



Friends of Anfield



Chair's Report

Welcome all to the 2019 AGM.

This year has been another busy year for the Friends of Anfield. We've had excellent support from LCC, Historic England and of course the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The year has seen the group face a couple of challenges but fortunately these have been handled effectively and our project remains in a healthy state.

Our Lifting the Lids project final report was completed and submitted to the NLHF and signed off. Lifting the Lids is an amazing project, providing the cemetery with some fantastic interpretation, with the assistance of Positive Futures, another local charity for young people.

The Friends have received recognition for the hard work they do, being awarded the High Sheriff Award earlier this year, in which Jane and Ray attended the event to receive the award on the group's behalf.

Merseyside Civic Society awarded 'Friends' with the bi-annual 2019 Rita Cheese-man Award for Heritage Interpretation. The award was presented on Saturday June 22nd, Brian received the award on our behalf.

Schools Projects

St Francis de Sales pupils located long forgotten paupers' graves in which lay two Victoria Cross holders. St Francis de Sales held a ceremony for both VCs - Patrick Mylott & Joseph Prosser and paid for the two flat headstones, secured by Crosby Memorials.

Patrick Mylott was born in Hollymount, Claremorris, Co Mayo, in 1820, enlisted with the 84th Regiment of Foot (Later becoming 2nd Battallion, York and Lancaster Regt), and was awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry during the Indian Mutiny "Between the dates, 12th July to 25th September, 1857, Private Mylott on several occasions showed conspicuous gallantry at every encounter his unit made with the enemy. On one occasion, under a hail of musket fire, he rushed across an open road to take an enemy enclosure opposite." He was elected for the award by the private soldiers of the Regiment.

He later rose to the rank of Sergeant. Mylott died in Liverpool on December 22nd 1878 in the Workhouse, and interred in a Paupers Grave on Section RC2, Anfield Cemetery on 24th Dec 1878.

Joseph Prosser was born in 1828 in Moneygall, Co Offaly, enlisted in 1st Regiment of Foot (Now the Royal Scots Regiment), and was awarded the Victoria Cross for deeds of gallantry during the Crimean War "Private Prosser, No 1672, along with the rest of his Battalion was posted to the Crimean Peninsula at the end of 1854, and were soon in the thick of the action in the trenches at Sebastopol. On 16th June 1855, Prosser was on duty in the trenches, when one of his comrades decided to desert to the enemy, and ran across the open ground towards Russian lines. Private Prosser pursued and apprehended the man whilst being subjected to heavy cross fire. Just under two months later, on 11th August 1855, he left his advanced trench with the purpose of assisting in the action of carrying in a soldier of the 95th Regiment of Foot, who was lying severely wounded and unable to move. This was performed under heavy fire from the enemy"

Prosser returned from the Crimea and was awarded the Victoria Cross on the 24th February 1857. Prosser was unable to attend the first investiture of the medal at Hyde Park on 26th June 1857, due to the fact he had been posted to Gibraltar. On 6th August 1857, he and two other recipients received their VCs from Lieutenant General Sir James Fergusson in Gibraltar. Prosser retired from the Army soon afterwards, and found himself living in Liverpool.

Prosser died at his home in Birchfield Street in Liverpool on 10th June 1867 aged just 39. He was buried in a pauper's grave in Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool. His grave in Anfield Cemetery is on Section CE 14, grave number 589

'Friends' and St Francis de Sales received Commendations from the Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside who wrote a letter of praise to HM The Queen and to the Chief of General Staff for the work carried out by all involved. HM Queen and the General Chief of Staff wrote letters of thanks to Friends and St Francis de Sales.

Two separate groups of schoolchildren and teachers from Ranworth Square School visited our Heritage Trail, enjoying the stories on the boards. Lifting the Lids report was completed and submitted to the HLF. This was signed off back in March 2019.

