



Friends of St Cross Hospital Winchester

Celebrate its Past – Support its Future

‘Retrospective’ Annual Newsletter

Once again it is time to look back at all the wonderful events and activities which the Friends have enjoyed in 2019. As a result of these, we were pleased to be able to make a substantial grant to the Hospital of St Cross, and a one-off donation, as reported on page 15.



The Master enjoying his role as Narrator in ‘Goldilocks’ at the autumn Variety Show - for which he earned the accolade of ‘best dressed performer’!

In the autumn, we were sorry to learn that the much-loved Master of St Cross was due to leave the Hospital in January 2020. Although Reg actually left just outside the year covered by this review, we wanted to take the opportunity in this issue to thank him for all he has done to support the Friends. He will be greatly missed, although we are hoping to see him regularly at future Friends’ events. We all wish him the best for his new life in Gosport.

Foreword by our Chairman, John Pringle



Another successful and enjoyable Friends year passes! I would like to highlight some important happenings during 2019 and at the beginning of 2020.

Firstly, that the Hospital has a new Master. After a series of farewell events in February, Reg Sweet retired after 20 years of service to St Cross, nine of them as Master. There is not space to list his many achievements during his busy tenure, but the love and respect for Reg is evidence of the impact he has had for Brothers, Friends and visitors to the Hospital. We wish him a long and fruitful next stage in his life.

The Rev Terry Hemming was licensed as the Master in a packed Chapel on 8 March 2020. He and Ruth have been living in Hampshire for some years and many of us welcome them as familiar faces. They become Honorary Friends and we look forward to their participation in our activities.

I can look back at many enjoyable Friends' moments in 2019. They are well documented on the pages that follow. We aim to provide a range of activities that will appeal to all our membership. Some of them are very definitely fundraisers, but other are for us to enjoy the company of fellow supporters of the Hospital. For these we charge to cover our expenses.

That we can hold most of our local events in such beautiful surroundings is due to the willing co-operation of the Hospital Board. The staff, Catriona, Lucy and Sharon are always very helpful in fitting our events into the busy diary. I would like to record our thanks to them.

The Friends' Trustees have worked tirelessly to make sure our charity and its events run smoothly. This would not happen without Fiona Whitehouse, our Administrator, controlling our membership and the attendance at events. Now that we have 750 Friends this is a big task and she deserves our admiration for the efficiency with which she does all this.

Thank- you for your support in 2019. We are well set for a marvellous 2020!

Introducing Jonathan Sleath, a new Trustee

During the year, we were pleased to welcome Jonathan Sleath as a new Trustee. He writes:

'Being a newcomer to Winchester, I was surprised and honoured to be invited to become a Trustee of the Friends of St Cross. I have spent most of my life working as a family doctor in a partnership in rural Herefordshire, where my wife Lysbeth and I raised four children. When I retired we felt in need of a change and decided to move to St Cross, which is where Lysbeth lived as a child. She has enjoyed meeting up with old friends and both of us making new ones. Our youngest son Edward came with us and enjoys being in Winchester too.'



I have a longstanding interest in natural history, especially botany, and particularly mosses and liverworts. Having fully explored Herefordshire there is much to discover in the very different habitats of the Hampshire chalklands and the New Forest. We are both interested in historic buildings and it has been a privilege to help with life at the Hospital of St Cross and worship in the wonderful ancient church. The local community has been very welcoming and you might see us sometimes on the allotments or attempting to help out in the Porter's Lodge.'

Promotional Activities

Fiona, our Administrator, has continued to work with Big Mallet during the year, to update and improve the Friends' website (www.friendsofstcross.com). We hope that many of you have looked at it already.

We have also endeavoured to improve our social media presence this year. Jonathan Sleath and others have posted some wonderful photographs of the Hospital and its environs on Twitter, and we are gradually attracting more followers and greater publicity as a result. Meanwhile Jonathan and Claire McDonnell have trained some of



the Trustees to utilise social media more. Please follow us and 'like' our contributions, as this helps to spread the word about what the Friends are doing.

We can be found at:

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During the year, we have continued to promote the Friends in more traditional ways including a presence at local events such as the Parish Fête, the Heritage Open Day and the St Cross Michaelmas Fayre.



