

# FRIENDS NEWS



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## THIS SEASON

Kate Dean

I hope you've enjoyed a lovely summer. We're now looking forward to our autumn programme of events and there is plenty detailed in this newsletter which we hope will tempt you to join us. Our big event for this season is the annual Quiz Night. Sadly, due to rising costs, we have had to increase the ticket price for the first time since the Quiz Night started. But it is still a very reasonable night out and includes a light supper and a fabulous evening of entertainment!

Over the summer the Cathedral has welcomed a new company to run the newly named Cathedral Café. Later in this newsletter you will find a cut out voucher to use and take advantage of a discount in the café – this can also be used in the shop. In both places you will be given a discount of 10% when you pay.

Looking forward to later in the year, enclosed is a flyer for the Christmas Market which we hope you will be able to display locally and encourage people to visit the Cathedral on that weekend. Also enclosed is the Cathedral's 'What's On' leaflet giving you information about events here over the coming months.

We hope to see you very soon

## WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL AND ST CROSS HOSPITAL –

18 September



We'll meet outside the main entrance to the Cathedral at 11.15am ready for our guided tour at 11.30am (everyone will be responsible for making their own way to Winchester). Winchester is a beautiful city and the medieval Cathedral has been "a living place of worship and welcome for over 900 years". There is a rich history to explore and the architecture is spectacular.

After our tour we will take a lunch break where people might like to bring a sandwich and eat in the grounds or visit one of the cafes etc. In the afternoon we will take a stroll to St Cross Hospital where we will have a guided tour.

"Nestling in the water meadows alongside the River Itchen and in the shadow of St Catherine's Hill lies the ancient Hospital of

St Cross. Renowned for the tranquillity of its setting and the beauty of its architecture, the Hospital is one of England's oldest almshouses having been in continuous use".

Before travelling home we will have tea at St Cross. (There is a good bus route available for people who feel unable to walk to and from St Cross.)

Tickets £20 (not including travel or lunch) available from the Friends office

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## QUIZ NIGHT

4 October



The annual Quiz Night this year is at the beginning of October. Enclosed is a leaflet to advertise the event amongst your family and friends – gather a team or come and join a team here. This year there has been a small increase in price as the cost has remained the same since we first started the Quiz Nights a good number of years ago.

The event is set in the nave of the Cathedral and a light snack supper is served at the beginning of the evening (6.30pm). Drinks can be purchased at the bar. There is a short break after the 4th round to give everyone time to refill their drinks, finish their supper and complete the picture round!

An evening of light-hearted fun spent in our beautiful Cathedral. Tickets are available either from the Friends office or via Eventbrite: [quiznightatthecathedral.eventbrite.co.uk](http://quiznightatthecathedral.eventbrite.co.uk) (to book a table) or [quiznightatthecathedralindividual.eventbrite.co.uk](http://quiznightatthecathedralindividual.eventbrite.co.uk) (individual tickets)

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## WESTMINSTER ABBEY

14 October (\*new date\*)



Recently Westminster Abbey has opened 'The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries' and the Friends of Southwark Cathedral have been invited to make a visit as guests of the Abbey.

The Galleries are in the beautiful 13th century triforium, 16 metres (52 feet) above the floor of the Abbey. They display the Abbey's greatest treasures and tell the story of their thousand-year history.

We will meet at Westminster Abbey, in Dean's Yard, at 11.30 ready to move inside at 11.45. Your journey will begin at the Weston Tower and you will be able to enjoy the amazing views of the Palace of Westminster and the medieval Chapter House on your way up. (A lift is available for those with reduced

mobility.) This trip is not a guided tour, instead you are able to explore the Galleries at your own pace.

After the Gallery visit you will have time to visit the Abbey before it closes for a big event. Tickets for this event are strictly limited and booking in advance is essential. We ask for a donation of £15 to attend which will give access to the Galleries and Abbey.

Tickets are available from the Friends office.

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## ROME, BRITAIN AND THE ORIGINS OF LONDON

15 November



This lecture will be held after Choral Evensong (approximately 6.15pm) and is a joint venture with the Greater Chapter. Martin Millett FBA, Laurence Professor of Classical Archaeology at the University of Cambridge, will deliver this illustrated lecture in the Nave of the Cathedral.

Southwark Cathedral lies over part of a suburb of Roman *Londinium* and the

Cathedral is itself one of many sites that has seen archaeological exploration over past decades. Traditional views of the Roman Empire have seen the development of provinces like Britain as passive receptors of 'civilization' from a militaristic imperial system, with little role for indigenous people. This talk will explore aspects of the archaeology of London which suggest a different history, with active participation by the inhabitants in the creation of a dynamic city occupied by a diverse community.

