



**FRIENDS**  
OF THE ARTS CENTRE  
OF CHRISTCHURCH

Dear Friends,

It is with pleasure that the Executive Committee of the *Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch* publishes its second newsletter. It has been encouraging to receive a great deal of positive feedback. Among the notes received was this one from T Shailer Weston.

3rd September 2015

Dear Mr Wallis,

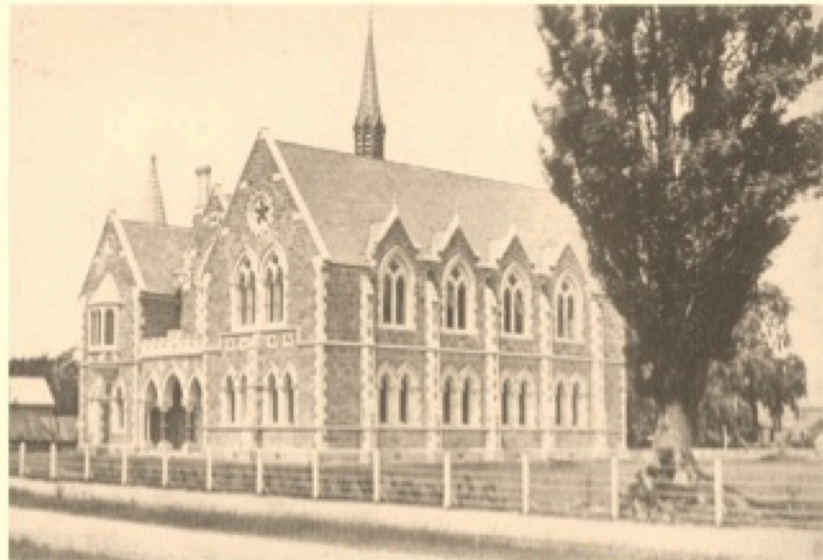
Inspired by André Lovatt's recent letter on progress of the Arts Centre, I enclose a further donation to the Friends, which I assume will go towards the restored flèche.

I also enclose a very old photograph of the original flèche, as well as that of the old Normal School, which you might find of interest.

With good wishes for the success of the fundraising.

Yours most sincerely,

T. Shailer Weston



Photograph of the original flèche, provided by T. Shailer Weston

We welcome you as foundation members and hope that you **too** continue to be involved and encourage others to join the Friends. The subscription form for next year, January - December 2016, is contained in this newsletter - it also enables you to consider making a donation. Any new members joining now will receive free membership for the remainder of the 2015 year, so please forward this newsletter to your friends.

Work has started on our first fundraising target to raise \$250,000 to fund the reinstatement of the flèche on the Christchurch Boys' High School building. A huge 'thank you' to those who have already contributed!

The World Buskers Festival stage returns to Market Square from January 14 – 24 2016. A WW1 travelling museum exhibit will be shown on February 20 and 21 2016. Our next major event is to be held in the Great Hall sometime early next year. Details will be released in the Summer Newsletter. We encourage you to attend. A date is yet to be set for our AGM, which will be held in the first quarter of 2016.

Graeme Wallis

**The aims of the Friends of the Arts Centre:**

- \* To support and promote the Arts Centre of Christchurch.
- \* To promote and encourage the use and enjoyment of the Arts Centre as an outstanding cultural centre for the benefit of the people of Christchurch, New Zealand and internationally.
- \* To support and assist with programmes, activities and fundraising for the benefit of the Arts Centre in consultation with the Arts Centre Board and Management.

**Executive Committee:**

Tim Hogan, Rae James, Lynne Lochhead (Secretary), Peter Morrison (Treasurer), David Thornley, Peter Tuffley, Graeme Wallis (Chair).

**Contact Details**

Our website can be viewed at: <http://friendsoftheartscentreofchristchurch.weebly.com/>  
(The *Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch* is now a registered charity. (No. CC51240))

For further information or if you can assist us in any way, please contact the Friends at email: [christchurchartscentrefriends@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchartscentrefriends@gmail.com)



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## Memorial Window

The progress on the restoration of the Great Hall is going well, with the latest addition being central heating. The Memorial Window was re-installed at the end of November, ready to hold a re-dedication service in mid-December. The work on the restoration of the Great Hall and the Memorial Window has been possible, thanks to the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust (The Aotearoa Foundation, Fletcher Building and the Ministry for Culture and Heritage), the Mainland Foundation and The Southern Trust.