Left: Maureen and Richard Chisnell at the Friends' stall just before the fête opened. We were pleased to see so many Friends there, despite the extraordinarily hot weather.

Right: Nigel Atkinson, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Fiona Whitehouse, our Administrator, Councillor Eleanor Bell, Mayor of Winchester, The Very Reverend Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester Cathedral and John Pringle our Chairman, at a Christmas reception in the Hundred Mens' Hall which was held to thank our volunteers and other supporters, and to promote the Friends.



After last year's 'Retrospective' was mailed, some of you enquired about how it is funded. As our Treasurer reported to the AGM, we are fortunate that its production is paid for entirely out of income from the advertisements which appear at the back. We are also most grateful to the cohort of volunteers who hand-deliver many of our mailings, thus considerably reducing our postage costs. All this means that we can make the most of your subscriptions and donations, and our profits from events, to provide as large a grant to the Hospital as we can manage. We hope this will reassure those of you who feared that we might be eating into the amount of our grant, by spending money on this publication.

2019 At A Glance

New Year Reception

Once again, our New Year Reception in 2019 was well-attended and this year it was held in the Hundred Men's Hall, which is a slightly warmer venue in the middle of winter. Amongst other things, we celebrated the amazing £100,000 which the Friends have raised since our charity was founded, and a large 'fake' cheque (depicted below) was proudly displayed at the Reception, to proclaim this wonderful achievement. We look forward to updating it in the years to come!



'Gie her a Haggis' – our Burns Night celebration

The Parish Hall certainly came alive on the evening of Saturday 2 February 2019 when it hosted the third Friends Burns Supper which was superbly organised by Trustee Sue Woodward and attended by almost 80 people. The halls were decked with tartan swags and bunting and many guests were dressed appropriately in kilts, tartan trews and sashes. After a wee dram or two, everyone assembled in the dining hall with much anticipation for the arrival of the haggis. This was expertly piped in by Ian Keith and addressed most reverently by Ken McCloud who finished the haggis off with a flourish of his dirk!



The traditional fare of haggis, neeps and tatties was followed by butterscotch ice-cream and shortbread, by which time everyone was keen to get onto the dance floor for a wee fling. The dances were called by Ian Keith who bravely tried to keep control of the floor! Valiant attempts were made to dance the Gay Gordons and the Dashing White Sergeant; however once it came to Stripping the Willow all the normal rules seemed to be abandoned and a certain amount of hilarity took over. This was a great community event and raised around £1,300 for the Friends of St Cross. The evening can best be summed up by the comment of one Friend who said 'I have not laughed so much for at least 20 years!'



Our thanks to Peter der Haar for supplying these splendid photographs of the Burns Night celebration.

Spring and Winter Lunches

Once again, our regular lunches attracted a full house on each occasion. At the Christmas event, in mid-December, Richard Chisnell (depicted below right) gave an enthusiastic vote of thanks to Doreen Jenkins, Brother Andrew and the team for all the splendid meals they have provided and this fittingly ended with everyone singing 'For she's a jolly good fellow' under Richard's direction.



The Annual Lecture

We were pleased to welcome Dr Timothy Hands, Headmaster of Winchester College, as our speaker for the annual lecture on 8 March 2019. His title was intriguing: 'The prospect from the summit was almost unlimited – reviewing Winchester and Winchester College'. Dr Hands took us on an interesting path, starting with the works of Thomas Hardy, about whom he has written extensively. He commented that the Hundred Mens' Hall (where the lecture took place) was just the sort of building that Hardy admired, with its architecture, ancient walls and uneven floor reflecting the passage of time and the many people who have used it. Hardy believed that buildings reflect society and that Winchester – or Wintonchester as it is known in 'Tess of the d'Urbervilles' – was a well-balanced city. Although he came to Winchester very little, Hardy noted the impressive vista from the Westgate,

with Cathedral, College, St Thomas's church, the Hospital of St Cross, and the ominous gaol each demonstrating provision for different sectors of society, and not just for the privileged.

