

# The Friends of Osterley Park

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## NEWSLETTER

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from the Chairman

John James

This newsletter is our Spring edition. It is always a pleasant feeling with the clocks changing to give us lighter evenings. Spring has taken a long time to come and the forecast hints that we are not over the cold snaps just yet! Certainly at Osterley the Spring flowers are out and daffodils give a wonderful display of colour. Roll on bluebell time.

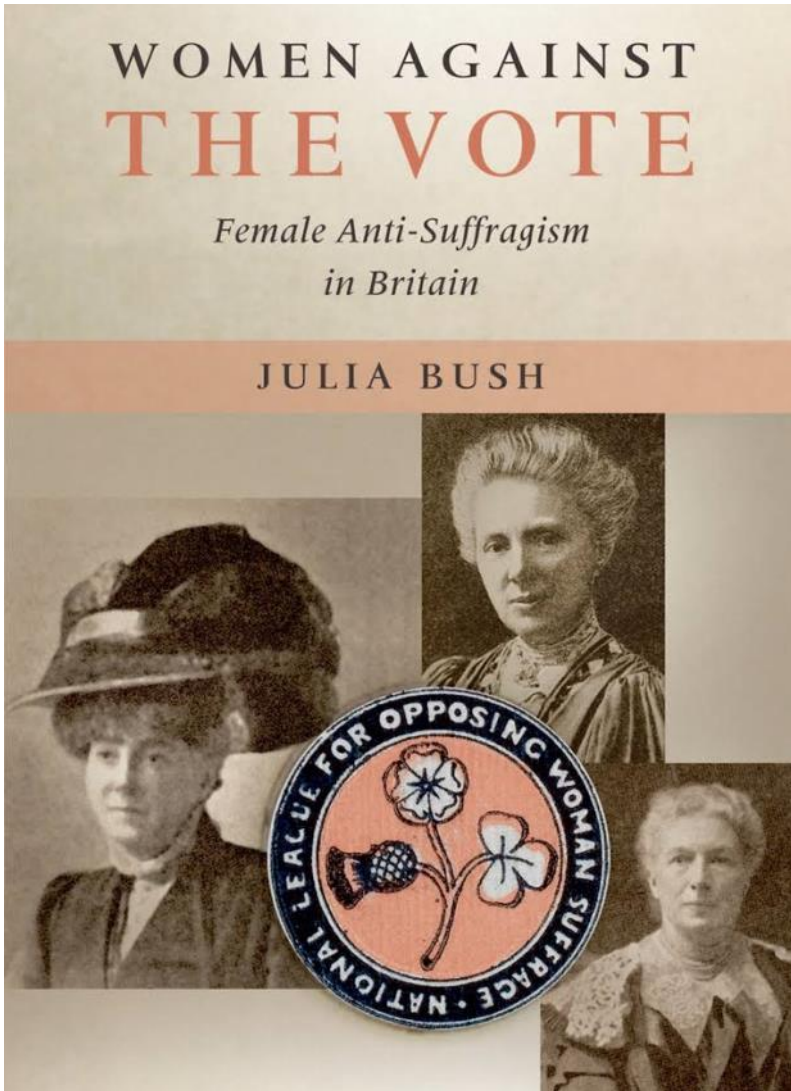
We started the New Year with a coffee morning on the 18<sup>th</sup> January with Neil Cole giving us an overview of the year ahead, saying that there would be no big event, but it would be a year of consolidation. Osterley had ended last year financially in a very good state. He said that it would be important to monitor the day to day income versus expenditure, to be aware of the budgets and to have a contingency plan.

At our February coffee morning Douglas Craik gave a very humorous and informative talk on “planning Friends’ holidays”. It demonstrated the professional approach he takes to planning the holidays – long may he continue. On the 19<sup>th</sup> March we had an excellent presentation by Sophie Slater, Commercial Managers, on the Goldsmiths Company proposed Winter Exhibition “Made for the Table” which will feature in each room in the House. The exhibition is being held in a number of places, finishing at Osterley. It should be fascinating.

The very popular visit to Highclere Castle approaches. All those going are in for quite an experience. The Coach Trip team have once again arranged some excellent visits, as has Margaret Friday with her London visits.

