



Friends Newsletter



Thank you to those Friends who have made the events this year a success. Thank you especially to those who came to help when we opened for the Olympic Torch relay. We were lucky with the weather and lots of people turned out and took advantage of the College opening for an hour after the relay passed.

News from the Warden

Mrs Elke Wagstaff

It is with much sadness that I have to tell you that Elke died at the Princess Grace Hospital, London, on the 1st October this year.

Elke was a lovely person, with a beautiful smile that hid her many years of illness; she was much admired at Sackville College for her kindness, helpfulness and huge historical knowledge which she was always willing to share.

Elke was a professional London Guide, but for fifteen years managed to find time to be a volunteer Guide at the College. In

early 2004, following the resignation of Brian Evans as Head Guide, Elke was asked if she would take the position. At first reluctant (she never looked for the limelight), she eventually agreed, and carried out the task most successfully until her health forced her to retire also. However, when Elke's health improved somewhat, she returned to guide again for more years until this year. Elke was also a long time Friend of the College.

Always cheerful, Elke will be sadly missed.

Condolences have been sent to Douglas, her husband.

Music To Remember

On Friday, 28th September, by popular demand, the College staged 'Another Evening of Music to Remember', with Buffet.

The evening commenced with the well known harpist, Margaret Watson, who played music to suit most tastes and, as usual, wore a stunning dress. Margaret has played for royalty, the City of London Guildhall, the Savoy, Ritz, Glyndebourne and featured in a BBC2 series.

Margaret was followed by Laura Snowden. An amazing young guitarist who attended the Yehudi Menuhin School, and was then selected by the Royal College of Music as an RCM Rising Star. She graduated with First Class Honours this July.

Last, but far from least, was a trio comprising Hilary Needham, Janet Gillbard and Ivor Humphreys. Hilary, until her marriage, was a concert pianist playing with various orchestras and broadcasting. She was presented to the Queen at St. James's Palace in 1991. Janet is an accomplished pianist and duetist of many years standing, and is currently, organist at Trinity Methodist Church, East Grinstead. Ivor gained a BA Single Honours in Music at the University of Southampton followed by an M.A. at Cardiff. His flute playing was so beautiful.

The music was an excellent mixture, and was enjoyed by all.

The interval Buffet was held in the atmospheric Dining Hall, with a fine log fire and good food prepared by the Warden's daughters, Rachel and Alice.

Thank you to those who contributed food, and thank you to the Friends, Steve and Caroline Metcalfe and volunteer helpers, who came and supported this event. It was almost a full house. Thank you again, for all the compliments received, and the boost to the College funds.

Christmas Carols

- Once again we will have a Carol Service for Friends & Guides on the 4th December at 7:30
- A Public Carol Service on 10th December at 7:30pm
- A Public Carol Evening – Wednesday 19th December at 7:30pm

Mrs Alice Purdey

You may remember that we reported in the Spring Friends Newsletter that Mrs Alice Purdey, our 99 years old resident, had left the College in December 2011. She moved to start a new life in Somerset, to be near her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

Although Alice settled in her new home well, sadly, she died this year only three months short of her 100th birthday in August.

Alice had been at the College for approximately twenty-six years, and was well known around the town as a friendly person who dressed very stylishly, and was extremely sprightly. She also took part in the fashion show last Autumn, held at the College by "Wear It Again Sam", and received a standing ovation.

Although her main service had been held in Somerset, a short service was held at St Leonard's Church, Turners Hill, on Thursday, 23rd August, followed by refreshments at Sackville College.

Very much a character; we are sure Alice will be long remembered in the Town and the College

Members

We are always in need of new Friends so please pass on details to those whom you know might be interested in joining

Books

We have a box in the common room for second hand books which seems to be popular with visitors. So If you have any books in good condition that you would like to donate, please bring them to the College.

Sackville College mentioned in the Diary of Samuel Pepys

In his entry for 9th February 1660 Pepys wrote:

To Westminster Hall, where I heard an action very finely pleaded between my Lord Dorset and some other noble persons, his lady and other ladies of quality being there, and it was about £330 per annum that was to be paid to a poor Spittal which was given by some of his predecessors

The Founder of Sackville College, Robert Sackville intended the College to receive £330 per annum. After his untimely death, in 1609, his spendthrift son sold lands intended to generate this money. Samuel Pepys saw this court case heard at Westminster Hall in February 1660, a few months before the restoration of King Charles II. Sackville College eventually received about two thirds of the sum due. The word 'spittal' meant a hospital or almshouse.

College Merchandise

We have recently produced a set of note cards of scenes from the chapel and College. Currently there are packs at the College containing 1 of each design at £2.50/pack.

If you would like to buy a pack or individual cards please contact Steve Metcalfe



Communication

If you have received a printed copy of this newsletter and you have email it would save the College printing and postage costs if you could receive Newsletters and other communications electronically.

If you are willing to do this please email me, metcas2@gmail.com

If you could put "Sackville College Communication" as the subject it will help me!

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Important Dates For Your Diary

Friends & Guides Carol Service	Tues 4 th December 7.30pm
Public Carol Service	Monday 10 th December 7:30pm, admission £4 Adults £1 Children
Public Carol Concert	Wednesday 19th December 7:30pm, admission £5 Adults £1 Children

We hope you enjoy our coming events and look forward to seeing you

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