Dr Hands then addressed the various visions there have been of and for Winchester College, ranging from William of Wykeham's original three purposes – intercessory (to say prayers for him after his death), scholastic (self-evidently education for children) and lay-clerical (provision of training for the professions) - to later interpretations, right up to the present day. He explained that the concept of childhood was re-imagined in the Victorian era, with children coming more to the fore, thanks in large part to the works of Charles Dickens and reflecting societal changes. By the time that Asquith, a future prime minister, attended the College, its philosophy had changed, and the happiness of each child, more than success in later life, had become paramount.



Dr Hands then turned to the future. As well as focussing on professional development and better infrastructure at Winchester College, he wants to improve communications, including with the local community. He reiterated William Waynflete's beliefs and approved the philosophy of former Headmaster, Spencer Leeson, who had wanted the College to be 'a powerhouse, radiating energy' into society. But at the end of his lecture, Dr Hands reverted to his 'hero', Thomas Hardy, by adding that all this should be enveloped in charitable compassion, because being a young person in today's society is so fraught with challenges.

This was a very thought-provoking lecture, as evidenced by the several mini-discussions which took place afterwards. We are most grateful to Dr Hands for both entertaining and inspiring us.

Visit to Kelmscott Manor, and Buscot Church, Oxfordshire

Thirty-five Friends had the most wonderful day out in Oxfordshire, on 2 May 2019. We were greeted warmly at Kelmscott Manor upon our arrival and delicious refreshments were followed by an introductory talk. Our Guide, Alan Taylor, spoke enthusiastically about the history of the house and its special associations, firstly with generations of the Turner family and then, most famously, with William Morris and his coterie.



We were privileged then to have the house completely to ourselves for the whole of our visit, and to wander through the rooms, with their many Pre-Raphaelite reminders in the furnishings and furniture, paintings, and other objects, some of which are shown in the photographs on the next page.

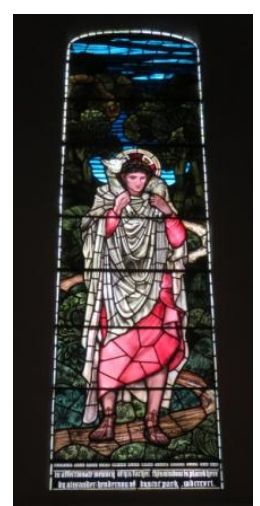


Each room brought new delights as well as enchanting views of the pretty gardens beside the river. There were plentiful volunteer guides in attendance and we were all impressed by their friendly and informative welcome. After our tour of the house, and the equally interesting outbuildings and gardens, and following a tasty lunch in the tea room, Friends had time for a stroll beside the tranquil river, or a wander through the unspoilt village.



In the village there were numerous architectural and illustrative references to the Morris family, such as the sculpture of William Morris on the Memorial Cottages, which his wife Jane had commissioned in 1902, the Memorial Hall commissioned by his daughter May and designed by Ernest Gimson, and the simple Morris family grave in St George's churchyard.

Later we moved on to nearby Buscot village, to visit the Grade I-listed St Mary's church (depicted below), which is renowned for its stained glass windows, especially the Good Shepherd window by Edward Burne-Jones (see photo below right). This was a fitting conclusion to a splendid day and our grateful thanks go to Sue Woodward and Fiona Whitehouse for arranging everything so well – everyone agreed that it was a fabulous day out.



Friends' Day

Friends' Day on 11 May 2019 began, as in previous years, with the AGM in St Faith's Parish Hall but with our new Chairman, John Pringle at the helm. We were delighted to welcome our Patron, Alastair Bruce and to congratulate him on his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as the Governor of Edinburgh Castle.



L to r: Robin Goater, Treasurer, John Pringle, Chairman, Fiona Whitehouse, Administrator; and Alastair Bruce, Patron.

Alastair explained with humour, that the appointment would take effect on 24 June 2019, the anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn, which was the day when his ancestor, Robert the Bruce, quelled the English under King Edward III! And, in keeping with the hats which the Brothers of St Cross wear, he will be entitled as Governor of Edinburgh Castle to wear a cocked hat. We applauded his appointment with enthusiasm and are grateful that, despite his undoubtedly busy life and additional duties, he wishes to continue as a Patron of our charity.

