

The Friends of Winchester College



WINCHESTER
COLLEGE SOCIETY

Short Half 2019

Dear Friends,

I start this newsletter with two valedictories. Our Chairman, Simon Beloe, and Committee member, Guy Boney, after many, many years of service to the Friends in various capacities both stepped down at the end of last term.

Simon and Guy have known the Friends as an organisation in its different incarnations over the last 20 years and more. They are both Old Wykehamists, and have shown in their freely-given time huge devotion and love of the school. I have also benefitted enormously from their sage advice and guiding hands. Neither of them has ever fought shy of challenging decisions, if they felt they were not in the best interests of the Friends. Once again, I thank them, on your behalf as well, for often helping me and the rest of the Committee to see a more equitable use of our precious funds. Not only have they both been wise counsellors, they have also become good friends. We will all miss them from our Committee, but will fortunately still see them at Friends events.

This leads me on to announce the new line up of our Committee. Caroline St. Leger- Davy, who has been a Committee member for 6 years, has accepted our invitation to take over as Chair of the Friends: I believe she is our first lady in this role. Maryanne Burkill, who has a son in the school and has been a member of the Parents' Committee, joins us along with Rosemary Walker. All of these ladies have great experience in charitable work. They bring huge energy and fresh ideas, and will most certainly keep your Director on his toes!

We had two very successful occasions last term: our musical evening and the water-colours master class given by Stephen Shuttleworth. We look forward to the talks of next term: the Headmaster will talk on the history of Winchester College and its relation to national education on 12 September. The Keats' first edition book, which you all helped to purchase, will be on display. Andrew Sparkes, who retired from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office a few years ago, will regale us with some tales from his time as an

ambassador in various countries, on Tuesday 19 November. We finish with our ever-popular Advent Service on Sunday 8 December.

One of the other roles I have is leading and organising battlefield tours in Europe. In the last ten years I have led five such tours and all the participants have been Old Wykehamists and their wives/partners. It occurred to me that some of the Friends might be interested too. My next tour is to Arnhem of *A Bridge Too Far* fame in Holland. It runs from May 12 to May 18 2020 and will look at the battle through the experiences of the Old Wykehamists who fought there in September 1944. If this interests you, please do contact the office for further details.

Once again, let me thank you for all that you do in support of the school. We never take you for granted.

Michael D Wallis, Director

Reviewing Winchester College, Dr Tim Hands, Headmaster

In the last chapter of *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*, Hardy describes West Hill, a hilltop near Wintoncester. The prospect from this summit was almost unlimited, he tells us. Dr Hands will take a brief look at Winchester, and then examine the history of Winchester College, particularly in relation to national education, as well as outlining some of the College's plans for the future.

How close can we get to an ethical foreign policy?, Mr Andrew Sparkes, Winchester College

Andrew will draw on his own experiences as a diplomat and ambassador in conflict-ridden and corrupt countries, and also review the history of British involvement overseas in the thirty-six years since he joined the FCO (retiring after thirty-two to teach). He will look particularly at where "doing the right thing" and our more hard-nosed national interest coincide. Andrew will also touch on the one foreign policy area where Labour and the Conservatives traditionally differ - the right use of Overseas Aid.

Diary of Events: Short Half 2019

Sept

Thu 12: *Reviewing Winchester College*, Dr Tim Hands, Headmaster. New Hall, 6.30pm drinks for 7.00pm start

Thu 19 - Sun 22: Heritage Open Days

Oct

Sun 6: Chamber Music II. Music School Hall, 7.00pm

Thu 17, Fri 18, Sat 19: School Play. *Merchant of Venice*. College Hall, 7.30pm

Thu 17: Chamber Music III. Music School Hall, 7.00pm

Nov

Thu 7: Chamber Music IV. Music School Hall, 7.00pm

Tue 19: *Tales from the Ambassador*, Mr Andrew Sparkes. New Hall, 6.30pm drinks for 7pm start

Tue 19, Wed 20, Thu 21: Cook's House Play. *Murder is Easy*. QEII, 7.30pm

Thu 21: Chamber Music V. Music School Hall, 7.00pm

Dec

Sun 1: School Concert. New Hall, 7.00pm

Tue 3: Chamber Music VI. Music School Hall, 7.00pm

Sun 8: Advent Service. Chapel, 7.30pm

HERITAGE DAYS OPEN DAYS

The Heritage Open Days Festival in September will be marking its 25th year, with a national ten-day programme of events. Winchester will have lots going on, including numerous talks and tours hosted by the College, from **Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd September**. The events aim to give the general public a glimpse of heritage sites they may not be aware of or typically get a chance to see – all for free.

Last year Winchester College proved hugely popular, with over 1,200 visitors, and this year we've increased the number of things on offer to accommodate as many people as possible. We are reliant on volunteers to help greet visitors and ensure the events run smoothly, with the aim of giving the public the very best experience of Winchester College.

This year's programme includes tours of the College, War Cloister, the Archives, the Fellows' Library, and the Science Collections. There will also be an Open Rehearsal with the Quiristers, and Treasury will be open each day. We will be offering four talks: *Winchester Poet Power: The Path to Keats' Autumn* by the Headmaster, *Shifting Sands in news coverage* by Alastair Stewart, *A tale of two royal charters* by Professor Simon Keynes, and *The Black Death* by Professor Mark Bailey; each hosted in New Hall. There is further information on the website: www.winchestercollege.org/visit-us/community-events



FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: 1st Sept 2019

If you pay by direct debit, your annual subscription will be taken on 1st September. If you do not wish to continue with your membership, please contact us by 10 August so that we can cancel the direct debit.

If you pay by cheque, please ensure this reaches us before 1st September.

The following information applies during term time only.

Choral Evensong in Chapel: Tuesdays at 5.30pm

Sung Eucharist in Chapel or Chantry: Thursdays at 5.30pm

Sung Eucharist or Matins in Chapel or St Michael's Church: Sundays at 10.30am

Compline in Chantry: Saturdays at 7.15pm

The Angelus Gallery, Art School

Come and see the exhibition in Short Half at the Angelus Gallery in Art School.

15 Sept - 20 Oct: Artist in Residence, *Jackie Berridge*

Viewing Times:

Mon, Wed, Fri - 2pm-4pm

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