



# Friends of WINCHESTER January 2025 CATHEDRAL



As 2025 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 talks and trips last year, our monthly coffee mornings and our AGM. Our events this year cover a variety of topics including a talk about our founder, Dean Gordon Selwyn, a talk by sub-organist Josh Stephens and a 'History of England' study day. Friends will be visiting Gloucester Cathedral and Colesbourne Park in February and the Friends' holiday this year is to East Anglia. We are delighted that we will now be holding our talks in the new Cathedral Pavilion behind the café. The Friends have supported the Cathedral with this important project by funding the audio visual equipment and the outside landscaping from our special grants fund that comes from legacies. 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. Do remember that paying by Direct Debit makes the administration of the Friends more efficient and signing up for Gift Aid increases our revenue significantly so let us know if you can help in this way.



## FRIENDS' EVENTS

We are delighted to announce our programme for the first half of 2025. The talks will take place in the Cathedral Pavilion behind the Cathedral Café but will also be available, on Zoom, for members who would prefer not to travel or live too far away. Our trip to Gloucester Cathedral & Colesbourne Park is now fully booked but let us know if you would like to pre-register for a trip to Westminster Abbey in September. The Friends' May holiday to East Anglia is fully booked for single rooms but we do have a couple of double rooms free.

### ANGELA FORDER-STENT, CATHEDRAL GUIDE "DEAN SELWYN"

Wednesday 29 January, 2.30pm in the Cathedral Pavilion and on Zoom

Gordon Selwyn was Dean of Winchester for nearly thirty years. A distinguished scholar and preacher, he was responsible for founding The Pilgrims' School and was also instrumental in the creation of The Friends of Winchester Cathedral. Angela will document his distinguished life and career and also explain why he never became a bishop.



### JOSH STEPHENS, WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL SUB-ORGANIST - "MY LIFE AS AN ORGANIST" Tuesday 25 February, 2.30pm in the Cathedral Pavilion and on Zoom

One of our brilliant organists, Josh will talk about his training as an organist and his career path to Winchester. He will also enlighten us about the challenges and joys of his role as a sub-organist and a choir director.



### KEN EGLINTON "HISTORY OF ENGLAND" STUDY DAY Tuesday 25 March, 10.30am - 3.30pm in the Cathedral Pavilion

Ken Eglinton's popular extended presentation '*The History of England & Wales*' tells the story of a journey from serfdom to freedom and from ignorance to enlightenment. This event will explore how, through rebellion, war, law, plague, poetry, murder, and ever-advancing knowledge, an English national identity emerged. This event will be run as a study day with refreshments and lunch included. Tickets for this full day study day are £25.

**FRIENDS VISIT TO TWO OF THE COLLECTIONS AT WINCHESTER COLLEGE -  
THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES AND THE FELLOWS' LIBRARY**

**Thursday 24 April, 2pm until 3.30pm, Winchester College**

The Fellows' Library was established at the beginning of the 15th century and it contains more than ten thousand volumes, from medieval manuscripts to contemporary artists' books. The Fellows' Librarian, Dr Richard Foster, will show you the highlights of the collection. The College Archives record the history of the school, its estates, buildings and pupils from its foundation and are housed in a couple of medieval towers. Visitors will see two medieval rooms and a variety of documents relating to the school's history. The tour will be delivered by the College Archivist, Suzanne Foster. Tickets for this event are £20 and there are just 36 spaces. This event will be followed by tea and biscuits at the Friends' office.

*Please be aware that these tours involve walking up multiple steep flights of stairs and are therefore not ideal for anyone with mobility issues.*



**LUCY MARTIN, HEAD OF EDUCATION, HAND AND LOCK SCHOOL FOR  
EMBROIDERY AND THE CREATIVE ARTS**

**'THE HISTORY OF EMBROIDERY SINCE THE ELEVENTH CENTURY'**

**Wednesday 7 May, 2.30pm in the Cathedral Pavilion & on Zoom**

Join us for a talk about the history of embroidery and learn about how gold has been used in regal and ecclesiastical garments. Hand and Lock has been part of British embroidery history since 1767 creating garments for many high profile clients including tailors on Savile Row and The Royal Family. This talk will explore the development of embroidery from the 11th century right through to modern day. Lucy will bring examples of embroidery to illustrate her talk.

**CINDY WOOD 'THE WORLD OF DIAMONDS'**

**Wednesday 25 June, 7pm in the Paul Woodhouse Suite & 7.30pm on Zoom**

Many of you know have enjoyed Cindy's medieval history talks over the years. Come along to hear about Cindy's life as a diamond sorter for De Beers prior to becoming a history lecturer and hear her views about the ethics, sustainability and the future of the industry amid the rise of lab-grown diamonds.

**Your 2025 MEMBERSHIP CARDS are INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING. Please don't throw away the envelope until you have taken out the membership cards.**

We are no longer accepting cheques due to the high cost of paying them in. We have also recently closed one of our bank accounts to reduce costs. If you do send funds to the Friends as a direct transfer, please use the following bank details: -

Barclays Bank  
Friends of Winchester Cathedral  
Sort code 20 97 01  
Account number 90381012

Thank you to all of our Friends who pay us more than the minimum donation of £30 for single members and £55 for joint members. If you are able to increase your payment to help support the work of the Friends, do please let us know.

### **FRIENDS' TOWER TOURS AND SPECIAL TOURS**

As part of your membership, you can book a free Friends' tower tour. The next tower tours will take place on Wednesday 12 March at 11.30am and Saturday 22 March at 11.30am. Tours last for 90 minutes. To book your place on the tour, please contact the Cathedral Box Office (01962 857275). Don't forget that free entrance to the *Kings and Scribes* exhibition and the lunchtime recitals is included in your membership.

We will also be offering the 'Architecture of the Cathedral' special tour on 19 March at 10am and 2pm and the 'Victorian Story' special tour on Wednesday 14 May at 10am and 2pm. These tours will be followed by tea and biscuits in the Friends' office.

### **EVENT BOOKINGS**

Tickets for the events are £13 for Friends and £15 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 857245 to book for events or email [friends@winchester-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:friends@winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

**THE DATE OF THE FRIENDS' AGM IS  
SATURDAY 12 JULY 2025**