

# BEACON

The regular newsletter from the Development Office of Rochester Cathedral

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## Adventure Golf in the Cathedral Nave

Enjoy some informal networking while playing a round of adventure golf inside Rochester Cathedral's Medieval Nave

Rochester Cathedral Business Guild are opening the invitation to both our existing members and those who may be interested in joining us.



We will be joined for the evening by Marc 'The Force' Chapman, two-time World Crazy Golf Champion no less. Marc will show us his amazing crazy golf skills as well as help those less able to hit

a ball, and don't worry about the stained-glass windows as we will be using special balls.

We will be playing using the Rochester Cathedral standards rules which include that the deliberate play to hit another's ball utilising your own ball, is allowed. However, deliberate striking of another's ball with your putter is NOT allowed.

Occasionally an accidental hit may occur where the balls are very close together. Likewise, you may not strike your opponent with your putter. The round should take approximately 20 minutes.

There will be prizes for the best players along with some special booby prizes for those that could not even hit a barn door.

### How will the evening work:

- find two team mates, either colleagues or clients, we really don't mind
- think of a really good crazy golf name for your team
- send us your entry form with your preferred time so we can give you a tee off time
- come and join us for a glass of prosecco and learn about what the business guild now has to offer

I do hope you will join us for what is guaranteed to be a fun evening.

The Adventure Golf evening takes place on **Wednesday 28 August**. Light refreshments will be served.

To register please email [lynne.bax@rochestercathedral.org](mailto:lynne.bax@rochestercathedral.org)

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Pledges and gifts from 1 January to 30 June 2019 total **£164,031**

## Congratulations to our Dean, The Very Revd Dr Philip Hesketh



on his appointment as one of the new Kent Deputy Lieutenants.

Seven new Deputy Lieutenants of Kent have recently been appointed, each of them honoured for their positive contributions to the County and the Nation.

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Kent, Viscount De L'Isle CVO MBE said: "We welcome these exceptional new Deputy Lieutenants whose wide breadth of experience will further add to a strong team of men and women who help me support Her Majesty The Queen and her Family within the ceremonial county of Kent".

The Lieutenancy of Kent consists of the Lord-Lieutenant, Vice Lord-Lieutenant, and a maximum of 70 other Deputy Lieutenants, approximately one per 25,000 people.

The office dates back to Tudor times and was originally responsible for the County's local defence and maintenance of order. The role of the Lieutenancy is entirely non-political and unpaid.

Deputy Lieutenants come from all walks of life and all parts of the County. Their local and specialist knowledge and experience is used to positive effect in key areas ranging from education to youth services, and from the Volunteer Reserve Forces to business and the rural economy.

Duties include greeting and accompanying Royalty and Heads of State during official visits to the County, the presentation of honours and awards on behalf of the Crown, and participation in Citizenship ceremonies.

They advise on events potentially warranting Royal visits, on how local people can put forward others suitable for honours and on anniversaries warranting a message from The Queen. They also advise on how community organisations can gain recognition in The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Scheme. **Congratulations Phil!**

# Knife Angel coming to Rochester



The Knife Angel will be on display in the gardens at Rochester Cathedral  
**2 – 29 September 2019**

The Knife Angel is recognised as the National Monument against violence and aggression. It will be the focal point for 28 days of education, reflection, remembrance and prayer in Medway, as it provides a powerful visual symbol of the dangers of carrying a knife.

A collaboration between the Home Office, all 43 UK police constabularies, families of victims and the British IronWork Centre, this awe-inspiring piece is created from over 100,000 blunted and seized blades.

Dean Phillip Hesketh says: "We are fortunate to have the Knife Angel coming to Rochester Cathedral in September. It has already visited many other cathedrals and has provided a valuable opportunity to raise awareness of the devastating effects of knife crime. We hope that it will bring people together in Medway to address what is becoming a national crisis."

We will be running special sessions for any Medway school who wishes to visit it.

## Pinnacle Project Update

Those regular visitors to the cathedral will see that the old Pinnacle has come down and a new one is under construction.

The stones have all been numbered and it can be put together again so those of you that think it may make a rather nice ornament in your garden, please contact Rochester Cathedral Trust with your bid!

