

Windsor, Eton and District Royal Warrant Holders' Association Newsletter

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By Appointment to Her Majesty The Queen



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The Association Present a Special Birthday Gift to Her Majesty The Queen

The Association last year commissioned Adrian Bengé of Buttons Saddlery to make a special saddle for Her Majesty The Queen for her 90th birthday. The gift was endorsed by Terry Pendry, the Queen's Stud Groom and Manager, was bespoke for her new Fell pony 'Taylor Made' (pictured below) and made to the highest quality.

On 3rd June, a small informal group representing the Association were granted permission to present the saddle to her Majesty in the Royal Mews at Windsor Castle. After a brief visit to the Royal Riding School all were individually introduced to Her Majesty. President Annie Quigley delivered a short presentation speech which noted the quality of Adrian's saddle and wished Her Majesty a happy birthday from us all and many more comfortable riding days.



The event was very special, informal and representing the Association were; President Annie Quigley and her husband Martyn, Secretary Douglas Hill, Treasurer Chris Turner, Past President Derek Bishop, National Representative Christopher Ashton-Jones, Vice President Stephen Twining, Ex Treasurer and President David May, ex President (and whose idea the saddle was) Uma Patel and of course the craftsman himself, Adrian Bengé.

President's Notes



Since taking office in April I have been very proud to represent our Local Association at many events.

In April I attended Sandringham RWH week-end Tour of Constable Country and Annual Dinner. May was a particularly busy month and started in Aberdeen at the local RWH AGM and Annual Dinner and a glorious tour of Lochnagar Distillery. This was immediately followed by my President's Reception at the Royal Windsor Horse Show on the National RWH Association's Pavilion and the wonderful opportunity to attend the Queen's Gala concert in the evening. I very much enjoyed the tour of Highgrove gardens and

lunch organized by the local RWH association. Many enjoyed the exciting Steam Engine weekend at Fawley Hall, Henley, which was hosted by Sir William and Lady McAlpine. Finally, we were honoured to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on the 24th.

Many thanks must go to our member Adrian Bengé for kindly arranging and of course making the saddle, which we proudly presented on behalf of us all to the Queen as a gift to mark her 90th birthday.

The forthcoming Summer Reception at Windsor Castle in the Norman Tower and Moat Garden is important as it will continue to forge the good relations between ourselves and the Castle and also will give those attending a further insight to the workings of the Castle and a chance to meet some of the staff including the Governor and Constable Sir James Perowne.

As an Association, we continue to grow, attract and welcome new members and with the programme of forthcoming events this should not cease. Importantly I have met and continue to meet the most creative and entertaining people and made some great friends within this short period of office.

Annie Quigley

Karl-Ludwig Rehse MVO



We are delighted that in June 2015 our Past President (2012) Karl-Ludwig Rehse was made an Honorary Member of the Victorian Order.

Karl originally trained as a men's tailor but always wanted to create women's clothes. He started in a boutique in Düsseldorf and studied fashion in Munich and after visiting London in the 60s, he decided to move here. He started a fashion business with John Anderson and after showing their summer collection in 1988 he got a call that he said changed his life: an invitation to show his work to the Queen. Since then, Karl has been a favourite designer of the Queen.

Mark Price, Baron Price

Mark Price the former Managing Director of Waitrose and Deputy Chairman of the John Lewis Partnership has become the new Minister of State for Trade, and on 29 February, 2016 he became a life peer and was created **Baron Price** of Sturminster Newton in the County of Dorset.

Sir Richard George April 24 1944—March 23 2016

Sir Richard George, transformed his family's breakfast cereal business Weetabix into a market leader and in 2003 sold it for £642 million. He started working at Weetabix in 1968, joined the board in 1972, and 10 years later became chairman and managing director. The company won the Queen's award for export in 1974, 1991 and 1996.

The late Queen Mother bestowed a Royal Warrant, as did the Queen and Prince Charles.



Royal Windsor Horse Show, President's Reception and Gala

The Royal Windsor Horse Show this year was very special and a celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday. There was not only a full event diary over the four days but it also staged a special Gala on Saturday and Sunday evenings. The Sunday evening concert was televised live on ITV and featured a host of famous entertainers.

