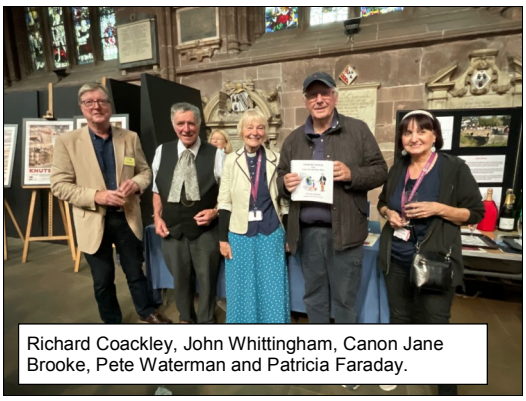
"Thomas Brassey saves Chester Cathedral from conflagration!"

The first week of Making Tracks 2 in Chester Cathedral saw the launch of our children's fictional book "*Awesome Anselm and Tom the Railway Man*".

Chester Cathedral's social and news media broadcasts reported:



Richard Coackley, John Whittingham, Canon Jane Brooke, Pete Waterman and Patricia Faraday.

"A blazingly brilliant new children's book has been launched at Chester Cathedral.

The illustrated tale, written by the Cathedral's Vice Dean, Canon Jane Brooke, tells how Thomas Brassey, one of the world's greatest railway builders, saves the medieval building after a fire breaks out.

'Awesome Anselm and Tom the Railway Man' is the fourth book in a series of fictional stories about the secret creatures that can be found in the spectacular surroundings of Chester Cathedral. They include a mouse, griffin, pig, imp and an elephant with horse's hooves'.

"In this edition, our friends meet Brassey, a colossus of Victorian enterprise in the golden age of rail," said Jane. "*It fits in neatly with Making Tracks 2, our summer model railway event. There is a bust of Thomas Brassey in St Erasmus'Chapel. The book is dedicated to The Thomas Brassey Society who sponsored the publication."*



Canon Jane Brooke & Patricia Faraday

Twenty keen supporters including Canon Jane, illustrator Patricia Faraday, Chester Cathedral's Very Rev Dean Tim Stratford, volunteers, cathedral staff and visitors to our stand, celebrated the launch.

"We are delighted to support the publication of this new adventure that we hope will inspire children about all the great things they could do in the world, just like Thomas Brassey did", said Richard Coackley, Vice Chairman of The Thomas Brassey Society.

The high quality spiral bound book, perfect for young children and grandchildren, is now on sale for £8 at our Thomas Brassey Society stand in Chester Cathedral during Making Tracks 2.



Peter Cocker & Chair, Stephen Langtree join the group.

Members who aren't able to get to Making Tracks 2 can order a copy directly by sending a cheque for £10 (which includes the cost of postage and packing) made out to "The Thomas Brassey Society" to TTBS Treasurer, David Bebb at 2 King's Crescent, Chester, CH3 5TH or by BACS transfer to our TBS account, Sort Code: 01-07-02, Account No: 56481608 (*adding your surname followed by "book" as your reference)* along with a confirming email to: dv.bebb@gmail.com.

If you would like to help on the Stand, we will be in the Cathedral until the end of the Exhibition on 3 September so please get in touch with us.