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Welcome to our first newsletter

Welcome to the first Almonry newsletter. We will be publishing this every 2 months and keeping you up to date with what's happening at the Almonry. We will also be using the letter to tell you about new projects, volunteering opportunities, events and even a few behind the scenes look at some of our collections.

We hope you enjoy reading and if you have any comments or questions please do get in touch via phone, email or through our social media channels.

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Wednesday Closure

Each winter we close on Wednesdays but what are we up to behind closed doors?

Wednesday closing gives us time to do those jobs we can't do when the public are around. We carry out maintenance, collections work and redisplays of collections, it also gives us the chance to have a good clean of the cases.

One of our big projects has been to redisplay the Civic case. This case displays the civic maces alongside examples of the robes worn by the Mayor and the Town Clerk. The case used to display the Town Charter, dated 1605. The Charter has been recently conserved, thanks to a grant from the National Manuscripts Conservation Trust. The Charter is, for the time being, in the care of the Worcestershire Archives and Archaeology Service.

Through the conservation project we have been able to get very high quality photographs taken and a large facsimile copy of the charter made. We've also had some smaller copies made where you can turn the pages and see the whole charter. Look out for them next time you visit.

Spotlight on collections

In each edition we will be focusing on an object from our collection. The first object under the spotlight is The Town Charter.

This copy of the Charter dates from 1605 and replaces an earlier edition made in 1604. The Charter was granted by James I on the request of Prince Henry his eldest son. It is said that the Prince's chaplain, Dr Lewis Bayley, was a favourite of the Prince's and that it was on Bayley's persuasion that the charter be granted. The Charter grants certain privileges to the town including holding a market, taxation and the erection of a set of gallows!

The Charter is made of parchment and is decorated around the edges with flowers and heraldic symbols referring to Prince Henry and bears Prince Henry's signature on the reverse.







The Little Gift Shop

The Little Gift Shop at the Almonry stocks a wide range of beautiful gifts and souvenirs for all ages. We also stock greetings cards and local history books.

The Tourist Information Centre

If you're looking for places to visit, somewhere to eat or a lovely walk around the beautiful Vale, the TIC should be your first stop.



Winter opening hours - Mon Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 10am-5pm



Events at the Almonry

We have events on throughout the year including workshops for adults and children, trails, craft activities, talks and concerts.

Visit our website and social media pages for up to date information.

A new events guide will be ready in the New Year.

