



April 1566 to April 2016



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## Sir William Harpur

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- Born in Bedford c1497, the son of a Taylor
- A former Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company
- Became Lord Mayor of London 1561
- Purchased 13 acres and one rood of farmland in Holburn
- 1566 Deed of gift to create endowment for Bedford Grammar School



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## The Harpur Trust today

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- We are one of largest charities in the UK
- Everything we do is for the Bedford area
- We use the legacy of Sir William Harpur, our founder in 1566
- We run a community grants programme
- We own the 4 Harpur Trust Schools
- We provide 38 local almshouse places



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## Celebrating 450 years

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## Art Competition & Exhibition

- Children 7-18 yrs
- Early years competition
- Recording Bedford
- Artist Workshops
- Exhibition at the Higgins Bedford plus art trail
- 12 prizes + NADFAS
- 4 judges



## The Bedford Chronicles

- Children's history book
- 6000 special edition copies
- Free copy to every year 4 and 5 pupil
- Classroom sets



## Writing Competition

- Joint initiative with The John Bunyan Museum
- Children aged 5-18
- Recording Bedfordians
- 500 word article
- Judges – local journalists



## Harpur Run & Fun Day

- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016
- Priory Country Park
- 5k fun run & 1k kids' run
- Climbing wall, inflatables, orienteering, water activities, demonstrations, music, maypole dancing, bike servicing
- Health checks & advice



## Somewhere in England

- The Bedford Play
- The Quarry Theatre at St Lukes
- Thu 8<sup>th</sup> – Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Sep
- Tickets available from the Quarry, Town Box Office, Tourist info office



## Orchestra Unwrapped

- Joint initiative with The Philharmonia Orchestra
- Schools – Key Stage 2
- Training for non-specialist Music teachers
- Children's concert in Dec



## Small grants programme



## 'Internal' events



Autumn lunch for almshouse residents



Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's involving 550 staff and pupils



Staff family picnic with Harpur's Got Talent show

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## Grants Programmes

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- Objects
  - Education
  - Relief
  - Recreation with a Social Welfare Object
- Priorities
  - Transitions
  - Resilience
  - Isolation
- Grants to Organisations
- Grants to Individuals



Full House Theatre



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