

Windsor, Eton and District Royal Warrant Holders' Association Newsletter

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By Appointment to Her Majesty The Queen



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Summer Party Norman Tower, Windsor Castle



The Association organised a surprise party to celebrate and honour the work and commitment of **Douglas Hill**, our Honorary Secretary.

His long service of 35 years was recognised with the presentation of Waterford crystal by President **Alec McQuin**.

Douglas made a moving and impromptu acceptance speech and beamed broadly as his friends congratulated and thanked him and a large card was signed as a memento.

The Association enjoyed the hospitality of Sir James and Lady Perowne at their home in the Norman Tower atop Windsor Castle. Their garden was bathed in summer sunshine and open to stroll through in the moat of the castle as made famous by the painter **Thomas Sandby** (1721 – 25 June 1798) an English



draughtsman, watercolour artist, architect and teacher. In 1743 he was appointed private secretary to the Duke of Cumberland, who later appointed him Deputy Ranger of Windsor Great Park, where he was responsible for considerable landscaping work.



More photos on website Social Gallery 2019

President's Notes



Bernadette and I, together with several Windsor Members, attended a very moving funeral service for Karl-Ludwig Rehse MVO in Bishopsgate on Friday 14th June.

We held a very successful Windsor Quiz Night, held at The George, Eton on Wednesday 12th June. £695 was raised for the Charity Fund.

I have attended The Sandringham Flower Show, The Edinburgh Tattoo, a tour of Highgrove Gardens, Reims Champagne Tour, Reception at Chelsea Hospital, Tennis Tournament, Braemar Gathering, RWHa Golf Day, the Annual Luncheon at the Hilton, London. The Garter Service at Windsor Castle was preceded by lunch at the Harte & Garter, Windsor and followed by afternoon tea in the Secretary's garden at Castle View Cottage on the banks of the river.

Despite the inclement weather, the boat trip with barbeque on the Thames was a great success and a singalong ended the evening on board with Windsor Castle floodlit.

The Website we all agree is a credit to our Association, and Annie is to be thanked. I am delighted to report that 99% of members have now paid their subscription and we have six new members. We welcome Lee Dawson who had agreed to join the Council and his position will be ratified at the AGM in April.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Judy Hill has been elected as the new Association Secretary when Douglas retires next year.

President's Evening



On Friday 18th October The President's Evening consisted of a tour of St George's Chapel, afternoon tea, Evensong and buffet at the Windsor Guildhall. Mark and Katherine Miller from Edinburgh RWHa were guests.



The military knights were knowledgeable, showing historic areas including the gallery overlooking the Quire, built by Henry VIII for Anne Boleyn. Evensong was magical when we sat in the Quire with the choir.

Above; President Alec McQuin and his wife Bernadette with Sir James and Lady Perowne.

We once again are indebted to our friend, the Governor of Windsor Castle and his wife for hosting tea at the Norman Tower.

Peter Darville

Peter Darville is celebrating his 'Golden Anniversary' as a Warrant holding Grantee and a member of the Association. 50 years of service and contribution includes being President in 1977 and again in 2007 and many, many years on the Council on which he still serves today.



Above: Current President Alec at his President's Evening presented Peter with a bottle of champagne to congratulate him and mark this wonderful milestone.

Below: Two photos from Peter's 50 years. Yes that is Peter (far left) at an Association Dinner with the broadcaster Raymond Baxter (second from right). The second photo has Peter far right at the planting of a commemorative tree.



Derek Bishop

William Wood and Son can be traced back to 1850 when they founded a nursery in Wood Green, London. In 1914 they were described as 'horticultural specialists' and in 1935 'garden contractors and horticultural contractors to HM King George VI' and referred to as 'The Harrods of landscape designers.'



Above: Mr. Wood presenting their Rock Garden at the Chelsea Show in 1936 to The Duke and Duchess of York. In December the same year the Duke became King George VI and The Duchess is best known today as the late Queen Mother.

In 1966 Jack, **Derek Bishop's** father, bought the company and in the 70s they continued to design gardens. Two of note were a lake for John Lennon in Ascot and a swimming pool for the comedian and actor Sid James.

Derek's father was Association President in 1979 and Derek in 2000 and 2015. Derek's involvement and passion in the local community is significant both in organisations such as the Rotary Club and serving as Mayor of Eton.

He was a driving force in the writing and delivery of the Association's Constitution in 2015 and continues to serve and input his vast experience on council today.

Diary Dates

Annual Dinner, Great Fosters, Egham Saturday 18th January 2020

Sunday 19th **St George's Chapel** service followed by lunch.

New Members' Evenings: Dates to be confirmed and venues to be Buckingham Place (Head Office) and one of Eton's Museums.

Events to be confirmed: Tour of Saville Gardens, Ghost Tour of Hampton Court, Windsor Clay Pigeon shoot.

The Team

Windsor, Eton and District Executive

President: Alec McQuin, Rokill

Vice President: Francelle White, Gander & White

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

Hon. Treasurer: Chris Turner, Rokill

National Representative: Kevin Giddings, Milborrow Chimney Sweeps

Past President: Prudence Addleman, Irish Linen Company

Council Members: Christopher Ashton-Jones Sheen Botanical Labels, **Adrian Bengé** Buttons Saddlery, **Derek Bishop**, William Wood & Sons, **Peter Darville**, Darville & Son, **James Keen** Hypnos Ltd., **Helen Linning**, Barnard and Westwood, **Natasha O'Brien** Pulsant, **Annie Quigley**, Bibliophile Books, **William Skinner**, Dege & Skinner, **Paul Sturges**, J. Redpath Buchanan, **Andrew Tarrant**, Tarrant Refrigeration, **Stephen Twining** Twinings, **Francelle White** Gander & White.

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Charity Fund Award

The RWH Charity Fund Association recognised the voluntary work of **Bibliophile's** Martyn Daniels,



Chair of Isle of Dogs Allotment Society with a grant and certificate, presented by its Chairman Nick Farrow.

The grant funds

contributed towards the refurbishment of the Society's Trading Shed and associated community projects. **Nick sends thanks to Windsor for our Raffle, donation, and Quiz Night fundraising.**

News & Members' Profiles

RWH National has appointed **Mark Leishman** to the role of Executive Director & Secretary. **Richard Peck** will step down after the AGM in April 2020.

We welcome new members:

Shehla Choudhry, Tate & Lyle: Tate & Lyle Sugars is an historic and cherished brand in the sugar market in Europe, specialising in cane sugar.

Graeme Davidson, Walter Davidson Chemist:

Trading as Davidsons Chemists they are a retail pharmacy business founded in the 19th century, dispensing prescriptions and providing pharmacy supplies, ancillary and related services and supplies.

Dr. Brigitta Bedford, Proeconomy: A family run SME water treatment company founded in 1993. They manufacture and maintain a highly effective, compliant copper and silver ionisation system for the control of water borne pathogens .

Phillip Coward, Hill Brush: A family-owned and run business established in 1922 by Fred and Bill Coward. It is the largest UK-based manufacturer of high-quality brushware and cleaning tools.

James Lane, Roberts Radio: Founded in 1932 making radios from a small shop in London. Today it is now the UK market leader in portable radios.

Ed Cannon, Langthorne Plantery: A family-run business established since 1977, based in Essex who specialise in top quality garden plants and trees.