

News Update No 11



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SUMMARY:

- Poetry Stones opening event SORTED!
- Preview of exhibition materials

Poetry Stones launch - 11.30am for 12.00 noon Monday 4th June 2012

After a number of false starts, we have now made our plans for the opening of the poetry stones. You will be most welcome to attend on the day. The stones will be installed on the Land of Canaan, immediately west of Canaan Way in Ottery St.Mary. (location map on next page)

We are delighted that our special guest to open the stones will be **Tom Mayberry**, Chairman of the Friends of Coleridge. Alongside his published work on Coleridge, Tom is a prime mover behind many efforts to develop wider interest in the significance of the Westcountry as the setting for Coleridge's great works. Many of you will already be aware of the considerable work he does in this and related heritage areas.

The exhibition banners will be on show (if the floor in the marquee can be made flat enough!), and enough space (we hope) for supporters to be under cover for the ceremonial should it be raining.

The 'unveiling' will take place alongside the town's Jubilee celebrations and visitors who want to stay over will be welcome to join in. The full Jubilee programme is posted at <http://otterystmaryfestival.blogspot.co.uk/2012/03/diamond-jubilee-celebrations-in-ottery.html>



Poetry Stones location in Ottery St Mary. Unveiling ceremony is at 11.30am for 12.00 noon start, Monday 4th June 2012.

Exhibition materials

The new banner style exhibition materials are ready now and will be displayed at the opening event. The thumbnails below will show you the overall look and if you zoom in enough you can even read the text. The three permanent exhibition panels for St Mary's Church are also ready and will be in place shortly (more thumbnails below)

Interpretation panels

The remaining work to be completed before June 4th includes the interpretation panels for the poetry stones. Then in the last phase of the Project we have the Book of Sponsors, Guinness World Records bid and the follow-up survey.

Comments

If you have any comments about the Project or you want to help out, please use the online form at www.coleridgememorial.org.uk or write to the Hon. Sec. at the address at the head of this newsletter.

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