

Friends' News

Summer Term (Cloister Time) 2010

A very warm and sunny welcome to you all, for this, the last term of the School year. I do hope you have been enjoying the glorious spring weather and haven't been stuck in far-flung parts of the globe because of volcanic ash!

My first item of news for you is that Jenni Sundheim will be taking over the administration of the Friends with immediate effect. Karen is still with us in the office, and will be there to guide Jenni through her first weeks; no doubt she will pop up at the occasional lecture to lend a hand. I am delighted that Jenni will be helping me out with the back-office side of things, and I am sure the handover between her and Karen will be seamless.

Jenni's first major task will be to organise the annual membership renewals, which will be sent out in August. Subscription rates have been held, as promised last year, at £40 per single membership and £60 per joint.

We are very much looking forward to our Friends' Outing to the Old Bailey, courtesy of Derek Edwards, in June. Those of you who were fortunate enough to secure places will be receiving your tickets and joining instructions approximately a month beforehand. A heartfelt plea to you all, **PLEASE**, to let Jenni know if you cannot now join us, as we have a long list of hopefuls waiting in the wings to take your place!

As you will see below, we are delighted that the Headmaster has agreed to deliver his lecture on Martin Benson in Chantry this term - a very welcome addition to our Cloister Time offering.

Our final event this term is the popular Friends' Chamber Concert. Please do bring a 'friend' with you - after all, they may decide that they would like to become a 'Friend'!

And don't forget the Friends' Drinks Reception, held on the evening of Wykeham Day - 18th September, early in Short Half.

I look forward to seeing many of our regulars this term, as well as welcoming those of you who haven't yet been to any of our events.

David Fellowes - Director

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LOOKING BACK

Lecture: Our final lecture of the season, given by the Master in College, Alastair Land, was, as ever, very well attended and hugely interesting. Alastair enlightened a spell-bound audience on the achievements and influence in their specialist fields of three Collegemen from the 20th Century:

Dyson, Lighthill and Longuet-Higgins. We are most grateful to him for breaking down the complex topics of quantum mechanics, fluid dynamics, and theoretical chemistry into manageable concepts for the masses!!

Martin was the eldest son of the Bishop of Truro, who later became Archbishop of Canterbury. It will be a moving narrative about a promising life cut short. Places will be limited, so please return the enclosed form for tickets asap!

Friends Chamber Concert: Thursday 17th June. Music School is once again, kindly hosting a Chamber Concert, exclusively for Friends, with a programme consisting of a variety of pieces by Finzi, Shostakovich and Ravel. The concert will be preceded by a drinks reception at 7.00 pm. Please complete the enclosed reply form for tickets for what is always a very popular event. Please also remember that there will be a retiring collection for a couple of worthwhile charities, more about which will be revealed on the night.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Lecture: Wednesday 19th May. The Headmaster will speak in Chantry, near where Martin Benson, is buried. He was a Winchester Scholar, who died tragically at the age of 17, in February 1878.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 September 2010 – Drinks Reception: Following on from the success of our last Drinks Reception, this event will again be held in the Wykeham Day marquee on Meads, from 6 pm. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to Jenni if you would like tickets.

9 July 2011 - Summer Ball: This is always a highly popular event; so do make a note of it in your diary and watch out for future details in subsequent Newsletters.