Margaret’s regular contribution to our newsletter excels with this issue on “Women against the Vote” (not my view) and Osterley’s link with that time.

Our AGM will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, at the new time of 5 p.m. which we hope will encourage more Friends to attend. It is a very sociable occasion, with a quiz and the 100 Club draw, and we are fortunate to have Neil Cole as our speaker. Hope to see you there.



No votes for Women!  
Lady Jersey’s alternative view, not the editor’s or contributor’s

Left to right  
Mary Ward, Margaret Countess of Jersey, possibly Octavia Hill



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL **Douglas Craik**

Your renewal was due on 1st April. If you haven't done so (and don't pay by Standing Order) please post to the Membership Secretary your cheque made out to "Friends of Osterley" (no "Park") £16 Joint membership, £10 single membership, £12 per 100 Club number. Please say if you want us to claim Gift Aid

You can also pay by Bank Transfer to our Account  
Sort Code **20 02 06** Account number **70389315**  
Reference **Membership/your name**

**Please note that we have a new Membership Secretary, Keith Rookledge.** (see back page)

There have been a few hiccups in the changeover from John James to Keith. Your 100 Club Card and/or membership Card may be with this Newsletter. On-line readers may get theirs by email.



## from the 100 club **Douglas Craik**

A draw was held at the coffee morning on the 19th March. The lucky winners were:- J Derby £25, S Smith £50, and E Bamber £100. All members of the Friends can purchase one or more "shares" in the 100 Club.



## AGM Quiz **Quizmaster Craik**

Last year we had a quiz at the AGM which proved a bit too challenging for many (except Neil Cole and he may have just been a lucky guesser).

The questions at this year quiz will be revealed at the AGM and in most cases the answers will be with the questions, though together with alternatives.. So a chance for thinking caps to be tested and knowledge—or lucky guesses—to be displayed.



## Double Gongs **Douglas Craik**

Continuing our occasional series on awards to members of the Friends I now hear of an unusual "double gong". I have known couples both being awarded for a joint effort but Stephanie and John

Collis got their MBEs for very different achievements. John for services to Police and Community in Hounslow in 1997 and Stephanie for services to Education in Hounslow in 2011. Rather belated congratulations to both



## Coming events

### COFFEE MORNINGS BREW HOUSE

**10:30 FOR 11:00 UNTIL 12:00ish**

**Members of Friends £4, others £5**

£2.50 pays for Coffee and biscuits



Our monthly programme of coffee morning talks continues, all are welcome and it is a chance to catch up on the latest news from other Friends & staff.

**Tuesday 22nd May NB 10:15 for 10:45** Gail Sanderson

"The background to Country House visiting 1700 - 1830"

**Monday 25th June 10:30 for 11:00** Margaret Friday and others

"early volunteering at Osterley 2"

**Thursday 19th July 10:30 for 11:00** Ffion George House & Collections.

### 2019 Programme

About half of our talks are updates on the property from members of staff and the others on subjects that will hopefully be of interest.

We need 6 members or others as speakers, If you are willing to do a 30-45 minute talk on any (fairly) relevant subject on please tell John James



## Outings update **Douglas Craik**

The trip just made to Highclere Castle was very popular with 51 booked and a waiting list of 8.

The London visit to the Mercers Hall in May is also fully booked with a small waiting list but if you want to be added to the list let me know.

There a second opportunity to book for the trip to Buscot Park on 10th May and first bookings to Baddesley Clinton & Packwood House, Stonor Park, Chelsea Physic Garden (limited to 20) and Forty Hall.



## OSTERLEY HOUSE BOOKGROUP

### Meet at house family entrance

Tuesday 15th May at 2pm:

The book is

"Sophia. Princess, Suffragette, Revolutionary." by Anita Anand.

Please let the Wendy Sim know if you are coming.

wendyasim@BTinternet.com or 020 8979 3834.

**For all volunteers, staff and members of Friends of Osterley Park**





## Baddesley Clinton & Packwood House Pat Herod



**Tuesday 12th June 09:00 at Osterley Park or opposite Underground Cost £27**

Badesley Clinton is an atmospheric secluded, moated Manor House that has been a sanctuary since the 15th Century.

