

## THE FRIENDS OF DORCHESTER ABBEY

### SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016



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### Annual General Meeting

The 2016 AGM will take place on Monday June 6 at 6.45 p.m. in the Shrine Chapel.

The meeting will be followed by supper provided by the White Hart in the back of the Abbey (£25 including wine). All members of the Friends and the Beauforest Society are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting. If you intend to stay for supper please return the attached reply slip to Yvonne Lawden by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Friends Outing to Llandaff Cathedral and St Fagan's, South Wales, Monday 9 May 2016

The outing will include a visit to St Fagan's Open Air Natural History Museum and a guided tour of Llandaff Cathedral followed by tea and cake. St

### Current Trustees (all honorary)

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Fagan's Natural History Museum was opened in 1948 and has over 40 re-erected original buildings of all periods and all types, on a beautiful 100 acre site in the grounds and gardens of St Fagan's castle. A unique building, St Teilo's Church, shows how a church would have looked just before the Reformation. There is a traditional 1930s tea room on site.

Transport will be provided from Dorchester leaving the Bridge End car park at 8.30 a.m. to arrive in Llandaff at 11 a.m. The coach will leave Llandaff for the home trip at 5.00 p.m. and, traffic permitting, will arrive back in Dorchester by 7.30 p.m.

Cost is £25 per person for Friends of the Abbey, which includes coach travel, a guided tour of the Cathedral followed by tea and cakes. Cost for those who are not Friends of the Abbey is £27 per person.

If you would like to come, please send a cheque for £25.00 per person, payable to 'The Friends of Dorchester Abbey', with your name, address and phone number to:

Mrs Yvonne Lawden, 9 Queens Close, Dorchester-on-Thames, Wallingford, OX10 7LR  
by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

[Please note: you will not be sent tickets or a receipt, if you have any queries please phone Yvonne Lawden on 01865 340465, or Honor Juniper on 01865 343228]

Further information will be sent to participants before the visit.

We are very grateful, as always, to Yvonne Lawden for arranging these outings.

## **The 2016 Dorchester Lecture Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m.**

Sir Charles Pollard QPM

### **40 years of tackling crime and terrorism in London and Thames Valley.**

We are very honoured that Sir Charles Pollard has agreed to give the 2016 Dorchester Lecture. He is an eminent figure, both nationally and internationally, in the policy and practice of policing in contemporary society. Sir Charles began his career at the age of 19 in 1964 as a constable in the Metropolitan Police and undertook the accelerated promotions course at Bramshill Police College. From there he took an LLB at University of Bristol supported by a Bramshill Scholarship. Through the 1970s and 1980s he pursued a successful career policing in London and Sussex and in 1991 was appointed Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, the largest non-metropolitan force in the country, covering Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire and a population of over 2 million.

He retired in 2002 but still works in the Justice system today.

His talk will include his personal experiences of the policing of public disorder and terrorism, in which circumstances caused him to become somewhat of a specialist, including:

- Policing disorder
- the "Winter of Discontent" picket lines in London in 1978
- the anti-racist protest demos during the 1979 General Election campaign in which a protester Blair Peach was tragically killed
- the Blackbird Leys 'car racing' disturbances of 1991
- the anti-road protests at the Newbury Bypass in 1995
- Tackling terrorism
- Protecting Oxford Street from IRA bombs & bullets in 1975-76
- the Balcombe Street siege in Paddington in 1975
- the Iranian Embassy siege at Prince's Gate in 1980
- the Brighton Bomb - Grand Hotel, Brighton 1984 – aimed at assassinating the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher
- Policing the unexpected – the Hungerford Shooting Incident 1987

He will also cover his national Chief Constable role in arguing for reform of the Criminal Justice System.

This promises to be a very stimulating, relevant and fascinating talk and we look forward to welcoming Friends and their friends to this annual event.

## **Music in Dorchester Abbey**

The Abbey provides an excellent place to enjoy music and a great acoustic for both instrumentalists and singers. There is always a rich programme of events, which includes a regular programme by John Lubbock's Orchestra of St John's (OSJ) and the Benson Choral Society. Future Events include:

**May 14**, The London Chorus in Dorchester Abbey, a fantastic programme of Baroque music in memory of Douglas Jupp. The programme includes Handel Dettingen Te Deum, Zadok the priest, The King shall rejoyice, and J.S Bach Air on the G String, Telemann's Tempo Giusto and Zipoli's Elevazione. The Instruments of Time and Truth will be conducted by Ronald Corp. The concert will raise funds for Parkinson's UK.

**June 18**, 7.30 p.m. Benson Choral Society Summer concert Carl Orff Carmina Burana and Leonard Bernstein Chichester Psalms.

## **Beauforest Society**

The Beauforest Society was established to support fundraising to help to preserve the fabric of the Abbey. We are all aware that Dorchester Abbey is an ageing building, built for the most part in the 14<sup>th</sup> century and is therefore continually in need of maintenance and repair. A central role for the Friends is to support the PCC with funds (and on occasion expertise and effort) for restoration and maintenance projects. The Beauforest Society, in its turn, provides additional support to initiatives to preserve the fabric of this wonderful building.

So named after Richard Beaufort who purchased the Abbey Church of St Peter and St Paul at the time of the dissolution of the monasteries for £140; this was said to be the price of the lead on the roof. He presented the Church to the parish of Dorchester in 1554 together with 'twenty shillings for the reparations'. A wonderful gift, and an enormous responsibility.

The subscription for membership of the Beauforest Society is £100 a year for four years.

Beauforest members receive the Friends of Dorchester Abbey Newsletter, and an annual Beauforest event is planned in the autumn each year to ensure that members have the opportunity to be fully involved in activities in the Abbey.

Many thanks to all those who signed up for Beauforest membership, and who have enabled the Friends to support the PCC in important projects. This is a great way to support Dorchester Abbey. Additional Beauforest members are always welcome: please contact the Chairman Richard Dick for further details.



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### **Booking form for the trip to Llandaff and St Fagan's Natural History Museum on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 leaving at 8.30am**

I would like to book ..... places for the visit to Llandaff and St Fagan's

£25.00 for Friends £27.00 for non Friends for coach travel, Abbey guided tour, tea and cakes

I enclose a cheque made out to 'The Friends of Dorchester Abbey' for £.....

Your name .....

Your phone number ..... Email address:

#### **Please return this booking form with your cheque to:**

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**by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April.** [Please note: you will not be sent tickets or a receipt, if you have any queries please phone Yvonne Lawden on 01865 340465 or email: [y.m.lawden@gmail.com](mailto:y.m.lawden@gmail.com)]

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### **Booking form for the AGM of the Friends of Dorchester Abbey, followed by supper and a glass of wine on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

I would like to book ..... places for the AGM, and supper and enclose a cheque made out to 'The Friends of Dorchester Abbey' for £..... (£25.00pp)

Your name .....

Your phone number ..... Email address:

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