL EVENTS, SO KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE OR THE SPRING NEWSLETTER WHICH WILL BE ISSUED IN APRIL.***

## **The importance of your Membership**

Although the PCC have secured an initial grant from the Lottery Heritage Fund, this will only enable them to engage the skilled professionals needed to start the planning process. Much, much more funding will be required to deliver the necessary repairs and improvements to the building and the process will take several years.

Whilst the Friends clearly cannot hope to raise anything like the additional funds required, it can only benefit the PCC's efforts to secure further grants if we can demonstrate that the community at large value this building and are willing to contribute towards saving it, whether or not we choose to use it as a place of worship.

Please encourage your family and friends to join the Friends of St Peter and All Hallows Church, particularly if they were married or baptised there. Remember, members will get a discount for some ticketed events and membership fees will go towards securing the future of the Church building. People can now join via our website at <https://friendsofspaahc.org> or by contacting the Membership Secretary, Janet Hill.

## **Get involved**

We now have an events committee who will work together to plan and deliver a variety of community social events which we hope will appeal to a wide range of ages and interests. If you would like to join this committee or have ideas for events that we can put on, please e-mail us at the address below or contact any of the members of the Council. If you do not want to join a committee but would be willing to help at events, e.g. the Coffee Morning, please let us know.

If you have an email account but have received a paper copy of this Newsletter, please help us keep costs down and let us know your email address so that we can contact you by e-mail in future.

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