It is one of the most enchanting properties owned by the National Trust. Learn of the late medieval, Tudor and 20th Century history, from hiding persecuted Catholics in it's priest holes to the history of the Ferrers family who have lived there for more than 500 years.

The peaceful gardens include fish pools, a walled garden and a lakeside walk. Wisteria in the garden and house courtyard is in full colour in June. The Barn Restaurant serves hot meals and snacks and the Stables offer light refreshments. Picnics are welcome.

Nearby Packwood House which lies in the Forest of Arden was for



many years the house of the Featherstones

There is a tradition that Charles II was given refreshments here after his defeat at Worcester in 1651. Many of the interiors were restored at the beginning of the 20th

Century by Graham Baron Ash. The lavishly furnished rooms contain French and Flemish tapestries and 17th Century furniture. The Garden Kitchen serves hot food and snacks. Picnics are welcome.

## Chelsea Physic Garden

Margaret Friday



**Tuesday 19th June Cost £15**

Swan Walk, Chelsea, London SW3 4. Nearest Tube is Sloane Square (District and Circle lines) or Pimlico (Victoria line, 600 yards) **Meet at noon** in the cafe, we will have tea and a snack

(your expense) before our guided tour at 1 pm. We hope to have Joanna Braithwaite for our guide round the 4 acre garden which was created in 1673 by the Apothecaries in order to grow medicinal plants. This extraordinary garden in London has had wide reaching impact around the world. The roses should be splendid now but there will be many other plants to admire. This was Hans Sloane's physic garden, he was physician to George II and grew the herbs for his treatments here. His collection of things became the British Museum. This garden will give us ideas about what the Child family may have grown for their health. **Numbers limited to 20, book by 19th May.**

## Henley and Stonor Park Rita Ford



**Tuesday 3rd July 9:30 at Osterley Park or opposite Osterley Underground Cost £32 Afternoon Tea/ Coffee and Pastry can be preordered for £3.50 (no unordered catering)**

Our first stop will be in Henley-on-Thames where the options are:- to visit the River & Rowing Museum, explore the town, stroll along the tow path to the lock or just have a picnic lunch by the riverside.

At 13:15 we shall leave Henley to go to Stonor Park where the same family have lived for over 850 years. We are booked in for a guided tour of the House and Medieval Chapel which will last about 90 minutes. Outside there is an arboretum and walled gardens to visit, also the remains of an historic stone circle to find. The Stonor Pantry will open for us for preordered tea/coffee and Danish before we leave.



## Forty Hall

Margaret Friday

**Thursday 12th July Cost £8**

Forty Hill London EN2 9HA Bus 191 from Enfield Overground Station, overground connects to Victoria line at Seven Sisters,

We have booked a tour at **1 pm** earlier arrival will allow time for lunch in the café. This house features a rare example of an intact 18th century landscaped garden which contains one of the oldest Cedar of Lebanon trees in England. There is a walled garden and pleasure grounds. The remains of the Tudor Elysnge Palace used by Henry VIII, Edward VI and Elizabeth I are here. This amazing property also has the only vineyard in London!, a visit to this might be possible but the wine should be available in the shop!



## Holiday Update

Douglas Craik

The Holiday to Liverpool has 44 bookings so still room for 5 more. Late bookings are welcome but there might be a small additional cost .

Following a straw poll at the February coffee morning the 2019 Holiday to Aberdeen will be for 7 days/6 nights in mid July.

The earlier date will allow us to visit Balmoral Castle, if it is good enough for the Queen then it should be OK for the Friends.

The extra day is because traditionally we have visited places on the afternoon of arrival and morning of departure but with the longer journey this is not possible.

## POWERFUL WOMEN ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS

### Margaret Friday

Please note that the anti-suffragist view is not held by the author or editor of this article



Since the National Trust theme in 2018 is powerful women and the vote (a book "Women and Power", £5 available from Osterley shop) I felt I should write about those who were against votes for women. These included Margaret Countess of Jersey, Gertrude Bell, Mary Humphry Ward, Sophia Lonsdale, Ethel Bertha Harrison, Violet Markham, Beatrice Chamberlain and Octavia Hill (a National Trust Founder) amongst the women. Male MP's against women voting included Hilaire Belloc, Lord Cromer, Lord Weardale and Lord Curzon. In 1864 the first earnest calls for women's suffrage begin in Britain with an article in *The English Women's journal* and for the next fifty years the debate for and against continued.

