



DUCHY of LANCASTER

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Jubilee joy from Lancashire to London

What a fantastic summer of celebration we've enjoyed this year. The nation has simply outdone itself and not even the weather could dampen the spirits of those enjoying the many sporting and cultural occasions we've witnessed in 2012. Latterly, the Olympics and Paralympics have been hailed a huge success,

but before all that gold, silver and bronze it was The Queen's Diamond Jubilee that really caught the public's imagination.

Street parties and commemorative events were held up and down the country as members of the public sought to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. It is also the 60th anniversary of The

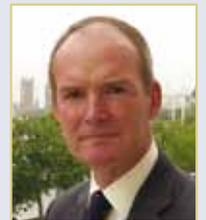
Queen's accession to the title Duke of Lancaster as the Duchy and all its lands are the hereditary inheritance of the monarch of the day.

Events were held in every survey from Lancashire to London, Yorkshire to Cheshire, and Needwood to Lincolnshire, with tenants stringing up the bunting and enjoying the festivities.

Paul Clarke

The Duchy has announced that Paul Clarke, CEO and Clerk of the Duchy Council will be standing down when his term of office expires in August 2013.

Paul, who has been in post since 2000, has confirmed that he is not leaving for another job and, until next August, it is business as usual. He said: "I have very much enjoyed my time at the Duchy and seeing the organisation evolve, particularly working with our tenants to help make their businesses as productive and viable as possible. After 13 years however, I feel it is time to move on and let someone else bring some fresh thought to the Duchy of Lancaster



"The time for goodbyes is a very long way off so until that time, I will continue to work with my team to serve the Duchy and Her Majesty The Queen to improve and safeguard the Duchy inheritance for the benefit of future generations of British Sovereigns."

Lord Shuttleworth, Chairman of the Duchy Council added: "We were saddened to hear of Paul's decision. He continues to steer the Duchy with a deft touch through these troubled economic times and will be sorely missed."

The Duchy Council has started the process of recruiting a successor.

For more see our special edition Diamond Jubilee pull out for pictures of all the celebrations.

New start for Duchy's ancient home



Jeremy Gorrick, left, with Lord Shuttleworth

Shire Hall welcomes latest shield

Lancaster Castle's magnificent Shire Hall has received its latest coat of arms after the traditional annual Shield Hanging ceremony. Installed on the wall of the Victorian rotunda, the shield was hung by the newly appointed High Sheriff of Lancashire following a service at Lancaster Priory.

The tradition dates back from the 12th century and the Shire Hall houses more than 650 shields bearing the coats of arms of every English monarch since King Richard I, The Lionheart (1157-1199), as well as all the Constables of Lancaster Castle and High Sheriffs of Lancashire, with unique characteristics to demonstrate their own background and profession.

The latest title holder – appointed by The Queen – is Jeremy Gorrick, 51 of Preston. A prominent local businessman and philanthropist, Jeremy is involved with groups promoting regeneration schemes in Preston, is on the board of the University of Central Lancashire and is chair of governors at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School Blackburn.

His shield depicts three eagles on a red background with a blue and white chevron, which represents the eagle motif of his former company, a lifetime supporting Manchester United and a homage to the city of Preston during its Guild year. It also includes a Latin transcription of the motto 'Never Give Up'.



Proposals for the future of Lancaster Castle are to go on public display this autumn, and everyone is invited to have their say. Concepts for the historic landmark have been considered by the Duchy of Lancaster Council and will be presented to the public at an exhibition at the end of October 2012.

The closure of the castle as a prison by the Ministry of Justice earlier this year, presents a unique opportunity to increase public access to the castle with new visitor attractions and facilities. "We have reached an exciting phase in the future of Lancaster Castle and are really looking forward to sharing our ideas with the local community," says Paul Clarke, Duchy CEO.