The Chairman recounted some highlights of the last year, thanking those who had assisted him with arrangements, and remembering Friends who had died during the year. Robin Goater, also at his first AGM as Treasurer, reported on the healthy state of the accounts and thanked Friends for their support, particularly noting that donations in the last year were double those received in the previous year, and that some large donations had already been received in 2019.



L to r: Friends enjoy the talk after the AGM in the parish hall; and Judith Charmer with Fiona Whitehouse, Administrator

After the business meeting, our speaker Judith Charmer, well-known in Winchester for her role as the Fundraising Manager for the proposed Winchester Hospice, gave a fascinating talk about this much-needed facility. She said that the project, to convert the former Burrell House in Romsey Road, Winchester (on the Royal Hampshire County Hospital site) into a 10-bed hospice, had captured the community imagination and that she had already raised £2.3million of the overall target of £3million. She hoped that the hospice would be up and running by summer 2020.

After this interesting talk, Friends enjoyed the usual wonderful tea in the Master's Garden, provided by Doreen Jenkins, Brother Andrew and their helpers. This was followed by Evensong, beautifully sung by Winchester Cathedral Girls' Choir, and conducted by George Castle.



Tea in the Master's Garden on Friends' Day.

The Summer Party

Despite a very wet evening, 280 people enjoyed a wonderful summer party in June, organised once again by Trustee Pip Billington and her team. The evening started with a fizz and canapé reception, and unusually this year, thanks to the weather, it was held in the Ambulatory, rather than the Master's Garden. This proved to be a great success, as the photos below indicate.



Thereafter the evening followed the usual well-loved formula of a picnic supper and salsa dancing to the sounds of the live 8-piece band Atlantico, led by French salsa champion Nicolas Inchelin. The dance floor was crowded throughout the evening with both beginners and more experienced dancers, including Brothers, eager to try out their dance moves.

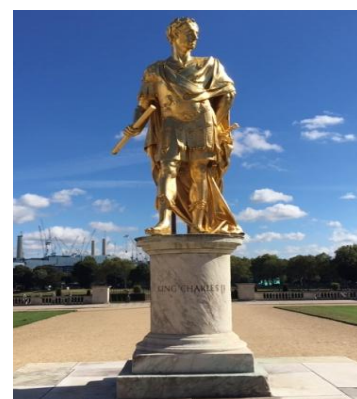


This year's party raised more than £5,400 for the Friends, of which £2,250 came from the raffle organised by Mrs Alex Sinclair Wilson (shown below) and augmented by the incredible generosity of local businesses who gave wonderful prizes. Tickets for this event sell out fast every year, so if you would like to come to the 2020 party on Friday 5 June, be sure to book early! All are welcome - what better way to make new friends!



Visit to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea

It was a glorious mid-September day for the Friends' visit to the Chelsea Pensioners' magnificent Hospital in London. After a light lunch in their café, Friends were met by Pensioner guide Geoff (depicted below left and centre), whose knowledge of every aspect of Hospital life was impressive, especially as he had only been a resident for 15 months.



Charles II's statue (depicted above right) was pointed out as Geoff explained the king's generous intention for the Hospital, of providing for soldiers - those 'broken' by age or war - retiring from loyal duty to crown and country. Geoff also explained how today's retirees go through an application process to ensure that they and the Hospital fully understand each other's needs. In fact they are so well looked after that Pensioners apparently live an average of ten years longer than the rest of the population.



Two highlights of our visit were the Great Hall (depicted above left), where we were pleased to hear that full English breakfasts are available, and the beautiful Wren chapel (depicted above right) which is always well-attended by the Pensioners and is also a parish church. Margaret Thatcher's love of the Hospital was remembered with affection. She was instrumental in securing funding for the modern Hospital facilities which enable residents to be treated on-site for most of their infirmities. Her ashes and those of her husband, Dennis, rest in the graveyard and are marked with a commemorative plaque.

At the end of the visit, we reminded each other of the similarities between our two institutions and we looked forward to further exchanges between the Chelsea Pensioners and the St Cross Brothers.