Those opposed published in *The Nineteenth Century journal* for June 1889 *An Appeal Against Female Suffrage* inviting its female readers to sign a statement and return it to the editor.

The statement ended with this paragraph:

"In conclusion: nothing can be further from our minds that to seek to depreciate the position of the importance of women. It is because we are so keenly alive to the enormous value of their special contribution to the community that we oppose what seems to us to endanger that contribution... In furtherance of the foregoing appeal - which has hitherto been shown only privately to a few persons - the accompanying proposed protest is laid before the readers of the *Nineteenth Century* with the request that such ladies among them as agree with it will be kind enough to sign and return it to the editor of this review.

The undersigned protest strongly against the proposed Extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to Women which they believe would be a measure distasteful to the great majority of the women of the country - unnecessary and mischievous both to themselves and to the state"

The editor received 104 signatures, most were either aristocrats or women involved in education giving their addresses as women's colleges.

Margaret, Countess of Jersey does not seem to have been involved at this time but she may have been on holiday in India. In 1891 she and her family went to Australia as the Earl of Jersey had been appointed Ambassador in New South Wales where they remained until 1894.

By 1906 letters to *The Times* began discussing anti-suffrage. In 1907 an anti-suffrage petition containing 87,500 names was submitted to Parliament but was rejected by the Petitions Committee as it was "informal". *The Spectator* of February 1908 called for an anti-suffrage group to be formally established. This happened on 21st July 1908 when a meeting was called at the Westminster Palace Hotel with Margaret, Countess of Jersey in the chair.



The group was called The Women's National Anti-suffrage League. Their round badge on a pink ground showed a thistle, a rose and a shamrock. A central committee of 17 members included Gertrude Bell as secretary, Mary Humphry Ward, author, Ethel Bertha Harrison, Sophia Lonsdale, Violet Markham, Beatrice Chamberlain and Hilaire Belloc MP.

There were more than 30 peeresses in this group.

William Cremer and Prime Minister Gladstone were also against votes for women.

The following statement was published by the League as reasons for not wanting the vote for women. I can only assume that Margaret, Countess of Jersey, Chair of the society and her fellow members including Gertrude Bell, secretary, Octavia Hill social reformer, house designer and a founder of the National Trust, Mary Humphry Ward, authoress, and the other intelligent and eminent women members agreed with these statements.

The seven principle arguments put forward by the Women's Anti-Suffrage League for not wanting the Parliamentary vote were:-

“a) Because the spheres of men and women are essentially different so their share in the public management of the state should be different.

b) Because the complex modern state depends on naval and military power, diplomacy, finance, mining, construction, shipping and transport industries, in none of which can women take any practical part but it is these matters which are largely the work of Parliament.

c) Because by the concession of the local government vote and the admission of women to county and borough councils the nation has opened a wide sphere of influence to women which is within their powers. These will tax the energies that women have to spare, apart from the care of the home and the development of the individual life.

d) Because the social influence of women will be diminished rather than increased by the possession of the Parliamentary vote. At present they stand, in matters of social reform apart from and beyond party politics, and are listened to accordingly. The legitimate influence of women in politics - in all classes rich and poor - will always be in proportion to their education and common sense. But deciding the Parliamentary vote should be left to men, whose physical force is ultimately responsible for the conduct of the State.

e) Because all the reforms which are put forward as reasons for the vote can be obtained by other means than the vote....The channels of public opinion are always freely open to women. The services women can offer to the nation in the field of social and educational reform and the investigation of social problems, have been recognised by Parliament. Women have been included in Royal Commissions, and admitted to a share in local government...”

“Representative women might be brought into closer consultative relation with Government departments, in matters where the special interests of women are concerned.

f) Because any measure for the enfranchisement of women must either  
(1) concede the vote to women on the same terms as to men, and thereby involve an unjust and invidious limitation; or  
(2) by giving the vote to wives of voters tend to the introduction of political differences into domestic life; or  
(3) by the adoption of adult suffrage, which seems the inevitable of admitting the principle, place the female vote in an overpowering majority.

g) Because, finally, the danger which might arise from the concession of women-suffrage, in the case of a State burdened with such complex and far-reaching responsibilities as England [sic], is out of all proportion to the risk run by those smaller communities which have adopted it. The admission to full political power of a number of voters debarred by nature and circumstances from the average political knowledge and experience open to men, would weaken the central governing forces of the State, and be fraught with peril to the country.”