A photo and research competition has been launched with schools. though movement is very slow. A Liverpool Schools' Parliament meeting took place 21/22 October 2019 so fingers crossed things will start to progress.

Success continues with the Find a Grave initiative the Friends run. Ray puts a lot of time and effort into this which brings comfort to the families he supports. Ray continues his efforts with the Heritage Tours. Members from the U3A had a successful Heritage Tour back in June.

An LCC / HE funded Conservation Management Plan is complete and has been published. LCC Council are to consider an LCC funded Landscape Management and Maintenance Plan: a very strong indication of support.

Mapping Liverpool's History, a project that has been developed with Liverpool University, **University of Liverpool's offer to Collaborate on £378,000 bid, a pre application based on NLHF's new criteria has been submitted.** NLHF reported back and we are waiting for U of Ls response.

Our **HLF Resilient Grant** has gathered momentum this year and has presented it challenges. Architects LEP were appointed. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond the control of the Friends this contract came to an end as LEP went into liquidation. Our resilience as a group has shone through and we have been fortunate enough to secure a new contract with Seven Architecture and Martin Sykes (ex LEP) continues to be the architect for the project. This is great as it gives continuity to the project.

Fundraisers KEDA consultants were appointed but as funders required Planning Permission to be in place, they were unable to secure funding. A decision was made to leave this fundraising element of our project for now and revisit at a later date. With the money left over, further community support for our project was established. As such PlacEd was appointed as community consultants. Led by Joanne Harrop, the consultation includes one Anfield Stakeholders' Group meeting in Anfield Stadium date, 4 pop-up Ed events or visits: one after designs have been completed.

- a. ASDA Utting Road
- b. Everton Heritage Group
- c. Cohen's Chemist (unless there is no survey)
- d- Liverpool Central Library

and meetings with Friends of Anfield's Trustees.

An expression of Interest application for the South Chapel is soon to be submitted to LCC.

We have submitted an 'Expression of Interest' (EI) in the NLHF's Heritage Horizon Programme. This received support from, Steve Rotheram who compiled a Letter of Support for our NLHF Heritage Horizon / Big Ideas application and Ron Odunaiya, LCC's Director of Community Services who sent a very important Letter of Support to Friends. Mark Kitts and Historic England (amongst others) also sent strong Letters of Support. There is £50 million to be allocated to projects across the UK. Over 146 EOI were received totalling 1.3 billion. We will hear back on the 14th November to see if our project has met the initial short listing.

Training on the Asset Transfer of the South Chapel to Friends from LCC was given by Jeff Scales and training on Fundraising given by Lisa Scale, (our NLHF Mentor).

Promotion of the Friends took place when we attended the very successful Wirral History Fair 9/3/2019 and Heritage Culture Day on 26/10/2019 at Picton Library.

LCVS training relating to the handling of large grant funding may take place in the New Year.

We've been pleased to use the Co-op Meeting Room in the past and thank them for their hospitality. Now we use the Cabbage Hall Hotel because of it's easier access. Our HQ continues to be St Columba's Church and all have been very welcoming. Our 'thank you's' to all three for their support.



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A.G.M. Statement July 10th 2018 - July 10th 2019

Bank Account

2018 / 19	IN		OUT
Balance Brought Forward	£10,329.58	Beers and Co	£1,119.26
Donations	£1,206.16	BALC Insurance	£75.00
		Manor Monumental	£7,203.07
		NF Cemeteries	£10.00
		MCS	£10.00
		Jelly's Design	£110.00
Balance - To be Carried Forward			£3,008.41

Resilient Heritage South Chapel Project

	IN		OUT
Balance Brought Forward	£23,850.00	KEDA Consultants	£2,342.79
		Minerva heritage	£1,069.20
		Trustees Expenses	£129.80
		Excello Law	£928.63
		LEP (Architects)	£6,000.00
Balance - To be Carried Forward			£13,379.58

Balance at Bank	(£3,008.41 + £13,379.58)	£16,387.99
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Treasurer:

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