Concert by the Welsh Choir, Cor Godre'r Garth

On 2 November 2019, we enjoyed an additional event in the autumn calendar— a concert in the chapel of St Cross performed by the very talented choir, Côr Godre'r Garth from South Wales. The choir was originally founded in the Pontypridd area, with the aim of boosting the Welsh language, and our Chairman was pleased to welcome them in their own tongue (apparently after some coaching by the choir leader)! Côr Godre'r Garth won the national Eisteddfod within twelve months of its formation in 1974 and has since performed internationally, so this was a very special concert!

The choir was conducted by Steffan Watkins and accompanied by Branwen Evans on the piano. The programme ranged from sacred music to jaunty folk songs, traditional melodies to lullabies and patriotic

anthems. It included well-known favourites such as John Stainer's 'God So Loved the World', the rousing anthem 'O Gymru' ('O Wales') memorably sung at the Six Nations Rugby tournament in 2017, and the hymn 'Abide with Me'.

Lesser-known offerings – at least to this Winchester audience - included the folk song 'Hen Ferchetau' (literally 'Old Maid') about a young girl who was unlucky in love, 'Nerth y Gân' ('Song's Strength'), an anthem commemorating Wales for becoming the first UK nation to adopt 'deemed consent' in organ donation in 2015, and Cennin Aur ('Daffodils').



Appropriately for the season of remembrance, was the moving 'Anfonaf Angel' ('Guardian Angel') written by Rhys Meirion following the tragic death of his sister in 2012, and 'Y Tangnefeddwyr' ('The Peacemakers') by Waldo Goronwy Williams, the well-known Welsh nationalist poet and pacifist. This was a stunning and memorable concert and we understand that the choir enjoyed singing in the wonderful acoustics and beautifully-lit chapel of St Cross. We hope to welcome them again one day.

The Variety Show



L to r: Cath Secker, Marion Carr, Peter and Carole Wilcock and Maureen Chisnell.

This year's variety show in November was billed as the last 'for a while', and it was perhaps the most successful we have ever had! It began with a bang as five ladies stormed the stage with a rousing can-can (shown above). 'Ladies' is a loose description as Peter Wilcock gamely joined in for this wonderful and flamboyant routine.



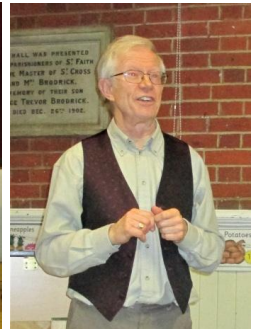
L to r: Robert Wheatley, Jane Harding, Benjamin Dege, Dodie Mowat and Jeremy Ouvry.

Robert Wheatley followed this with a splendid rendition of two traditional Yorkshire songs including the county's unofficial anthem 'On Ilkka Moor Baht 'at'. Jane Harding then recited a humorous tale about losing one's hearing in older age, which was delivered with great panache and evoked much laughter. After this, our youngest performer, Benjamin Dege, gave the first of his two superb performances of Spanish classical music. Dodie Mowat then recited her first very amusing 'Dottie's Ditty' about a widow who had supposedly received an e-mail from her late husband.



L to r: St Cross Choir conducted by Penny Terrell; and the cast of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

The St Cross Choir, under Penny Terrell's direction and accompanied by Joy Reynolds, followed with Haydn's 'Surprise Symphony' and a Zulu sacred song 'Siyahamba' (literally 'We are Walking'). Jeremy Ouvry recited a wonderful parody of 'The building of the Ark' by Keith Waterhouse, with God reproaching Noah for his failure to build the ark on time. Noah's memorable 'excuses' ranged from his sons' unavailability, having gone off to perform as a pop group, the glazier being on holiday in Majorca and the difficulty of finding unicorns because they are 'a discontinued line'! This was very much enjoyed by the audience and an excellent lead-in to the climax of the first half, a pantomime version of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The Master narrated the story, while Derek Beck, Clare Dixon and Harry Mowat took on the roles of Father, Mother and Baby Bear. The inimitable Richard Chisnell, in a splendid golden wig and with suitably girlish voice and affectation, played the leading role with great flair, and the audience participated throughout, and as prompted, with the usual panto retorts of 'Oh yes he is' and 'Oh no, he isn't'!



