



Friends' Newsletter



We had a very successful Christmas Carol season with a Carol service for Friends and Guides and 2 open to the public. A big thank you to Diana Harris for playing the organ and Glynda Rendell & Jane Clifford with their group 'Cantu Amici' for performing.

At the beginning of April we opened for the East Grinstead Spring Sunday and Bus running day and despite the weather we had 80 visitors and raised over £300.

News from the Warden

Sackville College Buildings:

As many Friends will know, the College has recently had a number of structural problems. Firstly, a section of the Common Room ceiling started to sag - purely the ravages of time - and had to be re-fixed and plastered. This has now been done and we are able to use the Common Room again.

The second problem area is the sitting room of Flat 5 (formerly the Almoner's

flat), where a long standing hidden rainwater ingress has been discovered. More investigations are to be carried out, but this will require a certain amount of scaffolding. This will be done immediately after the unveiling of the McIndoe statue, so as not to spoil the look of the College on that occasion.

Lastly, the leopard, who stands on the top of the bell tower, has taken a rather drunken lean to the left. This was caused by the gales of last month and must be investigated to see what has gone wrong.

More scaffolding!

So, unfortunately, we are having to pass around the begging bowl again. There are two concerts coming up in aid of the repair fund, and we hope that as many Friends as possible will kindly support them. (See details below in this Newsletter).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Friends, some of whom are also Guides and Helpers, for their continued and loyal support. It is very much appreciated, and necessary for the wellbeing of the College. A particular thank you to all those who helped on Spring Sunday this year.

Members, Guides and Helpers

We are always in need of new Friends so please pass on details to those who might be interested in joining.

Graham and Ann Edwards, who run the Guides & Helpers team are always very pleased to welcome new people. If you think you can spare time during the College opening times to be a Guide or Helper, please contact them on 01342 322994



Dates for 2014

- Tuesday, 27th May Friends AGM in the Common Room at 7:30 pm
- Friday 23rd May - Concert by The Grenestede Duo (Hilary Needham & Ivor Humphries) with buffet. Tickets £12, from Sackville College.
- Thursday 29th May, Talk at the Library at 7pm on John Mason Neale by Caroline Metcalfe - Tickets £3 from Library. Includes light refreshments
- Saturday 19th July 7pm for 7:30 pm "No Strings Attached" a six-piece a cappella folk/contemporary band based in Sussex. Tickets £10 from Sackville College (including a light buffet).
- Sunday 1st June Friends' Lunch from 12:30. Bring and share.

Looking Forward

In 2015 it will be the 60th anniversary of the cricket match between Politicians & The Stage. We hope that we will be able to have a celebratory Cricket match. Watch this space and the website for developments.

Communication

We have updated the college website and now have a new address
<http://sackvillecollege.org.uk/>

And the College email has also changed to
admin@sackvillecollege.org.uk

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,
webmaster@sackvillecollege.org.uk

Sackville College is now on Twitter as
[@SackvilleColl](https://twitter.com/SackvilleColl) and on

Facebook

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From the Archives

Sussex Archaeological Collections 13 (1861) pp. 305-306.

'The following account of the Hospitals for the reception of sick and decayed persons in Sussex during the episcopacy of John Lake, who was Bishop of Chichester from 1685-1690, is taken from the Sancroft papers given to the Bodleian Library by Bishop Tanner. The particular year in which the return was called for and made is not stated'.

'Copy of a return made by the Bishop of Chichester to the Archbishop of Canterbury's enquiries into the number and value of the Hospitals in His Lordship's Diocese.

...In Eastgrinstead is an Hospital or College, founded by Robert, Earle of Dorset, about the year 1608, and endowed with three hundred and thirty pounds per annum, for twenty poore men, whereof one is to be Warden, and ten poor women. But much of the said annual maintenance is withdrawn, and there are now only but twenty-five poore people. The present Chief Patron or Governour is Charles, Earl of Dorset and Middlesex, and Thomas Winterbourn Clerk is Warden.

[Until the year 1616 there was no residence for the pensioners. In that year the present College was built, the expense being defrayed by a legacy of one thousand pounds, bequeathed for the purpose by the Founder. The present income of the College is two hundred and sixteen pounds, twelve shillings, and ninepence.]

... Yours &c &c Jo: Cicestrensis, Edward Turner'.

Note- this account of 1685-90 was published as above, in 1861, by Bishop Ashurst Gilbert Turner, Bishop of Chichester 1842-70, who 'inhibited' John Mason Neale, preventing him from celebrating the Eucharist in the Chapel at Sackville College.

Caroline Metcalfe

Sackville College and the First World War

This year we are already seeing some commemoration of the events of the Great War and the role played on the Home Front. So far, little can be found about the College at this time. The Warden from 1909-28 was Frank Hill, who had lived in the USA and was married to the pretty lady whose picture hangs in the Common Room on the wall opposite the entrance door. She was American. Warden Hill had three servants and a chauffeur. He died at the College and bequeathed a small legacy to each Resident, to his staff and his chauffeur.

The present Warden remembers that the late Mrs Cheal, a Resident who lived to be 103 years of age, used to sing songs from before the Great War, and songs from that War, songs which her mother had taught her. Another lady, former Resident Mrs Purdey, could remember Zeppelins going over London in the Great War.

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Important Dates for Your Diary

Concert by Grenestede Duo	Friday 23 rd May 7:30pm
Friends' AGM	Tuesday 27 th May 7:30pm
Friends' Lunch	Sunday 1 st June 12:30pm
Concert by No Strings Attached	Saturday 19 th July 7:00pm

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

Notes

Books

We have a box in the Common Room for second hand books. This seems to be popular with visitors. We hope to run a bookstall on our open days. If you have any books in good condition that you would like to donate, please bring them to the College or contact Steve Metcalfe

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