

Windsor, Eton and District Royal Warrant Holders' Association Newsletter

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Karl-Ludwig Rehse MVO 1937-2019



In June we heard the sad news that our ex President (2012) Karl-Ludwig Rehse had passed away suddenly while on a holiday cruise in Greece. Many will remember Karl-Ludwig who was a very popular attendee at many events and council meetings for his bubbly character and impish nature.

Karl was born in Germany, and wanted to become a dressmaker but on being told that men could not become dressmakers he became an apprentice master tailor. He later moved to Munich where he passed the master exam in ladies' tailoring. In the 1960s he moved to London where he worked for John Cavanagh and Bellville Sassoon clothing stores and mastered the English language. In 1988 he went into business with his friend and partner John Anderson and their summer collection caught the eye of Her Majesty The Queen who invited them to present it to her at Windsor Castle. This led to a long standing business relationship which has lasted over 30 years. When John Anderson died in 1996, Karl considered leaving the business, but after a personal conversation with the Queen, he felt encouraged to continue. Karl obtained his Royal Warrant in 2000 as the official supplier of Her Majesty The Queen and in 2007 he was also granted a Royal Warrant from the Queen Mother. In 2010, the City of London awarded him the Freedom of the City, and in 2015, Her Majesty The Queen made him an honorary Member of the Victoria Order.



Karl-Ludwig was always a smart and colourful dresser who was often caught taking note of the cut of other folk's clothes. Bright pastel colours were his trademark.

Windsor President, Alec McQuin: *'On the 14th June, together with Bernadette and other members of Windsor Association and the RWHA, we attended the service to commemorate our own Karl Ludwig Rehse MVO. The service was beautiful and a touching tribute to a great friend and fellow warrant holder. I had the privilege of saying a few words about Karl on behalf of the Association and we will all miss his impish sense of humour at our events.'*

The service was arranged by Jean Phillips at St Botolphs Without Bishopsgate where friends and colleagues, Royal Warrant Holders, cruise travel companions, fellow members of the Bishopsgate Ward Club and Liverymen paid tribute to his sense of fun, and loyalty to Her Majesty The Queen.

President's Notes and AGM



Bernadette and I are having a memorable and special time. We have been all over the country representing Windsor and Eton at local association events and

meeting many old friends and also making many new ones.



There was a wonderful feeling of unity at our AGM at the historic Windsor Guildhall. The meeting was a great

base to build upon, and that whilst looking to the



needs of our membership, we must also ensure that we preserve the great traditions of the Windsor, Eton & District Association.

At the Edinburgh AGM and lunch we heard a very informative speech by Mark their new President on the ethics of the Warrant holders. At an excellent Sandringham Weekend, starting on Friday with an informal buffet at the Kettering Park Hotel, was followed on the Saturday afternoon with a very interesting and informative tour

of Oundle School and afternoon tea in the town of Oundle. In the evening, there was a splendid dinner held in the hotel.

We also attended the Aberdeen AGM and dinner the week prior to the meeting. Great hospitality and the new President, Graeme Davidson, gave a very enjoyable speech during the dinner. The Bath & West Show we were guests of Highgrove.

The sun shone on the Windsor Garter Day, which



was very well attended by most of the other Presidents. Special thanks must go to **Judy and Douglas Hill** for an excellent cream tea at their home by the river.

Increasing our membership is always important and we intend to hold one new members' evening is to be arranged at Buckingham Place and another in Eton at one of their museums. It is also intended to survey the membership to ensure the Association is meeting the member's needs.



I am very pleased to announce that **Francelle White**, has been confirmed by Council as Vice

President. I believe she has vision and will add value to the Association.

We are looking forward to seeing some of you on the boat trip on the 19th July.

Brewery Tour



The Association attended a fantastic tasting tour of the Windsor & Eton Brewery, led by Grantee, **Will Calvert**. It was enjoyed by all.

RWHA Plate Raffle



In order to raise funds for the RWHA Charity, our own Kevin Giddings created and launched a raffle of a Royal Doulton 150 year RWHA Anniversary Plate.



A limited edition of a 1000 plates were produced in 1990 and Kevin sold the years from 1840, when the association was formed, to the year 2018. The sale of all the tickets raised £866 for the Charity Fund and the plate was won by a very pleased **Sonia King** from ProEconomy (above with Charity Fund Chair, Nick Farrow and Kevin). **Well done Kevin** and many thanks for your great efforts.

Charity Fund Quiz Night

This year's event involved 5 locations across the country with Windsor and Eton Brewery kindly hosting us in their private Hop House function room at The George, Eton High Street.



We had entries from Town and Country Fine foods , Rokill, Sanderson, The Windsor and Eton Brewery, Reid's of Eton and a scratch team. Kevin acted as Quizmaster, Pimms flowed thanks to Rokill and Town and Country Fine Foods kindly provided the nibbles.



At 18.30 the quiz started around the country. The first round went to the Reids Cavaliers with the Queen Victoria Sponge Team second and this was repeated in the second half of the quiz. We were not to be undone and Windsor were delighted to have won the best national team.



We sold 185 raffle tickets and great prizes were donated by; Barnard & Westwood, Darville Tea, Dege & Skinner, Milborrow Chimney Sweeps, Twinings Tea, Town and Country Fine Foods as well as **Janet and Cliff Want**.

Diary Dates

Friday 19th July, Boat Trip on the Thames from Windsor Promenade – sold out

18th – 19th January 2020, President's Weekend, Great Fosters, Egham – Details to be announced. 19th will include a visit to St George's Chapel and lunch.

New Members' Evenings

To recruit Southern and London based Royal Warrant Holders to our local Association. Dates to be confirmed and venues to be Buckingham Place (Head Office) and one of Eton's Museums.

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 Benge** 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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New Members' Profiles

Sonia King - ProEconomy

ProEconomy are 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 in water systems. ProEconomy operate on a nationwide scale treating the water in many sites across the UK and Europe.

Nick Farrow - Farrows

Established in 1979, Farrows has over 40 years of experience, a Royal Warrant to H.M. The Queen, RAR awards for Brand Strategy and Animation and holds the UK benchmark with Aprais for client agency partnerships. They love brands and are passionate about delivering exciting results that are truly effective now and in the future.

Nick is Past President of Sandringham and National President, Past Chair of QEST and currently Chair of RWHA Charity Trust.

Graeme Davidson - Walter Davidson

Walter Davidson & Sons Ltd (trading as Davidsons Chemists) are a retail pharmacy business founded in the 19th century, dispensing prescriptions and providing pharmacy supplies and ancillary and related services and supplies, including health-care and wellbeing products and beauty and grooming products.

Philip Coward - Hillbrush

The Hill Brush Company Ltd was established in 1922 by brothers Fred and Bill Coward. Passionate about quality and innovation, this family-owned and run business has become the largest UK-based manufacturer of high-quality brushware and hygienic cleaning tools.

Edward Cannon - Langthorns Plantery

Langthorns Plantery is a professional, family-run business established since 1977, based in Essex. Specialising in top quality garden plants and trees, with an eye for the more unusual species as well as the popular old timers. Their range includes ornamental trees, shrubs, roses, climbers, herbaceous plants and more.