We would like to thank all our donors that have enabled this project particularly The Henry Oldfield Trust, The Smew Trust and a legacy that was dedicated to fabric. The profits from the ticket sales from the last Nave dinner also went towards this project as well as the numerous individuals at the dinner who also made donations. Our grateful thanks go to the Friends of Rochester Cathedral for their contribution.



Trust Chairman, Richard Oldfield, viewing the Pinnacle on 8 July 2019.

## Cathedral Trust Fundraising Projects

There are several projects that we are gathering funding for

### South Quire Clerestory



We need to make urgent repairs to the windows at high level in the South Quire Clerestory. The total budget price for the work is £65,000. We have just received a very generous grant of £45,000 from The Headley Trust which just leaves us £20,000 to find before we can start this project.

If you can help, please contact the Development Office.  
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There are other fabric projects in the pipeline including work to the projects in the Quire ceiling and the vaults above (£110,000) and urgent repairs to the windows and ferramenta (£54,000) Vault and South Clerestory that also need urgent attention, as well as the glazing. These are currently unfunded and, after work to the South Quire Clerestory has been completed, will be our next priority.

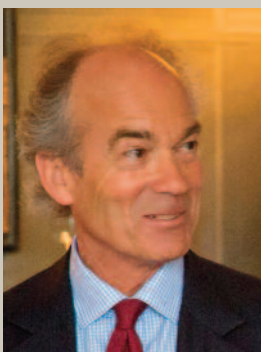
### Triptych Art in the Lady Chapel

A Triptych is to be painted by artist Scott Norton-Witts, based on Rochester martyrs. Two thirds of the funding is in place with just £10,000 to find.

The Cathedral Trust are funding £5,500 for new radios in the Cathedral, and a defibrillator for £1,000. A new digital projector and screen at a cost of £1,125 will be purchased as well as medals for our Choristers.

## Thank you!

The Rochester Cathedral Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank Clive Emson (who is part of the Rochester Cathedral Business Guild) for his fantastic generosity over the last couple of years in supplying the disposable coffee cups that are used at services and events in the Cathedral. Thank you so much for your support!



## Rochester Cathedral Trust – New Chairman

We are delighted to announce that Richard Oldfield OBE DL will be the new Chairman of Rochester Cathedral Trust. He was appointed at a meeting on 9 July and we are very pleased to have him take over all the hard work that the late Michael Aiken started.

Richard Oldfield is chairman of an investment management firm, Oldfield Partners, and is a director of Witan Investment Trust plc. and Shepherd Neame Ltd. He is a trustee of several charities including the Prince's Trust, Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, and Canterbury Cathedral Trust; and is president of Demelza Hospice Care for Children. He has been Vice Lord Lieutenant of Kent since 2011 and lives in Doddington, near Faversham.

# Diary of 2019 Events

The following are events that are firm in the Diary for the next few months, more to be added so please watch this space!

<b>15 August</b>	Open Air Theatre in Garth Garden
<b>20 August</b>	Nell Gwynn
<b>21 August</b>	The Secret Garden
	A Midsummer Nights Dream
<b>Wednesday 28 August</b>	Business Guild Adventure Golf and Reception event in Nave lynne.bax@rochestercathedral.org
<b>27 July – 1 September</b>	Adventure Golf in Nave
<b>2 – 29 September</b>	Knife Angel on display in Cathedral Garth
<b>Thursday 19 September</b>	Quiz with Fish & Chips in Crypt Contact The Friends of Rochester Cathedral for bookings
<b>Tuesday 24 September</b>	Business Guild Breakfast at the Commissioner's House lynne.bax@rochestercathedral.org
<b>Thursday 3 October</b>	New members evening in Cathedral Contact The Friends of Rochester Cathedral for bookings
<b>Wednesday 9 October</b>	Business Guild Annual Dinner: Curry in Crypt Speaker: Rory Sutherland lynne.bax@rochestercathedral.org
<b>Friday 1 November</b>	Concert in Nave: Beatlemania In partnership with Abigails Footsteps Tickets available here.
<b>15 &amp; 16 November</b>	Wine Festival More info to follow...
<b>Friday 29 November</b>	Advent Lunch at Aylesford Priory Contact The Friends of Rochester Cathedral for bookings
<b>Friday 6 December</b>	Carol Concert/Messiah

All of these events are open to all and for further information and tickets for any of these events, please contact Lynne Bax on 01634 810074 or email [development@rochestercathedral.org](mailto:development@rochestercathedral.org)