

Windsor, Eton and District Royal Warrant Holders' Association Newsletter

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By Appointment to Her Majesty The Queen



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That Something Special From Cleave & Company



Windsor and Eton Royal Warrant Holders Association member Cleave & Company turned Prince Harry's engagement ring design vision into a sparkling reality. The jewellery company, who were granted a Royal Warrant to the Queen in 2008 and the Prince of Wales in 2009, created the ring that sealed Prince Harry's Royal engagement to his fiancée Meghan Markle.

The ring comprises a cushioned-cut central diamond from Botswana, a country close to the Prince and where he and Megan spent a romantic break. The central diamond is then flanked and

complemented by two further diamonds, which come from the personal collection of the Prince's mother, Diana, Princess of Wales. All are then set in a band of yellow gold.

Cleave & Company are located just a few minutes walk from Buckingham Palace and made the 2016 and 2017 gold, silver and bronze medals and the participant medals for Prince Harry's Invictus Games.

Managing Director said, 'We are greatly honoured to have been of service and we wish Prince Harry and Meghan the very best.'

The wedding will be at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle on Saturday 19th May.



President's Report by Stephen Twining

"Twinings welcomed two groups of our members for a factory tour and tea tasting on Wednesday 14th February. The groups were immersed into the world of tea, with many going home having reappraised what is a more complex world that they had perceived. The only low light of the day, is that we at Twinings discovered that we had no shoe horn to assist our older visitors get into their safety shoes. This has now been rectified by a kind donation from Roy Sims.

Litt and I attended the Highgrove Annual Dinner, kindly hosted by outgoing President Richard Halliday. It was a most enjoyable evening at the Hare and Hounds in Westonbirt, with speeches from both National CEO and Secretary, Richard Peck and National President, Nick Farrow."

Welcome to New Members – see back page for list.



ROYAL IMAGES

The Official Royal Images Library for
HM The Queen & HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

Among the new members we would like to welcome is Royal Images.

Royal Images has been Custodians of the Official Royal Image library for HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh since 1983.

They are responsible for both formal and informal photographs. Their role is to see

that the images are available to everybody including members of the public, companies, groups, organisations, charities and for commercial gain projects. They will do everything possible to help you get the image you require.

"The difference between an Official image and an unofficial image is relatively easy as a formal sitting shows both The Queen wearing a tiara, garter sash & star with the family orders and The Duke of Edinburgh wearing a uniform also with the garter sash & star with the family orders" they state.

There are also some Official informal photographs of both HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh that are also available, and they will be releasing these at a later date. Since 1983, Royal Images have been involved in many projects including Royal weddings, The Queen's Golden Jubilee, The Queen's 80th birthday, and numerous charity and commercial projects.

<https://www.royalimages.co.uk/>

Member Update

Windsor and Eton Member **Adrian Bengé** of **Buttons Saddlery** has announced that he is now semi-retired. Adrian is pictured with Past President Annie Quigley at the special presentation to HM The Queen of a bespoke saddle he crafted on behalf of Windsor and Eton for Her Majesty's 90th birthday.

HM The Queen has insisted that he did not retire completely, and that he retains his Royal Warrant.



Twinings Tea Party

Did you know 63 million tea bags are produced in Twinings in Andover each week and that 90% are for the UK market? Obviously Britain's favourite brew!

Twinings was founded in 1706 by Thomas Twining who bought Tom's Coffee House on London's Strand and so began the world famous tea business, which is famed for creating vibrant and aromatic blends that are loved by all, from Earl Grey and English Breakfast to Chai Lattes and super fruity infusions.

In 1837, Queen Victoria granted Twinings its first Royal Warrant for tea. She appointed Twinings as supplier of teas to her household and they have had the honour of supplying every successive British Monarch to date.



On Wednesday 14th February, Windsor and Eton **President-Stephen Twining** proudly hosted a Tea Party for members at his factory in Andover and a nice cup of tea from their many and vast array of teas greeted all on arrival. **Katie Giddings** commented, 'Much to my delight I found the chocolate tea, being a complete chocaholic I was a bit disappointed to discover it tasted more like tea than chocolate, but oh well, to be expected I suppose!