L to r: Brother Kevin, Edward Sleath, the PCC choir and Derek Beck, in his role as compère.

After the interval, the show resumed with further splendid performances. First on stage was Brother Kevin Parry with his guitar, impressing us all with his wonderful talent in playing Flamenco music. Dodie Mowat reappeared with more 'ditties' about blondes in New York and a blind cowboy at an all-girls' bar, and Edward Sleath presented an innovative and comic film, which he had prepared with Youth Group leader, Erin Morea, about 'a day in the life of a choral scholar'. The film showed him in various situations during one day when he had rehearsed the 'Agnus Dei', these ranging from in the shower to conservation work in the river and even up a tree during a mindfulness session! This creative film ended with a view of Erin and Edward on the tower of St Cross chapel, gradually fading out to a wider view of St Cross, as the applause from an appreciative audience became ever louder.



L to r: Phil Crump and Catherine Secker; and Catherine Secker, with Fiona Whitehouse and Richard Chisnell.

Dodie reappeared with another ditty 'The Rules', after which Benjamin Dege gave his second guitar performance and Jane Harding a lively rendition of the late Victoria Wood's 'Smile Song'. Four ladies from the PCC (Cheryl Irons, Gill Beck, Dodie Mowat and Michele Brannigan) accompanied by Derek Beck (standing in as Priest in Charge) then 'explained' the Church of England, by way of the song 'O C of E' to the tune of 'O Tannenbaum', with the audience joining in the final refrain. The show's finale was a humorous verse about the Hospital of St Cross, delivered by Phil Crump as Bishop Henri du Blois and Cath Secker, as Cardinal Beaufort!

This event was, as always, most entertaining and at the end of the evening all the performers and helpers were fulsomely thanked by Richard Chisnell. Our special thanks go to the multi-talented Derek Beck, our compère (as well as accompanist, vocalist and actor), and to Catherine Secker, who so ably orchestrated this event for us.

Christmas Wreath-Making

On 3 December 2019, a group of Friends gathered together in the Hundred Men's Hall under the watchful eye of retired florist, Sue Moreau, who demonstrated the art of Christmas wreath-making.



Sue provided the base materials, with Friends bringing foliage and decorations from home. With a glass of wine and mince pie in hand, the assembled party enjoyed creating their own Christmas wreaths.



L to r: Pip Billington, Gill Beck, Evelyn Pringle and Sue Woodward.

Trustee Pip Billington commented 'It was a very enjoyable evening, and interesting to see how, despite starting with similar materials, everyone's wreaths were so different'. Our thanks go to Sue, and also to Pip and Fiona Whitehouse for arranging the evening for us.

Membership News

**By the end of December 2019, our membership numbered 735.
Our thanks to all the Friends for their wonderful support throughout the
year!**

New Friends, Jan-Dec 2019

Neil and Claire Adcock
Simon and Jane Beloe
Linda Bispham
Jacki Bandom
Gerard and Geraldine
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Geoffrey & Sarah Dennis
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Richard and Jane Roope
John and Alix Slater
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Les Surry
Sarah Swarbreck
Paul and Sue Tanner
Mark and Melissa
Thistlethwayte
Nick and Marie Thornton
Robert Weekes and Ania
Slinn
Richard and Maureen
Wilkinson
Graham Winyard and Jill
Saltmarsh

WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING FRIENDS WHO DIED IN 2019

Christine Allen, William Bliss, Brother Albert Briggs, David Budd, Nancy Dixon,
Brother Martin Dyson, Paul Harbord, Cled Jenkins, Patrick Maclure and Pearl Romans

Dr Cledwyn Watkin Jenkins (Cled), 1932-2019



A large congregation assembled in St Cross Chapel on Sunday 3 November 2019 to give thanks for the life of Dr Cled Jenkins who died on 1 October. Cled gave much of his time to the Hospital of St Cross, first as the general practitioner to the Brothers, later as the parish representative on the Hospital's Board of Trustees and from 2011 to 2016 he served as a founder Trustee of the Friends of St Cross. Cled's devotion to family and community, his considerable intellectual ability and his wonderful sense of humour were recalled at the service, and afterwards friends from all the varied areas of his life shared fond memories of time spent with him and his family.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Doreen, her four daughters, and her grandchildren for the loss of a wonderful man.