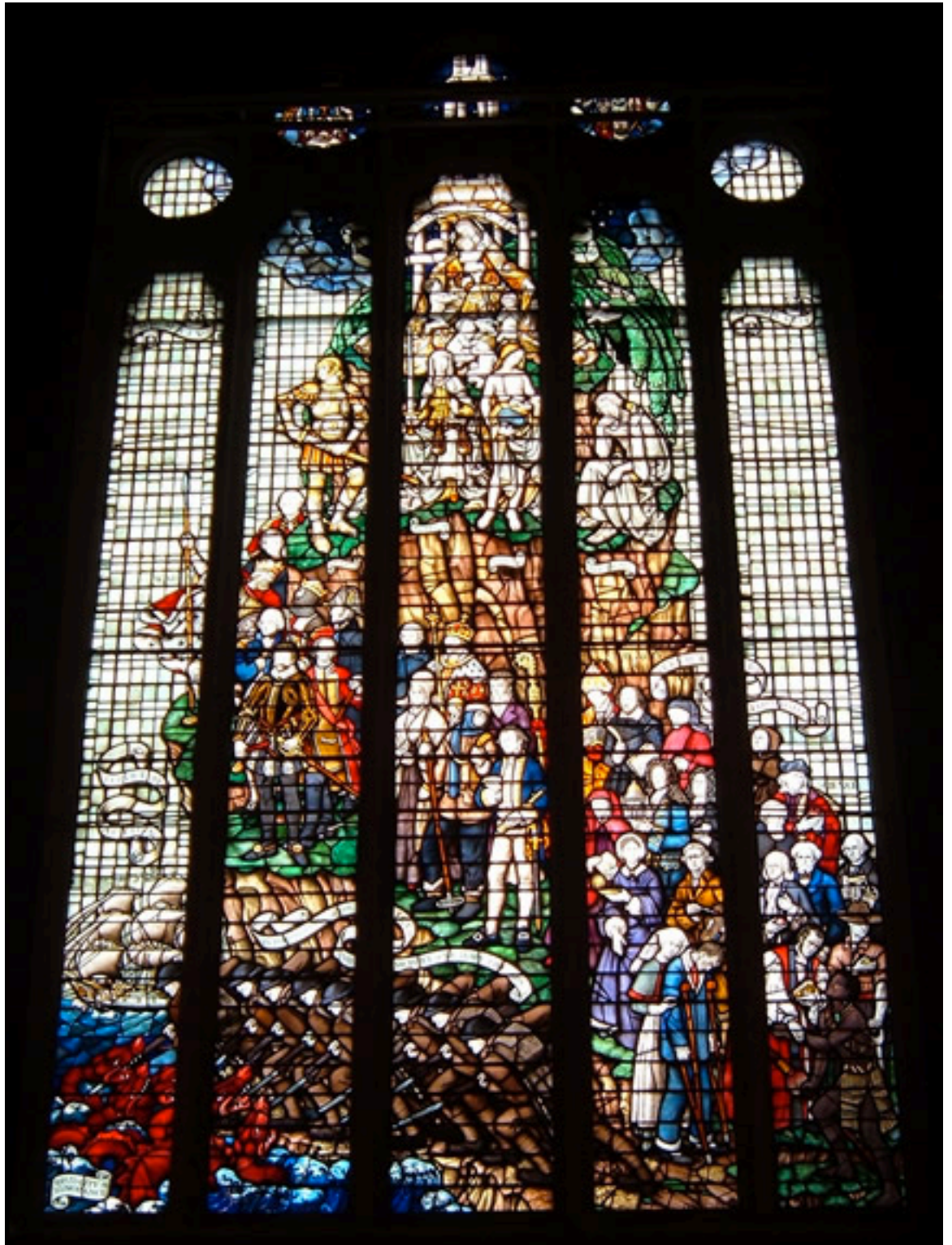
The memorial stained glass window commemorates the staff and students from the University of Canterbury who fought in the First World War. Over 400 staff and students served throughout the war, of whom 98 were killed and over 20% wounded.

The artist was an Englishman, Martin Travers, and the whole window is in the shape of Britain.

The image (from the top) depicts the mother of humanity, with her babies who represent future generations. Famous historical people are standing on an island of civilization, around this is the sea of chaos, the Roman numerals date the war (1914 - 1918)

and the mass of famous historical figures represent Truth, Justice, Courage and Humanity.

The ship on the left of the image is HMS Resolution, which Captain James Cook commanded. At the bottom New Zealand soldiers can be seen fighting hydra monsters which represent Brutality and Ignorance.



## Stonemason display draws crowds



More than 100 people flocked to the Arts Centre stonemasons' tent last month when it opened its doors to the public as part of Beca Heritage Week.

Three of the site's 15 stonemasons were on hand to answer questions and give stone carving tips to visitors as they had a go for themselves.

Stonemasonry is one of the most labour-intensive tasks on-site and this year alone the stonemasons will carve about 200,000kg of limestone – that's the equivalent weight of a Blue Whale.

When the restoration project is complete, the buildings will feature many of their original features and this simply would not be possible without the skill of the stonemasons. Some carvings will replace those destroyed by the earthquakes, while others are features that have not been on the buildings for decades.



## The Clock Tower restoration nears completion

The Clock Tower was Canterbury College's first stone building, designed as a tribute to the Christian Oxbridge tradition. Built of Port Hills' basalt and Oamaru limestone, the 214 kg clock, installed in 1878, has been repaired and is running true to time.

An engineer from the original clock supplier in London, Gillett and Johnston, was sent to overhaul the mechanism after it was stuck at 12.51 on February 22 in 2011.

The landscaping around the Clock Tower is now underway, with plans to restore the gardens to plantings true to the original plans.



# Membership Form January - December 2016



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**Surname(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**First name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Payment details:

**Please find enclosed this completed form and my cheque for:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Post to the Treasurer, Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch, 7 Stratford St, Christchurch 8014)

**or**

**I have credited your SBS 031355 0807473 00 account for:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

and emailed details to: christchurchartscentrefriends@gmail.com **or** I have posted this completed form to the Treasurer, Friends of the Arts Centre of Christchurch, 7 Stratford St, Christchurch 8014.

**Being (circle one): Individual Membership      \$35**

**Family Membership      \$65 (Include names of each family member)**

**Student Membership      \$15**

**I would like to make a Donation of:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to volunteer my skills (List below)**

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