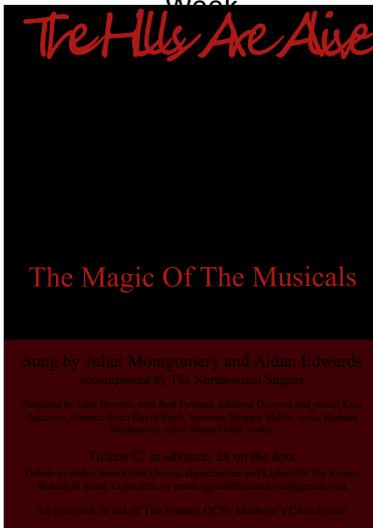


Events

In addition to our monthly work parties, we ran a number of events to raise awareness of our work, bring people into the churchyard and raise funds. These included:

- Go Batty in Lightcliffe! - exploring nocturnal wildlife with Chris Sutcliffe from the Calderdale Countryside Service.
- Open Churchyard – an activity and information day run as part of Cherishing Churchyards



Week
‘ve’ – a fundraising concert produced by John Brooke.

Whether the burial records from the earliest in 1674 to the present day into Members of the Calderdale Family History Society had transcribed the the “new” burial ground was consecrated, and one of our volunteers, those from 1867. Using the detail from the inscriptions on memorials tion was added and we now have almost 12,000 records!

ve been photographed and the information from the inscriptions recorded. available through our new website at www.lightcliffechurchyard.org.uk – be what comes up. This process will be continued until all of the

Two maps are now available to locate the positions of burials and this also indicates whether there is a memorial at that spot.

During the last 12 months we have been able around 30 families find graves and some of the visits have been very emotional for some family members.

Plans for 2016

- We will continue to do further clearance and recording and we have further aspects of our Heritage Lottery Fund plan to complete.
- We expect to conduct a follow up survey on the wildlife, hopefully finding evidence of a wider range than when we started. Ideally we would like to involve local school children, as the site is now safe.
- We hope to conduct a survey of the oldest part of the churchyard where we believe there are 20 or so undiscovered ledger (flat) grave markers.
- We hope to start planting wild flowers in small plots as part of a Council project to provide a path through Calderdale.
- We will be installing 3 larch seats, one alongside the tower and two along the main paths.
- We have sufficient funds to restore a few more fallen headstones.
- We will be designing and installing



some forms of interpretation of the churchyard, its history and flora and fauna.

Finance & Fundraising

In summary, our income for the year was £10,800, which, with a carry forward figure, totalled £13,000. The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) provided £7,350 of this (the first tranche of the grant), Section 106 funding from Calderdale Council was £1,000 and the Friends concert grossed £1,875. Additional income of £500 came from the Ward Councillor Forum and a number of individual donations.

Expenditure has totalled £7,600 so far but we have commitments already made to further HLF projects. The large items of expenditure are indicated in the review of the 2015 progress.

The balance at the end of the year showed a surplus of £5,550. Some of this is HLF committed expenditure, £1,000 is FOSMC own committed funds, leaving the Friends with about £3,000 for future maintenance and sustainability.

The detailed accounts were presented at the AGM and these are in the process of being audited. Full accounts are available on request.

Thanks

We would like to extend warm thanks to all the following for their help during 2015:

- All our volunteers and Committee members for their generous support and hard work.
- St. Matthew's Church and PCC.
- Heritage Lottery Fund.
- Calderdale Council – especially Chris Sutcliffe, Pam Smithies, Dave Clay, and Philip Schofield for all their advice, support and practical help.
- Musical Director Rob Paxman and all the singers and musicians who took part in our concert, 'The Hills Are Alive'.
- Chris Green for looking after the north section of the churchyard.
- Amey for their volunteer team.
- All the other individuals and organisations who have made donations and offered their support, help and expertise.

EVENTS IN 2016

Volunteer work parties take place in the churchyard from 2.00-4.00pm on the 3rd Sunday of every month, except December. All welcome.

Date and Time	Event	Location
Sunday 21 February 2.00-4.00pm	Work Party	Churchyard
Sunday 20 March 2.00-4.00pm	Work Party	Churchyard
Sunday 17 April 2.00-4.00pm	Work Party	Churchyard
Sunday 15 May 2.00-4.00pm	Work Party	Churchyard
Tuesday 24 May 9.00pm	Batwatch led by Calderdale Countryside Officer, Chris	Churchyard

	Sutcliffe	
Saturday 4-Sunday 12 June	Cherishing Churchyards Week: organised by 'Caring for God's Acre'	
Sunday 19 June 2.00-4.00pm	Work Party	Churchyard
Sunday 3 July 2.00pm	Lightcliffe Gala	Lightcliffe Cricket Club
Sunday 17 July 2.00-4.00pm	Work Party	Churchyard
Sunday 21 August 2.00-4.00pm	Work Party	Churchyard
Sunday 18 September 2.00-4.00pm	Work Party	Churchyard
Sunday 16 October 2.00-4.00pm	Work Party	Churchyard
October - date TBC	Autumn Concert: 'Make Believe' – the best of Jerome Kern and George Gershwin	St. Matthew's Church
Sunday 20 November 2.00-4.00pm	Work Party	Churchyard

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