Grants to the Hospital of St Cross

The Friends' grant to the Hospital in 2018 contributed (in 2019) towards the installation of a lamp for the Outer Quadrangle (depicted below left), the removal and alteration of the pews in the North Transept and the provision of much-needed disabled access to the chapel of St Cross (depicted below centre and below right).



Our 2019 grant of £17,000 will be used for a draft-excluding curtain for the chapel, and discussions are under way about the desired textiles and manufacturer. The Friends also made a one-off additional donation to the Hospital in 2019 for a water-softener in the Hundred Mens' Hall, which should benefit all who use the facilities there.

For details of all our grants to date, please visit our website at www.friendsofstcross.com/ways-we-help

News from the Brothers - our Honorary Friends



During the year we welcomed a new Brother, David MacGeorge, gown'd by the Master to the Noble Poverty Foundation in our Chapel. David and his younger brother were born in Salisbury, Wiltshire to military parents (Scottish father and English mother) shortly before the outbreak of World War II, calling for boarding school accommodation for David at Horris Hill School in Berkshire from 1939 until 1945, followed by Winchester College until 1951. Both schools had been attended long since by David's father and uncle. For National Service, David again followed his father and uncle into the Royal Green Jackets Training Depot at Winchester and was commissioned into the Rifle Brigade. He then did three-inch mortar training and was posted to the 2nd Battalion of the Kings Royal Rifle Corps in Newmünster, Germany, for the remainder of his National Service.

Back in Civvy Street, David studied electrical engineering at Faraday House, London, where he obtained Chartered Membership of the Institution of Electrical Technology and was put in charge of the sale of high and low voltage switchgear to oil and petroleum companies. David married twice and since 1976, he worked as a freelance technical translator, moving to France in 1981 to house and support the last of his four children during her secondary studies. David welcomes his move to the Hospital of St. Cross which combines brotherly companionship with spirituality.

Sadly, just before Christmas, Brother Albert Briggs and Brother Martin Dyson died after short illnesses. Also at year-end, the Brothers prepared to say goodbye to the Master of the Hospital, who retired early in 2020.

Brothers' Activities

The Brothers have again enjoyed a wide variety of activities this year, organised by the Brothers' Social Committee. These included a summer cruise and lunch at the invitation of the 'Not Forgotten Association', and visits to St Mary's Almshouse in Chichester, to Hampshire Record Office in Winchester and to Whiteley Village.



L to r: Brothers by the statue of the founder of Whiteley Village; and Master and Brothers taking at Abbey House with Councillor Frank Pearson, Mayor of Winchester and Mrs Pearson.

In a beautiful village setting, the Whiteley Homes charity has over 100 years of experience of accommodating, supporting and caring for up to 450 people of pensionable age, who are of limited means. The 225-acre estate is a heritage asset with Grade II listed historic buildings, designed around an octagon in the Arts and Crafts style. In addition to extensive woodlands, gardens, lakes and green spaces, there is also a huge variety of other facilities on offer. These include a shop and Post Office; the new Lantern Café and hair salon in the Eliza Palmer Hub; allotments; a golf course and a bowling green. There is also a Therapy Pool, Village Hall and a Conservatory, and a Clubhouse and bar supporting the plethora of clubs, societies and social activities organised by and for villagers. Whiteley has its own Anglican church, St Mark's and the Trust recognises the importance of pastoral care for all residents of faith – and of none. It is well worth a visit!

During the year, the Brothers also enjoyed afternoon tea in the beautiful gardens of one of the Hospital Trustees, the annual outdoor theatre at 'The Holt' and a visit to the annual Edington Festival. Events at home included an afternoon tea shared with 'Friends for Tea' which raised £316 for the Winchester Hospice and visits by Winchester College boys who gave two informal concerts.



The Master and Brothers, 2019.

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Would you like to make new friends in a friendly and safe setting while enjoying Afternoon Tea?

