



## CCA Newsletter No. 21 'Visitors Edition'

**Apologies.** Firstly I must apologise for the length of time that has elapsed since the last newsletter. My excuse is that things have become so much busier at the Charterhouse, with more events and activities. Unfortunately I have been demoted to only having 7 days in my week.

Progress by the Trust. As I write, the Trust (Historic Coventry Trust) is making a submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), for the finance necessary to bring the Charterhouse back to a good state of repair. The funds will also allow for improvements in the landscape and the fields, together with the addition of tea room conference centre and other additional features. We have come a long way from the times when we had to fight for what we believed to be our rights, and stopping the sale of the Priory building.



**Visitors.** I have called this the visitor edition, since the Charterhouse has seen a number of important visitors, together with some unusual guests, since the last newsletter. The Trust have entertained some important people in their efforts to secure finances. Recently we saw the Mayor of the West Midlands Joint Authority at the Priory. We were also visited by the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire. Of course there were many others who were just as important to the process, and just as important in their own right.

**The Bug Hotel.** We have also had visits from local bugs and creatures of the night (and day), after the installation of a bug hotel during the very successful picnic on the lawn at the 'Family lunch' event.



**Spectaculars.** Another very successful event was the visit by the 'Billionaire Boy' with the rest of the cast of this marvellous children's show. Who am I kidding - the adults enjoyed it just as much as the children. Perhaps the most exciting event was the visit by Sir William Stanley's household for a re-enactment spectacular.



**University Engagement.** Most recently we hosted undergraduate architectural students from Coventry University to aid in their studies. We also had a visit by a representative of an Oxford University research group, who are about to aid us in a better understanding of the amazing history of the Priory.



**Watch the Birdy** Finally an update on the note in the last newsletter of a visit by a little egret. There are now a pair of little egrets seen regularly on the river.

We also see a grey heron quite frequently. However we are delighted that there is also a 'White Heron' in residence on the river. More correctly it should be called a Great white egret. The RSPB suggest that there are currently around 35 breeding pairs in this country, so we are blessed indeed.

**Archery.** It would neglectful of me if I failed to mention how successful the Archery taster sessions have been. Thank you Caroline Hobday. You never know perhaps we will have archers ready for the next re-enactment. Another of our members Mary Allen has installed two beehives. Perhaps the bees will be supplying Charterhouse honey next year.



**Fireworks.** By the time you read this the Priory will have celebrated the revolt of Guy Fawkes with our annual firework display. A spectacular display watched by a record number of visitors.

### Next Open Day

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018

12:00pm to 4:00pm

**Your help on Open Days and other events is appreciated, come along if you can make it. And make sure that your friends and acquaintances know and come along too**

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