"We still have a long way to go in terms of finalising the plans to ensure that the vision is financially viable and deliverable, but this initial proposal is a major step forward. We are confident that our ideas would enable Lancaster Castle to become a powerful new tourist



Computer generated image of how the Castle could look

attraction that would significantly boost the local economy, create jobs and transform the use of the city centre for residents and visitors.

"We hope that local people will take the opportunity to visit the exhibition to learn more

about the plans and provide their feedback."

The Duchy wants to ensure that the castle has a sustainable future by preserving its fabric, encouraging people to use the building and its grounds and providing a diverse range of

activity. It is proposed therefore, that the castle complex is transformed into a new mixed-used urban quarter, which could include a potential visitor attraction, boutique hotel, plus arts and performance space.

The proposals were drawn

Current thoughts:

- A museum highlighting judicial and penal history in Britain throughout the last 1,000 years. A number of the existing prison buildings would be left in their historic form, such as Adrian's Tower*, the Keep and the Witches Dungeon, and used to illustrate the castle as a place of incarceration.
- A boutique hotel would offer high quality, four- or five-star accommodation comprising around 60 rooms with the scope to include a signature restaurant, conference and events space, luxury facilities such as spa and gym, plus suites which could cater for wedding parties.
- Commercial and cultural uses, such as areas for artists' studios and workshops, as well as public art displays, outdoor performances and festivals. The Duchy has also had initial discussions with Lancaster University regarding using part of the space for some of its departments or conferences.

**A note on Adrian's Tower: The Duchy of Lancaster uses the name Adrian's Tower for a part of the castle which others sometimes refer to as Hadrian's Tower. This reflects the name given by the Victorians who mistakenly believed it to have been built by the Romans and named it after the Emperor who built the infamous wall to the North. The Victorians used the Anglicized version of the name, Adrian, for the Emperor we now know as Hadrian. Over time both names have been used and both are correct.*

up following a six-month study by heritage experts Malcolm Reading Consultants (MRC), who worked closely with key stakeholders including the city and county councils, Lancashire Tourism and local businesses and community groups. Malcolm Reading, chairman of MRC said: "We've been encouraged by the appetite locally to engage with this fascinating project. A building of many aspects and many lives, the castle will absorb

change and prove itself again as a great asset to the city and wider county."

Further information on the plans will be displayed at the public exhibition, which will take place at Lancaster Castle from Tuesday, 30th October – Friday, 2nd November 2012. Members of the public will be able to provide their feedback on the initial proposals and speak to representatives from the Duchy of Lancaster and MRC.

Grand Slam success



All eyes might have been on Andy Murray in this year's Wimbledon final, but for one Duchy employee it was another player entirely that claimed the attention. Harriet Dart, 16, made it to her first ever Wimbledon competition, entering both the singles and doubles of the Junior Girls tournament. Her proud father Nick Dart is the Duchy's Surveyor of Lands for Development. He said: "I think everyone will agree that it's nerve wracking enough watching Andy Murray play at Wimbledon so you can imagine what it was like watching your own daughter!

"This is Harriet's first year playing in this prestigious tournament and the whole family is justifiably proud of her. It was a great experience and getting knocked out in the early rounds has just made her even more determined for next year, so I'd better start getting prepared for another nail biting visit to SW19."

Spotlight on Robert Miles QC – Attorney General



Over the summer, the Duchy welcomed its new Attorney General, Robert Miles QC. The Duchy of Lancaster Attorney General is the most senior legal appointment within the Duchy and is a member of the Duchy council. An historic post, the Attorney General traditionally advised the Duke of Lancaster on all legal matters relating to the Duchy.

Today, the holder is a senior Queen's Counsel at the Chancery Bar. The role involves attendance at Duchy Council meetings, provision of advice on legal matters, and representation of the Duchy in court if necessary.

Robert Miles is a leading Chancery and commercial barrister in chambers at 4 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn. He sits as a Deputy High Court judge and is a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn. He studied at Christ Church Oxford and the City University.