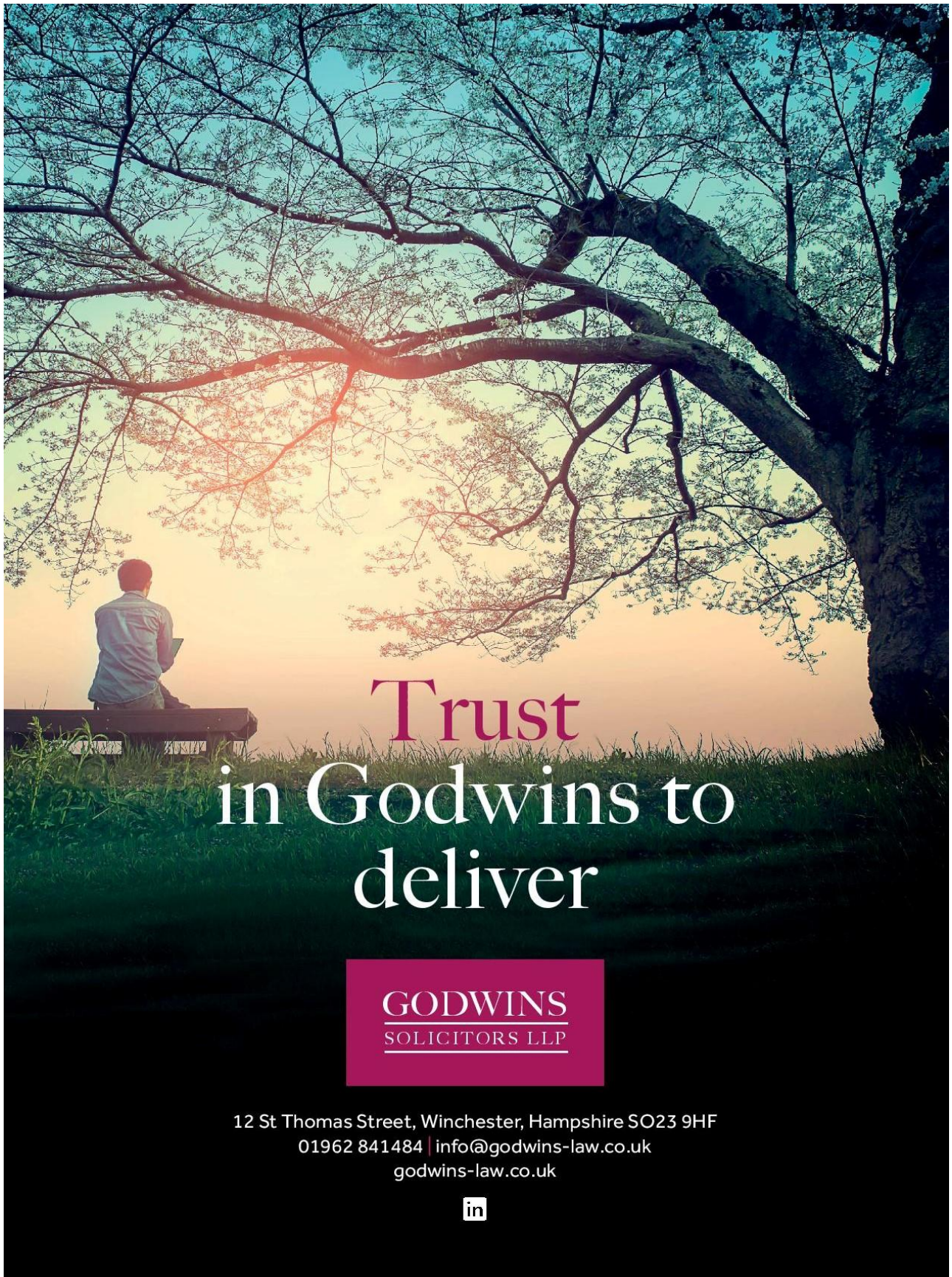
Come along to our **Friendship Café** at St Cross Grange on the first Saturday of the month from 2.00pm to 4pm and enjoy making new friends.

Please RSVP to Kim Mears 07376 497669.

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140 St Cross Road,
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