Tickets: £10 either from the Friends office on via Eventbrite [romanlondon.eventbrite.co.uk](http://romanlondon.eventbrite.co.uk)

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## BALLOONAMANIA BELLES

23 November



Award-winning journalist, Sharon Wright, has recently published a book revealing the hair-raising adventures of the feisty female ballooning heroines of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Many of these early flights began here in Southwark. Sharon will give an illustrated talk revealing the astonishing stories of the fabulous female pioneers of balloon flight. (This talk was scheduled for earlier in the year but unfortunately was postponed)

The talk will begin at 11am with coffee available from 10.50. A light lunch will be served after the talk. This promises to be an enlightening and light-hearted look at an unusual topic – Sharon is entertaining and passionate about her subject and there will certainly be some laughs.

“More than a century before the first aeroplane took flight women were heading for the heavens in crazy, inspired contraptions that could bring death or glory and all too often, both. Women were in the vanguard of the Balloonomania craze that took hold in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and swept across Europe and then the World. Their exploits were a vital element of our first voyages into the sky. When women’s options were often severely limited by law and convention they managed to join the exhilarating quest for spectacle, adventure and danger among the clouds. Many of the brightest stars of this extraordinary era of human flight were women. From the perilous ascent in 1784 by feisty French teenager Elisabeth Thible, female aeronauts have never looked back or down. Who were these brave women who took to the air when it was such an incredibly dangerous and scandalous thing to do?”  
 Tickets: £9.50 (to include a light lunch) available from the Friends office or on Eventbrite [balloonomaniaibellestalk.eventbrite.co.uk](http://balloonomaniaibellestalk.eventbrite.co.uk)

## CHRISTMAS SOIREE AT THE DEANERY

18 December

This year we return to The Deanery for our Christmas Soiree. Light refreshments will be

served on arrival at 7.00pm and some carol singing to ease us into the festive season. We will end with Christmas coffee and mince pies at 8.45pm.

Tickets are strictly limited, available from the Friends office and must be booked in advance: £25

## BECKET 2020



Next year will see numerous events to commemorate the life and death of Thomas Becket and at Southwark we will be marking the anniversary with a pilgrimage walk from Southwark to Canterbury. This will take place from 23 – 30 May with opportunities to stay overnight on the way. We will arrive in Canterbury on Saturday 30 May.

A small group of walkers have spent time testing the route this year and whilst it’s challenging in particular places, it’s also rewarding with some beautiful views across the Kent countryside. We hope to find some accommodation along parts of the route to cater for different requirements. But first, to help with the training we will have a programme of walks to prepare for the pilgrimage in May. Our first walk is on 19 October led by Mike and Carolyn Lawson. Please let us know if you would like to join us

and we will confirm the details of the walk. We will keep you updated with news via this newsletter but also on the Cathedral website.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 18 September

Visit to Winchester Cathedral and St Cross Hospital

### 4 October

Quiz Night

### 14 October

Visit to Westminster Abbey

### 15 November

Talk: Roman London (in association with the Greater Chapter evening)

### 23 November

Balloonomania Belles – an illustrated talk

**29 November – 1 December**  
Christmas Market

### 1 December

Advent Tea

### 18 December

Christmas Soiree at The Deanery

### 4 January

Anne Bronte anniversary talk with afternoon tea (details to follow)

### 23-31 May

Becket 2020 Pilgrimage

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# BOOKING FORM

Name .....

Address .....

..... Postcode .....

E-mail .....

Telephone Number .....

**Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your booking form for us to send the tickets to you.**

Event	Cost of Ticket	No. of tickets	Total
Wednesday 18 September, 11.15am <b>Winchester Cathedral and Hospital of St Cross</b>	£20	.....	.....
Friday 4 October, 6.30pm <b>Quiz Night</b>	£17.50 £125 (table of up to 8)	.....	.....
Monday 14 October, 11.30am <b>Westminster Abbey Galleries</b>	£15	.....	.....
Friday 15 November, 6.15pm <b>'Rome, Britain and the origins of London'</b>	£10 (Friends)	.....	.....
Saturday 23 November, 11am <b>Balloonamania Belles</b>	£9.50	.....	.....
Wednesday 18 December, 7pm <b>Christmas Soiree at The Deanery</b>	£25	.....	.....
	<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	.....

Cheques should be made payable to 'The Friends of Southwark Cathedral'.

We regret we are unable to refund money on returned tickets unless we are able to sell your ticket to someone else at least two weeks prior to the event.

Please complete this form and return, together with a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Mrs Kate Dean, Friends of Southwark Cathedral, Montague Close, London SE1 9DA.  
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