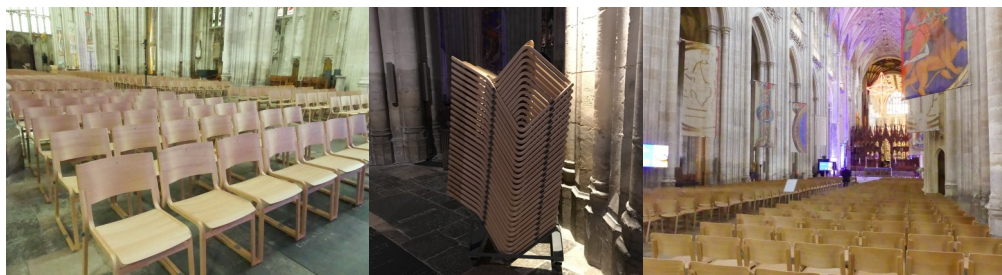




Friends of WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

January 2023



As 2023 begins, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the Friends. We hope you enjoyed taking part in some of our many hybrid talks last year, our Annual Lecture in the Cathedral, attending our AGM or joining us to hear about the forthcoming organ restoration project.

We are delighted that the Friends so enthusiastically supported our organ fundraising. We have beaten our target and raised £130,000 to support the vital work that will start this month. We are also delighted that the new chairs in the Cathedral were funded by the Friends. Our events this year cover a variety of topics including a talk in March by our Chairman, Bruce Parker, about his life in broadcasting.

The Friends continue to fund girl and boy choristers, the Cathedral flower arrangers and the gardeners. Also funded by the Friends is the Christmas tree in the west end of the Cathedral and improvements to the paths, trees and grounds around the Cathedral. We have recently approved grants to fund a new stone saw for the stonemasons which will help them with future projects.

The Friends' Board invites applications from members to become Trustees. There will be vacancies to fill over the next 18 months. Please contact the office if you are interested.



FRIENDS' EVENTS

We are delighted to announce our programme for the first half of 2023. The talks will take place in the Paul Woodhouse suite but will also be available, on Zoom, for members who would prefer not to travel or live too far away. We also plan to run some day trips and some other social events in 2023 - look out for more details in our monthly emails.

**DR TESS KUIN LAWTON, CANON MISSIONER,
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL**
“SO, WHAT DOES A CANON MISSIONER DO?”
**Tuesday 31 January, 2.30pm in the Paul
Woodhouse Suite and on Zoom**

In this talk Canon Tess, who joined the Cathedral just over a year ago as Canon Missioner, explores having Buddhist parents and the delicate art of evangelism, and will share some of her experiences along the road on her journey to Winchester.



**HUGH MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL
SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC**
**“SINGING THE WONDROUS STORY -
CHURCH MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES ”**
**Wednesday 22 February, 2.30pm in the
Paul Woodhouse Suite and on Zoom**

An illustrated talk exploring music and musicians from the living heritage of church music and the RSCM's formative role within that: past, present and future.

**BRUCE PARKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE FRIENDS AND
FORMER BBC JOURNALIST “MY LIFE AND TIMES”**
**Tuesday 28 March, 7pm in the Paul Woodhouse
Suite & 7.30pm on Zoom**

Bruce Parker, our Chairman, looks back on 60 years of broadcasting including how he helped start the Antiques Roadshow and was its first presenter; the chief commentator on the raising of the Mary Rose four decades ago, 38 years in the hot seat of South Today and Nationwide and his interviews with Prime Ministers from Anthony Eden onwards.



DR BARRY SHURLOCK

“THE HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLE - 250 YEARS OF NEWS”

Tuesday 18 April, 7pm in the Paul Woodhouse Suite & 7.30pm on Zoom

On August 24, 1772, the *Hampshire Chronicle* was born. It has only ever missed one edition, due to the General Strike of 1926. Barry will tell its story, from its time in Southampton's High Street to the bow-fronted shop at 57 High Street, Winchester, where the firm of Jacob and Johnson and its formidable editor Monica Woodhouse (wife of Paul) made it the mouthpiece of the county.



THE VERY REV CATHERINE OGLE, DEAN OF WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL
“THE FABRIC OF LIFE”

Tuesday 25 April, 7pm in the Paul Woodhouse Suite & 7.30pm on Zoom

The mortuary chests in Winchester Cathedral have been found to contain some ancient textiles. As we await the results of scholarly analysis, Dean Catherine will share her life-long interest in fashion and textiles and how historic clothing opens windows on the lives of our forebears. Dean Catherine was a student of fashion and textiles before becoming a ‘woman of the cloth’.

MARY WELLESLEY ‘HIDDEN HANDS; THE SECRET LIVES OF MANUSCRIPT MAKERS AND OWNERS’

Thursday 25 May, 7pm in the Paul Woodhouse Suite & 7.30pm on Zoom

Disgruntled scribes, protective owners, artists interrupted - in this lecture, Mary Wellesley will trace the stories of the people who made, loved and sometimes destroyed medieval manuscripts, which are some of the most engaging artefacts ever made by human hands.



FRIENDS’ COFFEE MORNINGS

The Friends’ coffee mornings will be held on 20 January, 17 February, 17 March, 21 April, 19 May and 23 June in the Undercroft from 10.30am. Please come along and meet Friends, new and old.

**THE DATE OF THE FRIENDS' AGM IS
SATURDAY 15 JULY 2023**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP

To continue to maintain our support for the Cathedral, from 1st April 2023 the Friends of Winchester Cathedral membership will be increasing as follows:-

Single Membership	£30 per year
Joint Membership	£55 per year

If you pay by standing order, please amend your standing order to increase for the first payment after 1st April 2023.

If you pay by Direct Debit, your next Direct Debit payment after 1st April 2023 will be for the new amount.

We have also enclosed a direct debit form and a pre-paid envelope for those of you who are not currently paying by Direct Debit - please return to us if you would like to change your payment method.

If you are able to give more than the minimum amount, as many members do, please let us know.

FRIENDS' TOWER TOURS

As part of your membership, you can book onto a free Friends' tower tour. The next tower tours will take place on Wednesday 8 March at 2.15pm and Saturday 11 March at 11.30am. Tours last for 90 minutes. To book your place on the tour, please contact the Cathedral Box Office (01962 857275). Please only book for this event if you plan to attend, as there are limited spaces. There will be more dates for tower tours later in 2023. Don't forget that free entrance to the *Kings and Scribes* exhibition is included in your membership.

EVENT BOOKINGS

Tickets for the events are £10 for Friends and £12 for non-Friends.

Refreshments and a chance to socialise are included in the price.

Attendance on Zoom is by voluntary donation.

Please ring the office on 01962 857244/5 to book for events or email friends@winchester-cathedral.org.uk

Your 2023 MEMBERSHIP CARDS are INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING. Please don't throw away the envelope until you have taken out the membership cards.