



Friends of WINCHESTER January 2026 CATHEDRAL



As 2026 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 'Desert Island Discs' with Canon Andrew Micklefield. If you recommend a friend to the Friends, don't forget that you are both eligible for free tickets to an event of your choice. The Friends' holiday this year is to Yorkshire and this trip is fully booked. There is a day trip planned to Glastonbury in July and a booking form is included in the mailing. During 2025, the Friends have funded the new chairs for the quire, some upgrades to the AV kit used for live streaming and a replacement carpentry workshop extractor unit. 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.



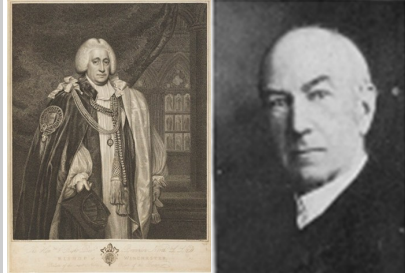
FRIENDS' EVENTS

We are delighted to announce our programme for the first half of 2026. 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.

THE WINCHESTER 'PARSON NATURALISTS': BROWNLOW NORTH, THOMAS GARNIER & JOHN VAUGHAN BY ROSEY SMITH AND RICHARD COPPIN

Wednesday 28 January, 2.30pm in the Cathedral Pavilion and on Zoom

These men were members of a large group of 18th-20th century Anglican clergy who took a significant interest in the natural world. Many members of the clergy became amateur botanists, geologists and ornithologists and shared their knowledge with each other through correspondence, joining societies such as The Linnean Society in London. This talk will consider the contribution each of these three men made in furthering an understanding of the natural world.



BEYOND THE BONES: BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE MORTUARY CHESTS PROJECT BY ELEANOR SWIRE, CATHEDRAL CURATOR AND LIBRARIAN

Wednesday 25 February, 2.30pm in the Cathedral Pavilion and on Zoom

Learn more about the process of re-interring the bones into the mortuary chests and discover new insights into the inner workings of the Cathedral's longest running and most ambitious research initiative in modern times.

CANON ANDREW MICKLEFIELD - DESERT ISLAND DISCS Tuesday 24 March, 2.30pm in the Cathedral Pavilion and on Zoom

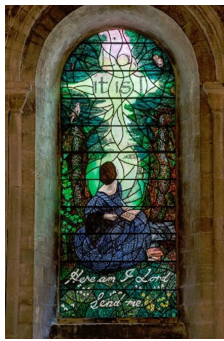
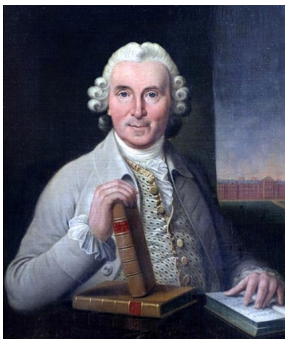
Come along and hear about the life of Canon Andrew Micklefield through his choice of music in an interview with Bruce Parker. Andrew is the Cathedral Canon Treasurer and has a long and interesting past as a clergyman. At this event you will learn about Andrew's interests and passions outside the church as well as his journey to Winchester Cathedral.



**HAMPSHIRE PIONEERS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD BY ERICA WHEELER,
LOCAL HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR**

Tuesday 14 April, 2.30pm in the Cathedral Pavilion and on Zoom

With its royal heritage, naval base, maritime and aviation industry and beautiful natural assets, Hampshire is a fertile ground for inspiring world-changers. Our county has produced an amazing number of individuals, working in many different fields (from air travel, to medicine, science, literature, law, conservation, politics and exploration) who have had an impact on our lives today. In this talk, Erica will share some 'Hampshire Lives' and their incredible stories.



**THE SECRET CATHEDRAL BY SIMON NEWMAN, CATHEDRAL GUIDE AND
PROLIFIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

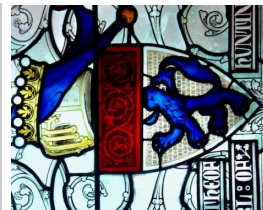
Wednesday 13 May, 7pm in the Cathedral Pavilion and 7.30pm on Zoom

Winchester Cathedral is well documented and photographed. In this talk, Simon will show how the building takes on a new appearance out of working hours, will show features which are not visible to the naked eye and will finish on how some photographs of the Cathedral using "invisible light" move it into another world.

**31 MAY 2026: 950 YEARS SINCE THE BEHEADING OF
EARL WALTHEOF ON ST GILES HILL, WINCHESTER BY
HARRY MYCOCK, CHAIR OF THE FRIENDS OF ST GILES
HILL PARK.**

**Tuesday 2 June, 7pm in the Cathedral Pavilion and
7.30pm on Zoom**

William the Conqueror helped keep his position as King by the beheading of Earl Waltheof on St Giles Hill, Winchester, early on the morning of 31 May 1076. This talk covers this particular topic as just one, but a very important, story in English history. The talk also encompasses the history of St Giles Hill from its early settlement to the present day park which provides both a beautiful backdrop and precious asset to the city of Winchester.



Your 2026 MEMBERSHIP CARDS are INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING. Please don't throw away the envelope until you have taken out the membership cards.

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, please let us know. If you would like to switch to monthly payments, this is an option that we now offer if you pay more than the minimum amount.

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

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 4 March at 11.30am and Saturday 14 March at 2.15pm. Tours last for 90 minutes. To book your place on the tour, please contact the Cathedral Box Office (01962 857275). Free entrance to the *Kings and Scribes* exhibition and the lunchtime recitals is also included in your annual membership.

We will also be offering the 'Stitched and Woven' special tour on Tuesday 10 March at 10.30am and 2pm and the 'Artistry in Wood' special tour on Wednesday 13 May at 10.30am 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.
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

**THE DATE OF THE FRIENDS' AGM IS
SATURDAY 18 JULY 2026**