

Newsletter – March 2006

Friends of Govan Old and guests had an enjoyable evening on Friday 3rd February, celebrating the publication of Dr Alan Macquarrie's booklet, entitled 'Crosses and Upright Monuments in Strathclyde: Typology, Dating and Purpose'. This well illustrated booklet is the fourth in the series of published Govan lectures and offers the first descriptive survey of the four early medieval crosses at Govan and related crosses and upright monuments throughout Strathclyde. Those of you who did not manage along to the book launch should find your copy enclosed with this mailing and, as usual, extra copies can be ordered from the church.

The annual lecture for 2006 on Saturday 11 March will be delivered by Dr Alex Woolf and is entitled 'Where was Govan in the Early Middle Ages?' The lecture will be preceded by tea and biscuits served from 1pm and the Friends' AGM will start at 1.30pm. There is no charge for this lecture which is open to all with an interest in the subject and members are warmly invited to bring their friends to share in the occasion.

Please note that subscription forms, which should be returned with your remittance, are enclosed for annual members with this letter.

Finally, if you think you could help in any way with the summer openings, either by guiding, serving tea or by being there to welcome visitors please contact Rev Dr Norman Shanks or any Council member or leave a message on 0141 440 2466. Our volunteers work one afternoon a month from June to September to keep the magnificent church of Govan Old and its remarkable collection of carved stones accessible to enthusiasts and casual visitors alike.