

Walpole Old Chapel Annual Newsletter 2018



The chapel is in the care of the Historic Chapels Trust (Charity Commission No.1017321).

Welcome to the 2018 newsletter from secretaries Phil and Linda Stevens – their second in the job.

2017 WOC is now fully registered as an official participant of Heritage Open Days so we can expect more visitors this September. Talks, music events and group visits were at the core of our season in 2017.

Our year ended with the popular candle-lit Carols and Readings for Christmas service which was as usual very well-attended. The grounds of the chapel continue to be improved thanks to Anne's continuing good work with the Community Payback team.

The programme at the chapel is evolving with some success, which our Treasurer may or may not confirm. Certainly, we have attracted new audiences, but as the number of activities increases there is increased pressure on our tiny group of willing volunteers. We welcome the addition of Lin le Versha, Rob Gildon, Sally MacDonald, Dorothy Casey and Christopher Leggett to the local group which is a real boost for us. There is now a real dilemma between growing the programme and the capacity of the local group to cope.

I am sure all friends of the chapel will mourn the sad death of architect Brian Morton, a close friend and active supporter of our work.

2018

The programme continues to grow (see below). The work with the Snape Malting Concert Hall team continues with a joint performance featuring **Group A** and the Cambewell **Community Choir** in July.

The Snape Festival has also confirmed a residency in July with the early music group, **CHROMA**, featuring an early evening concert at the end of the week. This is a prestigious booking for the chapel and continues the good work with Snape.

Wonderful Beast, a well-regarded Aldeburgh-base theatre group, has also booked a residency later in July followed by a performance at tea time on the Sunday.

A play reading in costume, also in July, by Anne Boileau's players, entitled '**Martin and Katharina**,' based on Anne's book on the wife of Martin Luther. Anne will be on hand to sign copies of her book following the playreading.

The ever-popular William Summers's **LOKI** musicians again offer three concerts this year, while the Waveney Brass Band will hope to repeat their triumph of last summer. The Café Poets, Helen Rolfe and the Suffolk Poetry Society all return for 2018. In addition, we have a planned visit by the Halesworth U3A Church Crawlers.

Finally we would like to express our huge gratitude for an anonymous legacy of £1000 and the contribution to chapel funds of £1,134 from sales at the Linda Holmes Retrospect Exhibition. Legacies such as these contribute greatly towards the preservation of the chapel for future generations.

2018 – Diary of events

JUNE

Thursday 7th – 1.30pm

Visit by Friends of Woodbridge Museum

Sunday 24th -3pm

Annual Service

Saturday 30th- 5pm

Words and music with Lucy Hughes Hallett, Julia Blackburn and Rob Gildon

JULY

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th

Snape Music residency 'CHROMA'
Combination of ancient and modern music featuring the international gamba player, Liam Burns, culminating in a concert on Friday (details tba)

Saturday 7th - 7.30pm

Concert with GROUP A and the CAMBERWELL COMMUNITY CHOIR

Sunday 8th - 3pm

Reading of Anne Boileau's radio play 'Martin and Katharina' followed by signing of her book, 'Katharina Luther: Nun, Rebel, Wife'. Costume to be worn by the cast

Friday 13th- Sunday 15th -4pm

Wonderful Beast theatre performance

Wednesday 18th

Halesworth U3A Church Crawlers visit

Sunday 22nd - 3pm

LOKI concert: Follia perform music by Francois Couperin (and colleagues) in the 350th anniversary of his birth

AUGUST

Sunday 5th - 3pm

LOKI concert: 'Music from the Olden Times'
Songs and tunes from the publication of Elizabethan and folk music in 1858 together with variations on folk songs from the 17th century. Audience participation in well-known songs is welcome!

Sunday 19th- 3pm

Summer Tea with the Waveney Brass Band Ensemble

Sunday 26th – 2.30pm

Halesworth Cafe Poets – readings by local poets

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2nd - 3 pm

LOKI concert : 'Francois Couperin and his legacy'
Yat-Soon Yeo performs harpsichord music by the greatest performer and composer for the instrument of his day.

Friday 8th – 10th

Heritage Open Weekend

Sunday 16th tba

Suffolk Poetry Society

Saturday 29th - 10am

Peace Songs at Walpole led by Helen Rolfe. Join-in workshops

DECEMBER

Saturday 15th - 3.00pm

Carol & Readings for Christmas

All events start at 3pm unless otherwise stated

For the Loki Concerts on 22nd July, 5th August and 2nd September:

For online tickets please see www.lokimusic.co.uk/calendar

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