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The Windsor, Eton & District Royal Warrant Holders Association



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Welcome to the First Members' Newsletter

The Windsor, Eton and District Warrant Holders' Association dates back to 1810 and its members have been recognised for providing quality services or goods to Her Majesty The Queen, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh or HRH The Prince of Wales.

In 1987 The Windsor Warrant Holders amalgamated with the other warrant branches at Sandringham, Highgrove, Edinburgh and Aberdeen and joined the national Royal Warrant Holders' Association at No1 Buckingham Place, London.

We are the closest association to London and offer a local reach far outside Windsor and Eton, although Windsor Castle, the river Thames and Eton College make an historic backdrop to our many and varied cultural, educational and fundraising events.

Continuing the Association's Evolution

At the AGM on 22nd April, Derek Bishop was voted in as President of the Windsor & Eton District RWH and Annie Quigley of Bibliophile Ltd as Vice-President for 2015-16. The new Member's brochure, written and designed by Annie, was distributed and the aim of extending hospitality, membership and non-competitive networking was reaffirmed by National President Robin Woodhouse in his closing speech at Eton Town Hall.

The picture (right) shows Gary Short stepping down after his very successful year as President 2014-15.



2015 Events

15th June **Garter Day** Windsor Castle (left). Each year a procession and service take place at Windsor Castle for the Order of the Garter.

The President's Reception was held at Fellows Garden, Eton College July 3rd, bathed in summer sunshine and afterwards at the President's home on Eton High Street.

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President's Notes



It is almost exactly 20 years since I took over our Warrant from my father and, during those years, I have found both the National and our own Association to be full of like-minded people joined by a common respect for the Royal Family and a commitment to the pursuit of excellence in our individual businesses.

As I come to the end of my second term as President, I reflect on the new friends I have made within the other local Associations and the exciting events I have been privileged to attend on behalf of our Association.

During this year we have made considerable strides in updating our constitution and shaping our organisation to ensure that we have a new flow of fresh faces on our Council to take us forward into the next twenty years, whilst at the same time as maintaining the camaraderie and local individuality for which the Windsor and Eton Association has been justly proud over the last 215 years. Whilst it is important that we move forward, we must retain that individuality. I hope all members will take the opportunity to get involved with our activities in the coming year.

New Members' Evening

The **New Members' Evening** was held at No.1 Buckingham Place on 30th September to promote our Association for today and the future. All inner London Warrant Holders were invited and 27 attended a champagne reception with champagne flowing and delicious patisserie kindly donated by **Didier's Patisserie of Greenwich**. President Derek Bishop gave a speech.

The National office not only kindly gave us their splendid offices for the evening but also Richard Peck and his staff also gave their time to help us with the event.

The companies who attended that night many of whom joined as new members were:

Anello & Davide, Apex Packaging, Asprey, Austin Reed, Barnard & Westwood, Barrow & Gale, Bentley & Skinner, BJS Company, Blissetts, Capital Refrigeration Services, Colin Bowles Ltd, Computer Aid International, Cranegates, Delphis Eco, DR Harris, Hare & Humphreys, Karl Ludwig Couture, Molton Brown, Partridges, Penhaligons, Protectall, Selfridges, Shield Pest Control, Truefitt & Hill, Versapak

Other new Members include: **Twinings**.



The Association's Officers

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Upcoming Events

Details To Be Confirmed.

April 2016

- * Monday 4th Windsor, Eton & District Royal Warrant Holders Association Annual General Meeting, The Guild Hall, Windsor. Buffet. Guest Speaker.

May 2016

- * Saturday 14th President's Reception Royal Windsor Horse Show - National RW Association Pavilion, in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday, discounted tickets available. Evening Gala concert and tattoo, by ticket only.
- * Friday 20th Rock on the Hill evening Elvis Show and Saturday 21st Steam Engine weekend, Fawley Hall, Henley hosted by Sir William and Lady McAlpine. Book discounted ticket here <http://www.fawleyhill.co.uk/buy-tickets/> We have our own pavilion and opportunity to raise funds.

June 2016

- * Monday 13th Garter Day Parade, Windsor Castle, reception. Each year a procession and service take place at Windsor Castle for the Order of the Garter. New appointments to the Order of the Garter are usually announced on St. George's Day (23 April) but the chivalric and installation ceremonies take place in June, on the Monday of Royal Ascot week, known as Garter Day. The Order is the senior and oldest British Order of Chivalry, founded by Edward III in 1348.

July 2016

- * Tuesday 19th. 6 - 8.30 pm Summer Reception for 50 at Norman Tower, home of Sir James Perowne. Tour of Moat gardens, Fortescue room. Windsor Castle Library by Head Librarian tour, limited to 20.
- * Date to be confirmed. Tour of Sir Michael Colman's Summerdown Peppermint Farm in Basingstoke.

September 2016

- * Date to be confirmed. Visit to see the Gutenberg Bible and priceless books, Eton College Library.
- * Date to be confirmed. Windsor Festival of music and literature, discounted tickets for members.

October 2016

- * Thursday 27th Annual Dinner, Coworth Park, Ascot, with guest speaker to be announced.

In addition **Samsung Electronics** in Chertsey and **Blissett's Printers** in West London, with their amazing antique print presses, have also kindly offered conducted educational tours and receptions.

Right, picture of our VP Annie and Gary Blissett, owner and new Windsor member at Blissett's Printers.



Dining With The Dinosaurs

The National Association's Annual Dinner was held for the first time at the Natural History Museum in November. The guest speaker Dr. David Starkey CBE, a historian who specialises on the monarchy, gave a humorous speech on the theme of the setting which was in the main Hall under the gaze of Dippy the Diplodocus.

President's Dinner

The President's Dinner was held this year at the Mercure Hotel Windsor, 30th October. It was enjoyed by nearly 200 members and their guests who heard the Windsor Military Wives choir and the speaker Admiral Sir James Perowne, the Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle.



Special Christmas Fare at St. James's Palace

Many Windsor, Eton and District members were selected to present their services and wares on November 20th to some 800 members of the Royal Household. The event took place in St James's Palace and as always the vast array of different businesses and services on show was a testament to the diversity of skills of Royal Warrant holders.

National President's Dinner

Right are some of National President Robin Wodehouse's guests when he hosted a special dinner for council officers at the beautiful Great Fosters Hotel, Egham, which was built as a royal hunting lodge in 1550.



The Constitution

A number of new members were invited to a special Council meeting in December 2015 to discuss a draft Constitution to bring the Association into the 20th century and strengthen our future.

The objectives of the Association shall be to uphold the values and quality of service granted by the Royal Household and enshrined in the grant of the Royal Warrant to its members:

- * To promote the social integration and business networking of members with meetings and activities, including social and sporting events, visits to members' businesses and charitable fund-raising activities.
- * To support and liaise with the National Association of the Royal Warrant Holders in the performance of its activities.
- * To support and liaise and raise funds for the Royal Warrant Holders Charity QEST and RWHA Members' Charity which was established in 1902.
- * To develop 'local' relationships with other organisations and businesses to promote a wider understanding of the values of the Association and its potential to contribute to and educate the community.
- * To encourage and support the development of crafts, apprenticeships and skills within the community.
- * To take all measures to protect the use of the Royal Warrant from fraudulent misuse.

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