



Friends of WINCHESTER January 2024 CATHEDRAL



As 2024 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 monthly coffee mornings and our AGM. Our events this year cover a variety of topics including an interview with The Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Winchester, about a range of Cathedral and diocesan topics, a talk in April by the Cathedral architect, Charlotte Robinson, and a cheese tasting event in June

We are delighted that the Friends so enthusiastically supported our organ fundraising. To celebrate the end of this project, there will be an organ concert in the Cathedral, by the world-renowned organist, Olivier Latry, on Saturday 27 April. In May, the Girls' Choir will celebrate its 25th anniversary and you are invited to attend a special Evensong on Sunday 5 May. The Southern Cathedrals Festival will be held in Winchester this July and there will be a series of special organ recitals during the summer and autumn months.

The Friends continue to fund girl and boy choristers, the Cathedral flower arrangers and the work of the gardeners. Also funded by the Friends is the Christmas tree in the west end of the Cathedral. We have recently supported the purchase of a new 'cherry-picker' which will be used for many tasks around the Cathedral now and in the years to come.



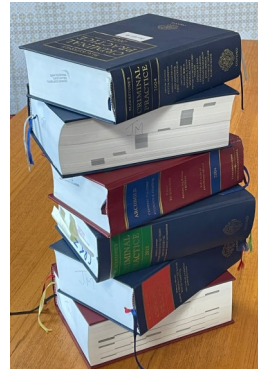
FRIENDS' EVENTS

We are delighted to announce our programme for the first half of 2024. 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 are also planning to run a day trip in 2024 to St Albans Abbey and Chenies Manor - see the enclosed flyer for more information.

HER HONOUR JUDGE ANGELA MORRIS "LEGAL LIFE"

Thursday 18 January, 2.30pm in the Paul Woodhouse Suite and on Zoom

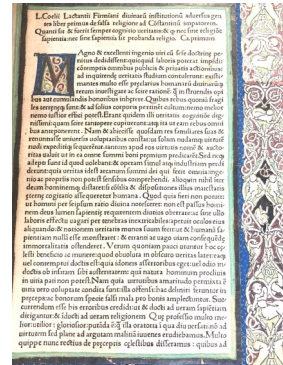
Her Honour Judge Angela Morris, The Recorder of Winchester, Resident Judge, Winchester and Salisbury Combined Courts will talk about the legal system and legal life in Winchester.



ELLIE SWIRE, WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL CURATOR AND LIBRARIAN "BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE CURATOR"

Tuesday 20 February, 2.30pm in the Paul Woodhouse Suite and on Zoom

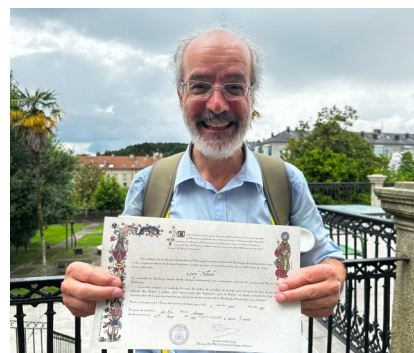
The Cathedral is home to a rich and unique collection of historic books and objects. Ellie will share some of the recent findings from the Cathedral's Inventory project and explain how adding new information to catalogue records can help to support important future research.



CANON GARY PHILBRICK, WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL CHAPLAIN "PILGRIMAGE"

Thursday 21 March, 2.30pm in the Paul Woodhouse Suite and on Zoom

In June 2023, Canon Gary spent three weeks walking some of the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain. He will reflect on that experience, share some photographs and reflect on 'The Camino of Daily Life', and the Cathedral as a centre for receiving and sending Pilgrims.



CHARLOTTE ROBINSON, CATHEDRAL ARCHITECT
“THE CATHEDRAL MASTERPLAN”

Wednesday 17 April, 7pm in the Paul Woodhouse Suite & 7.30pm on Zoom

The Cathedral Architect, Charlotte Robinson, will be presenting an overview of current projects including conservation works to the Tournai marble font, masonry and stained glass conservation to the south nave aisle windows, and refurbishment works at Cheyney Court, amongst others. Looking ahead, Charlotte will discuss the opportunities and challenges of looking after the Cathedral building and estate and give an update on the plans for a new estate masterplan and her first Quinquennial Inspection at Winchester.



ANNA WITHERS, WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL GUIDE
“MEDIEVAL MONASTIC GARDENS”

Thursday 23 May, 7pm in the Paul Woodhouse Suite & 7.30pm on Zoom

In this talk, Anna will trace the long history of monastic gardens, exploring their design, plants and purposes, with special mention of some of the monk gardeners of St Swithun's Priory and Cathedral, and Winchester College gardeners from the 9th century to the present day.

CHEESE TASTING EVENT

Wednesday 26 June, 7pm in the Paul Woodhouse Suite

Come along for a social event with the Friends. Chris Newsome from the award winning West Horsley Dairy, will be leading us through a cheese tasting event. This event will be £20 per person and includes wine and soft drinks.

FRIENDS' COFFEE MORNINGS

The Friends' coffee mornings will be held on 19 January, 16 February, 15 March, 19 April, 17 May and 28 June in the Undercroft from 10.30am. Please come along and meet Friends, new and old. The March event will be in the Paul Woodhouse suite.

Your 2024 MEMBERSHIP CARDS are INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING. Please don't throw away the envelope until you have taken out the membership cards.

THE RIGHT REVEREND PHILIP MOUNSTEPHEN, BISHOP OF WINCHESTER - AN INTERVIEW

Thursday 25 January, 7pm in the Cathedral quire and on the Cathedral Live Stream.

(Booking via the Cathedral Box Office)

Bishop Philip will be interviewed about a wide range of Cathedral and diocesan topics by Bruce Parker, currently the Friends' chairman and a former BBC South Political Editor.



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 6 March at 11.30am and Saturday 16 March at 2.15pm. 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. Don't forget that free entrance to the *Kings and Scribes* exhibition and the lunchtime recitals is included in your membership. You can also book for 'special interest' tours which take place on Wednesdays and Saturdays for £6. For more information and to book, visit the Cathedral website.

EVENT BOOKINGS

Tickets for the events are £12 for Friends and £14 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

**THE DATE OF THE FRIENDS' AGM IS
SATURDAY 6 JULY 2024**