He was called to the Bar in 1987 and took silk in 2002. He will undertake his Duchy duties in tandem with his position as a QC at 4 Stone Buildings.

Robert is married with four children and enjoys walking, music, literature and being at his home in Devon.

Updating, improving and renovating

Several building and refurbishment projects are coming to fruition over the next few months as the Duchy continues to invest in its holdings and communities.

In Yorkshire, construction of 11 high quality holiday cottages at Scalby Lodge Farm is nearly complete and should be ready for letting by Christmas and nine existing farm buildings have been converted. Another two have been newly built, all to the Duchy's design code and feature traditional and locally-sourced building materials such as pantiles, stone walls and timber framed windows and doors.

The scheme - which complements the five, existing holiday cottages already on the site - will offer luxury, self-catering accommodation comprising between two and five bedrooms. The cottages are being marketed by English Country Cottages and will have impressive landscaped gardens and direct access onto the Cleveland Way.

Simon Law, vice president of property at English Country Cottages said: "Scalby Lodge has proved to be a hugely popular destination for holidaymakers looking to enjoy the dramatic beauty of this part of the North Yorkshire coastline. Visitors commend the exceptional standard of each of the five current properties, so we are confident the new cottages will prove to be just as popular and help give a further boost to the local economy."

Read all about it

Sharing good news with our tenants and partners is the main purpose of this newsletter and we couldn't do it without your help.

As ever, we'll be counting on your contributions for the Spring edition so please do get in touch with your news. If you've anything to share please just drop a line to our communications team at Good Relations North by emailing Zoe Ensor, Heather Butler or Mike Blakeney on duchyoflancaster@goodrelationsnorth.co.uk

Palace visit for young winners



Nine youngsters from across Lancashire were treated to a VIP tour of Buckingham Palace after winning the Duchy's commemorative Jubilee Schools Competition. More than 100 youngsters age 11-14 from high schools across the county entered pieces of artwork which depicted The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Her special relationship with Lancashire.

A panel of judges, including the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire Lord Shuttleworth, John Angus, director of the Storey Gallery, Derri Burdon, chief executive of Curious Minds, and Duchy CEO Paul Clarke, picked one winner from each of the three year-group categories who were invited to tour the Palace, take a ride on the London Eye and enjoy lunch at the Duchy Office.

The standard was so high that the panel

found it tough to decide, and so four runners up were also selected to be presented with a limited edition Jubilee book, and everyone who entered has received a specially designed mug bearing the Duchy crest and The Queen's own Jubilee symbol.

Special praise went to Clitheroe Royal Grammar School which was crowned overall winner based on the quality of its entries. Deputy Head Peter Halstead added: "We were very pleased to support this competition and delighted with the response from our students. Many thanks are due to our history teacher, Jenny Birch, for her support of the students and the encouragement she gave to them during their work on the submissions. The projects were of an extremely high standard and we are proud of the results achieved. Our students are thrilled about the prizes."

Duchy of Lancaster Annual Report

The Duchy has placed its 2012 accounts with Parliament and made public its Annual Report. The main headlines are listed below, but anyone interested in reading the report in full can view it on the Duchy of Lancaster website www.duchyoflancaster.co.uk

- Net asset value increased by 5.8% to £405.3m
- £12.9m provided to the Privy Purse
- The net surplus down by 3.1% to £12.9m
- Net operating income down by 8.6% to £12.7m

Commenting on the report, Clerk of the Duchy Council Paul Clarke said: "As anticipated, 2012 has not been an easy year for occupiers or the Duchy, but the Duchy portfolio is resilient and there is a continued drive to improve the quality of the assets. With the refurbishment of Wellington House in London, the purchase of a new agricultural estate in Lincolnshire, the consolidation of our ownership on the Tower Bridge Business Park and a variety of projects throughout the regions, we are placing the portfolio in as strong a position as possible for the coming year."