

Windsor, Eton and District Royal Warrant Holders' Association Newsletter

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In this last Newsletter of 2018, we bring you Good Cheer and Glad Tidings for a **Merry Christmas** from me, our Editor and Past President Annie Quigley and the whole Team.

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The Annual Dinner took place this year in the lush green surroundings of Stoke Park. Upon arrival the sun was setting and geese flying across the sunset in a magical setting of 300 acres of parkland lakes gardens and monuments. The estate's history dates back to 1066. The parkland was designed by 'Capability' Brown and Humphry Repton who designed in 1792 the landscape seen today.

Guest speaker was the genial and talented filmmaker **Lord David Puttnam CBE**.



Our Toast Master, the wonderful Kevin Giddings once again did a grand job as did last year's National President Nick Farrow who gave generously of his time with his camera. Nick's slow walk against the Vangelis theme from Chariots of Fire had our Speaker in gales of laughter. Lord Puttnam was a triumph and as one guest commented: 'How he could have directed the horrific scenes in THE KILLING FIELDS and THE MISSION and remain so nice was testament to being a master of his art. And yet such an enthusiast without being grand.'



Pianist Debbie set the tone with music from Hollywood film scores and the canapés accompanying Mumm Champagne from a Warrant Holding Company had the evening off with a flourish.

To follow was Home Cured Salmon and the Cannon of Lamb which received generous praise from National Past President and Chair of Royal Warrant Holder's Charity Fund, Bill Gunn.

Annual Dinner, Stoke Park and President's Weekend

On Sunday morning we joined the congregation at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle for Morning Song at 10.30am. Following the service went to [The Sir Christopher Wren Hotel](#) overlooking the River for Bubbles and Jazz in The Brasserie. The afternoon remained in full swing until well past 3.00pm.





President's Notes

The Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Early August saw a visit to Edinburgh for the Tattoo. A real league of nations this year with the Mariachis from Mexico; the Secret Service Swiss Drummers; the representatives from the American Airforce from Washington and young dancers from a girls school in Africa. Cold, fresh and slight drizzle they continued with perfect execution and timing – and we all held our collective breath at the open bayonet drill from the Americans!

The Braemar Gathering

As ever the unique event of The Braemar Gathering was graced by Her Majesty, resplendent in Peacock Blue and handing out Awards to the winners of the various events. The weather was atypically clement and with sunshine; Christopher Leigh the Aberdeen President hosted a generous hospitality pavilion sponsored by Walkers Shortbread of which there was plenty! George Alpine the Aberdeen Hon. Sec. dispensed a wicked Pimms and refreshments of Aberdeen Angus Roast Beef from John Russell and Smoked Salmon from John Ross (Jnr) were copious and delicious.

The Black Tie Dinner commenced with a Champagne Reception again from one of our Warrant Holder and held in the newly refurbished warm and cosy Darroch Lodge, where the fare was excellent local venison with very well matched wines. Mark Henderson and Fennella were able to be present along with Robert and Debbie Moore, Sandringham and Highgrove President Martin and Sue Purnell.

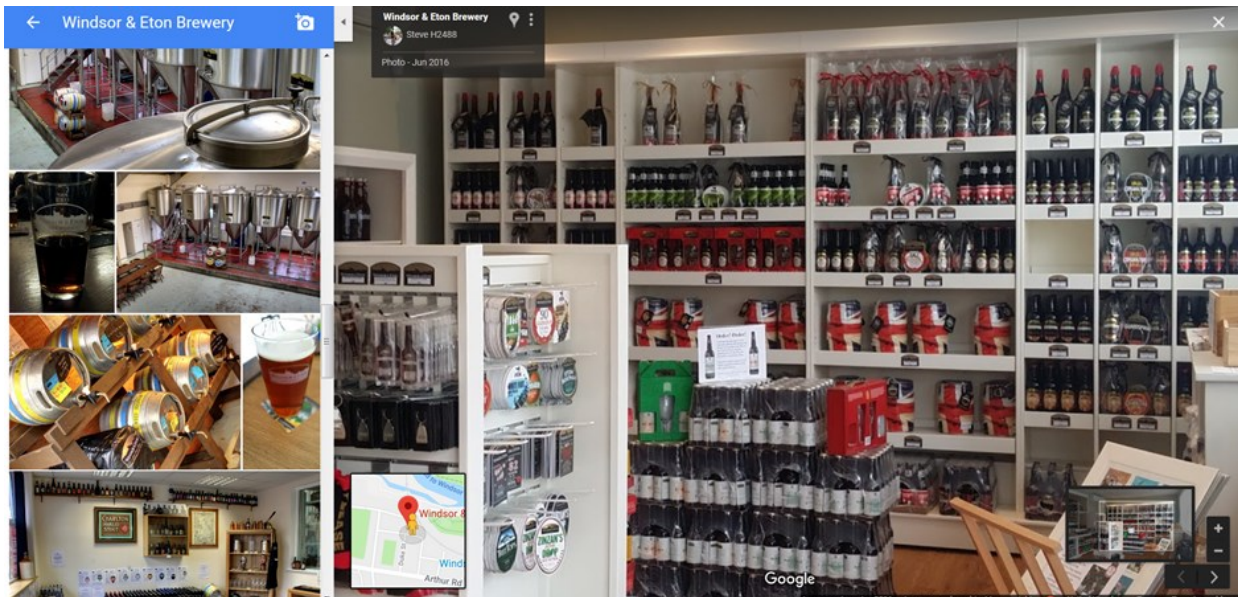
Prudence Addleman



Diary Date

Windsor & Eton Brewery Tour and Tasting - 14th March 2019 at 5.30pm

Brewery Tour 1.5 hours with Supper at a local curry house.



The Team

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Member Profile

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