Before we started our tour there was more hospitality in the board room before being split into two groups and the grand tour. Full dress wear was mandatory for the factory tour and comprised of protective gowns, hairnets, hats and shoes with

high viz vests to finish the look. The tour around the vast and extremely impressive Twinings factory involved the complete tea story from sacks of imported tea in the warehouse, through the highly innovative conveyor belt of different processes and technology automation, to the boxing, labelling and stacking of the tea bags, ready for dispatch to your local supermarket. Our guide was absolutely fantastic, devoted to his job and hugely proud of his product; he certainly knew his tea!

After the tour came the blending and tasting area, where we were to be taught how to spit out tea... such a waste! Stephen and his number one tea tasting blender/expert explained the complicated and exacting science which goes into achieving the perfect blend of tea, from the basic morning cuppa to the exotic and varied different tea varieties available for the most discerning palate.'

Stephen then treated all to a buffet lunch back in the board room which where we were joined by those who were doing the afternoon tour and given a Signature Blend Tea Box with spoon.

Thank you Stephen for a very memorable, impressive and educational day with smiling staff who were all so friendly and engaged in everything tea. Of course your product was as only can be expected - first class!



The tour was attended by:
 Richard and Sara Watling (Past President and former grantee for Johnnie Walker Whisky), Lew and Sam Dawson (Samuel Brothers Tailors), Roy Sims and Jill (Federal Moghul), Robert and Mrs Moore (Agri-Cycle), Annie Quigley (Bibliophile), Christopher and Carmen Ashton-Jones (Sheen Botanical Labels), Natasha O'Brien and Russell Smith (Pulsant), Kevin and Katie Giddings (Milborrow Chimney Sweeps)

Diary Dates

28th March

Windsor Eton and District AGM. As normal being held by kind permission in the Eton Council Offices, Eton Town Hall, High St. 7pm with our usual sumptuous buffet. Please advise Douglas Hill, Hon Sec. if you are coming to assure enough wine is catered for! douglas.eton@me.com

We are delighted to welcome members old and new.

9th May

Windsor Horse Show. Fantastic event with the Warrant Holder Pavilion and QEST exhibitors.

Discounted tickets through HQ.

14th June

Environmental Seminar at Grundon's Lakeside education Centre near Heathrow. www.grundon.com

UK's largest family-owned supplier of integrated waste management and environmental solutions.

19th June

Royal Garter Ceremony at Windsor Castle.

12th July

Inter-Association Charity Fund Pub Quiz Evening (details to be announced)

Important Announcements

The annual membership fee will increase in **January 2019 to £50** bringing it in line with the other local Associations. It will be the first increase in many years.

Please note that Douglas Hill, Hon Sec. should be contacted at douglas.eton@me.com

The Team

Windsor, Eton and District Executive

President: Stephen Twining, Twinings

Vice President: Prudence Addleman, Irish Linen Company

Past President: Annie Quigley, Bibliophile Books

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

Hon. Treasurer: Chris Turner, Rokill

National Representative: Kevin Giddings, Milborrow Chimney Sweeps

Council Members

Derek Bishop, William Wood & Sons, **Peter Darville**, Darville & Son, **James Keen** Hypnos Ltd., **Alec McQuin**, Rokill, **William Skinner**, Dege & Skinner, **Paul Sturges**, J. Redpath Buchanan, **Andrew Tarrant**, Tarrant Refrigeration.

New Members

We welcome the following companies who have also recently joined Windsor, Eton and District Royal Warrant Holders Association:

Roy Sims Federal Moghul

Jenny Houldsworth Johnstons Of Elgin

Joanne Cooper Sewing Industries

Mike O'Keefe Royal Images

Simon Smith Aubrey Allen

Lee Dawson Samuel Brothers

Francelle White Gander & White

Chris Parker London & Scottish

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