The Anti-Suffrage Review began publishing in December 1908 and continued until 1918. The first London branch of the group was set up in South Kensington by Mary, Countess of Ilchester. In 1909 there were 9,000 members and a Scottish section was established in May 1910 by the Duchess of Montrose. By July 1910 there were 104 branches.

Later that year the group amalgamated with the Men's National League for Opposing Women's Suffrage to form the National League for Opposing Women's Suffrage with Lord Cromer becoming president and Lady Jersey as vice-president.

Some describe this as a takeover as Lord Cromer was president of the men's group but with Margaret, Countess of Jersey as former president and then vice-president I doubt this.

In 1912 Lord Curzon and Lord Weardale were in control as joint presidents. Activities and the publication of *The Anti-Suffrage Review* continued until the vote for propertied women over the age of 30 received the Royal Assent on February 6th, 1918.

*The Osterley Book Group is reading the opposite view on Suffrage in "Sophia. Princess, Suffragette, Revolutionary." by Anita Anand.*



## Diary: Friends Events and Excursions

Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>London Visit:</b> Mercers' Hall
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Coach Trip:</b> Buscot Park <b>10:00</b>
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>AGM 17:00</b> , Quiz, 100 Club draw, Neil Cole
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Gail Sanderson "The background <b>10:15</b> for <b>10:45</b> to Country House visiting 1700 - 1830"
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>Coach Trip:</b> Baddesley Clinton & Packwood House <b>9:00</b>
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>London Visit:</b> Chelsea Physic Garden
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Margaret Friday and others "early volunteering at Osterley - part 2"
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	<b>Coach Trip:</b> Henley & Stonor Park <b>9:30</b>
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>London Visit:</b> Forty Hall
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Ffion George, House & Collections
Thu 9-14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<b>Liverpool holiday</b>
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Jeremy Dalton, Lead Ranger
Sept	<b>Coach Trip:</b> Scotney Castle
8 or 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>London Visit:</b> Headstone Manor
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Autumn Reception 16:30 for 17:00</b> Megan Tanner General Manager Ham House Portfolio 100 Club draw
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Andy Eddy, Head Gardener
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Andrea Cameron "around and about Osterley"
Oct	<b>Coach Trip:</b> Fort Nelson & Portsmouth Museum
Oct	<b>London Visit:</b> Pitzhanger Manor
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Lyndsey Feeney Visitor Experience
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Christine Diwell "Villages that make up the Borough of Hounslow" 100 Club draw
Dec	<b>Christmas Lunch</b> Date to be advised

**Coach Trips** depart from Lakeside Car park at 09:00, 09:30 or 10:00 (see each trip) and Bus Stop opposite Osterley Station at same time  
**Coffee Mornings** 10:30 for 11:00 **except 22nd May which is 10:15 for 10:45**

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Spring	April	AGM papers, membership cards, next coach trips, next London Visits
Summer	July	next coach trips, next London Visits
Autumn	October	next summer holiday booking

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[www.e-voice.org.uk/friendsofosterleypark](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/friendsofosterleypark)

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### Next newsletter

to be published 14 July 2018.  
Any contributions to the Editor by **30th June 2018**.

The Editor may edit contributions if necessary.

### Email booking of trips

We offer the option of booking Coach trips or London Visits by email and payment online

1. email  
[friendsofosterleypark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofosterleypark@gmail.com)  
with the names of trippers, name of trip and amount being paid and where you want to be picked up, for example

**Jane Smith and Harry Smith, 2 Friends for Vyne = £30 opposite Osterley UG, Jane Smith and Jill Brown, Friend & guest for Fenton House = £7 Total £39**

2. I will email back confirming booking, or very occasionally saying that there is a waiting list.

3. You make a bank transfer to  
Name of Payee  
**Friends of Osterley**  
Sort code  
**20 02 06**  
Account number  
**70389315**  
Your Reference  
**Trips/your name**

4. Once transfer received your tickets will be emailed to you.

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