

Young Friends' Newsletter



July 2019

Update on Peregrines, parish boundaries and puddles

Thank you to all the Young Friends who sent in suggestions of names for the peregrine chicks. There were some amazing names to choose from and it is pretty clear that Young Friends are widely-read people.

If you have been following the blogspot on <https://abbeyperegrines.blogspot.com>

you may already know that, of the three eggs, two hatched successfully and were given the names Max and Matilda. Sadly, Max died but Matilda is doing very well.

Rogation Sunday was great fun and we kept quite dry, despite the frequent showers we have had recently. It was interesting to see what it looks like on the footpath through the culvert under the motorway and also to see where St James' Church used to stand in Walton Cardiff. Thank you to Fr Sebastian for leading the prayers and for bringing an impressive company of saints along with us.



The Young Friends hope that everyone has noticed how clean the Gage Gates

are looking now, after their spring clean. Again, the unpromising weather was kind to us and it was only the gates themselves that got a good soaking.

Thank you to the grown-up Friends who came to help and to also to everyone who put their loose change into our bucket, in aid of the work of the Friends of Tewkesbury Abbey.

Summer events with the Young Friends of Tewkesbury Abbey



The Friends' Festival will be on the 7th July. We are looking for two Young Friends to carry the Young Friends' Banner at each of the 9.15 and 11.00 am services. Please let me know if you can do this, by sending an email to youngfriends@friendsoftewkesburyabbey.org.uk

Don't forget that the Medieval Festival will be taking place in Tewkesbury during the weekend of the 13th -14th July. There will be lots of activities on the battlefield itself but you will be able to see the clergy, servers and choir in the Sunday morning procession, if you are not already taking part in it yourself.



August activities

Baking Lammas Bread

Lammas Bread is bread baked with flour from newly harvested wheat. It is often made in interesting shapes. Young Friends will meet in the Touching Souls tearoom at **3.30 pm on Thursday 1st August 2019** to make Lammas bread and learn more about the role of bread making in the history of Tewkesbury Abbey. There will be bread to taste and bread to take home so that you can impress your parents with your newly-developed, very artistic, baking skills. If you want to join us for this activity, please send an email to the address at the bottom of this page, by 20th July 2019.



Stained glass window workshop

Did you know that Tewkesbury Abbey has perhaps the finest collection of medieval stained glass in the country? Look out especially for the very rare green glass in the windows at the east end. The Abbey also has some exceptional stained glass from the Victorian and modern eras. Ellie March, our Friends' Scholar, will lead a stained glass workshop for you in the west end of the Abbey on **Wednesday 7th August, from 10.00am until 12.30 pm**. If you can join us for this event, please send an email to let me know, by the end of July.

Knitted monks craft morning

In September, some of the famous knitted monks will be on display again, to explain how the Medieval Monks of Tewkesbury Abbey helped to make Tewkesbury into a busy and influential market town. Audrey has knitted some very splendid aristocratic visitors for the Abbot to entertain and he wants to show them the Abbey's Chained Library! We need to make a chained library, as well as other accessories that will help to tell the story of the medieval abbey. Please come and join us at the west end of the Abbey on Wednesday 14th August, from 10.00am until 12.30pm.



Archaeology with Ellie

What would it be like, to be an archaeologist for a day? Ellie, the Friends' Scholar, is planning an archaeological survey of the Abbey grounds and she is inviting you to come and help. The site will be measured and marked out in squares and you will be able to walk the squares, carrying special machines that can see where the ground was disturbed, centuries ago, and locate remains that still lie below. This event will happen during mid-late August and but we're not sure of a date yet.

Tewkesbury Abbey has the biggest and liveliest group of Young Friends in the country and in October I will have an opportunity to lead a session about Young Friends at the Friends' National Conference in Peterborough. What do you think I should say? What things matter most to you about Young Friends? Let me know by sending an email to the address below. I look forward to seeing you all again soon. From Joanne

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