President Annie Quigley was privileged to be able to host her President's Reception in the National Association's marquee on the Saturday of the Horse Show. The event was very well attended and gave our members the opportunity to mix and enjoy conversation with the National President, other local association members, our guests and national staff. The pavilion was full of member stands which included our Vice President's Twining stand where Stephen served their famous teas. Also there were QEST scholars demonstrating their range of diverse skills and wares.



The Gala evening not only had many famous stars but was themed to cover the life and service of Her Majesty The Queen. It displayed her love of horses with troops from around the world and special guests such as the dancing horses from Chile, the Horse Whisperer from France and the riders and horses from Azerbaijan. The marching band from New Zealand stole the music show closely followed by the rhythmic precision and skills of the drummers from Switzerland.



Annie Quigley said, "I would like to thank everyone for making this a special day to remember and to the National Association and Debbie and Sam for helping the whole experience so worthwhile and pleasant for the Warrant Holders at my Reception."

Summer Reception at Windsor Castle With Admiral Sir James Perowne

The President is delighted to have forged a new relationship at Windsor Castle with its Constable and Governor Admiral Sir James Perowne. Sir James has kindly offered to host our Summer Reception on 18th July at his home in the Norman Tower and Fortescue Room. It is a rare chance to enjoy the Moat Garden in full rosy bloom and, given the President's literary background, a small group has been invited to tour the Windsor Library.

Diary Dates

- 18th July (revised date) Summer Reception, tickets limited so book now
- 2nd-4th September Concours d'Elegance at Windsor Castle
- 18th September onwards. Windsor Festival of music and literature
- 25th September Visit to see the Gutenberg Bible and priceless books, Eton College Library
- 27th October Association Annual Dinner, Coworth Park, Ascot
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Still to be arranged:

- Date to be confirmed, possibly October 24/25th New Members' evening
- Date to be confirmed visits to the College of Arms, London
- Tour of Sir Michael Coleman's Summerdown Peppermint Farm in Basingstoke

Buckingham Palace Garden Party

On 24th May President Annie Quigley was invited to join other Warrant Holders, National and Sandringham Presidents for lunch at Buckingham Place followed by the short walk over to join hundreds of other guests in the gardens of Buckingham Palace. The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge were among the Royals at the garden party.



Making Steam with Sir William McAlpine



Many Association members took the opportunity in May to help celebrate Sir William McAlpine's 80th birthday on his Fawley Hall estate near Henley.

There were some 80 steam engines, funfair, vintage cars and much more on show as well as his own private railway line and museum. President Annie Quigley said. 'It was great to join engineers, local community bodies and the huge collection of friends to witness a once-in-a-lifetime gathering organized by Lady Judy to celebrate one of our local charity benefactor's birthday.'

The Team

Windsor, Eton & District Executive

President: Annie Quigley, Bibliophile Books

Vice President: Stephen Twining, Twinings

Past President: Derek Bishop, William Wood & Sons

Secretary: Douglas Hill, C.J. Reid (Eton)

Treasurer: Chris Turner, Rokill

National Representative: Christopher Ashton-Jones, Sheen Botanical Labels

Council Members: Prudence Addleman, Irish Linen Co., Peter Darville, Darville & Son, Kevin Giddings, Milborrow Chimney Sweeps, Pramod Kumar, Anello & Davide Handmade Shoes, Alec McQuin, Rokill, William Skinner, Dege & Skinner, Paul Sturges, J. Redpath Buchanan, Andrew Tarrant, Tarrant Refrigeration, Adrian Bengel Buttons Saddlery.



Above are the five Presidents of the Local Associations who were gathered at the Aberdeen RWH Association AGM and Annual Dinner in May.

From the left; **Duncan McNab**, Edinburgh, **Annie Quigley**, Windsor, Eton & District, **Andrew Tarrant**, Highgrove, **Douglas Considine**, Aberdeen and **Micheal Pudney**, Sandringham.

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