

# The Friends of Osterley Park

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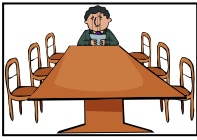


## **NEWSLETTER**

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## Chairman's AGM Report John James

When we met this time last year we were close to finalising the purchase of a new buggy. It was a highlight of the year when we had the official unveiling of the buggy, the Conacher Car, in the stableyard. In our winter 2018 newsletter we had a memorable photograph of the occasion, taken by John Stacey, with Ian Conacher's family and friends present. It was a fitting tribute to Ian and also to his wife Audrey for their immense voluntary contribution to the work of the Friends and to Osterley Park and House.

We continued to attract new members and keep in touch with quite a few of those members who have left the area. We are one of the few Friends' organisations of a National Trust property, as most supporters' organisations are local, such as Ealing, Wembley and Central London branches. As a small committee we keep our members up to date through our quarterly newsletter, expertly edited by Douglas Craik, who is also our Honorary Treasurer, holiday organiser, and runs the 100 Club. We have regular articles, particularly by our very knowledgeable Margaret Friday, on diverse subjects.

With Neil Cole's support we hold coffee mornings every month. We had updates from staff on the House and Park, last year from Neil Cole, Lyndsey Feeny Visitor Experience and Marketing, Ffion George House and Collections Manager, Andy Eddy Head Gardener, Sophie Slater Commercial Manager and Jeremy Dalton Head Ranger. We were also grateful for contributions from some of our members and guest visitors, last year Douglas Craik on Osterley bombs and Blitz bomb disposal, Margaret Friday on her trip to Iran, Christine Diwell on historic houses in the borough, Arthur Spikins and others on early volunteering at Osterley and Virginia Fassnidge on "in the Tudor kitchen". Our coach trips continued to be popular and six were held, to Leeds Castle, Sherborne Castle, Lydiard House, Apethorpe Palace, the Shuttleworth Collection and Sudeley Castle. I would like to thank the Trips Group, namely Rita Ford, Margaret Friday, Pat Herod, Angela Lynskey and Barrie Pyle, ably led by Douglas Craik. Margaret Friday once again organised London visits, last year to Keats' House, Queen's House Greenwich, Eastbury Manor, a Georgian Walk, the Museum of Garden History and the Jewel House, Westminster. We held an Autumn Reception

at which the speaker was Jim Foy, Assistant Director Operations National Trust London and South East. For the first time we also held a Christmas Lunch in the Brewhouse, much enjoyed by all who attended. Once again I attended London and South East Supporter Group meetings. I also went to the National Trust AGM in Swindon. Joan Mound continued to serve on the committee. Her vast experience of the House and Friends is an important contribution to our work. Mike Doran looked after our website and we are most grateful for his I.T. skills. He provides an important link to the Osterley Park community. He also liaised with REACH and advertised the posts of Membership Secretary and Newsletter Editor. We were successful in finding Keith Rookledge as our new Membership Secretary. As a committee we are grateful for the agendas and minutes produced by our Honorary Secretary, Patricia James. I am sorry to say that John Stacey is not standing as a committee member for the time being as he has mobility problems, but when his mobility improves it is hoped to co-opt him to the committee. We are grateful to him for his years of support of the Friends, and in particular for so many superb photographs over the years that have appeared in the newsletters. Finally, I would like to thank Douglas, our Vice-Chairman, for all the work he carries out for the Friends. We meet six times a year and do need to have more people coming forward to join the committee. Too many voluntary organisations have folded because no-one comes forward to fill the posts once committee members retire. Recently two nearby National Trust supporter groups have closed. We need to share the work and ensure that there will be continuity. Thank you.

### **Report on the AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

The minutes of the AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

The Chairman's report presented on behalf of the Trustees was accepted.

The certified accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 were adopted.

The following were elected as Trustees: Douglas Craik, Michael Doran, Margaret Friday, John James, Patricia James, Joan Mound and Keith Rookledge.

Patricia Barrett retired as Independent Examiner of the Accounts and thanks were given to her for her work over the years. Patrick Howard volunteered to take her place and was appointed.

The membership subscription will remain as £10 for one person and £16 for two people at the same address.  
A report was given on the 100 Club and the first draw of the 2018/19 season was made.

## Elections

In accordance with the Constitution, at their first meeting after the AGM, held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018, the Trustees elected the following

Chair – John James, Vice-Chair – Douglas Craik,  
Treasurer – Douglas Craik, Hon. Secretary – Patricia James,

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Keith Rookledge

Your renewal was due on 1st April. If you haven't done so a reminder is with this Newsletter Please post to the Membership Secretary (address back page) your cheque made out to "Friends of Osterley" (no "Park") **with an S.A.E.** £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**

For some members their 100 Club Card and/or membership Card may be with this Newsletter. On-line readers may get theirs by email.

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## 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.

**Wednesday 29th August** Jeremy Dalton, Lead Ranger

**Thursday 27th September** Andy Eddy, Head Gardener

**Wednesday 17th October** Andrea Cameron "around and about Osterley"

## 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 4 more members or others as speakers, If you are willing to do a 30-45 minute talk on any relevant subject please tell John James

# Friends of Osterley Park Autumn Reception

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 4.30 for 5 p.m.

in the Brewhouse, Osterley Park

(free for Friends of Osterley Park, £5 for guests, payable on arrival)

**Speaker: Megan Tanner**, General Manager Ham House Portfolio (which also includes Petersham Meadows, Fenton House, 2 Willow Road, the Red House and Carlyle's House)

Tea/coffee will be served on arrival and wine/soft drinks after the presentation, following which the 100 Club Draw will be made

Cars may be parked in the Stableyard.

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## Christmas Lunch



Christmas comes but once a year (only 164 shopping days to go)

This year's Christmas lunch in the Brewhouse will be on Friday 14th December.

Details in October Newsletter



## Outings update

**Douglas Craik**

Our last coach trips and London visits for 2018 are advertised on the next pages. The final one is to Fort Nelson- so end the (touring) year with a bang!

There are no outings in August as we are on the summer holiday to Liverpool. This Newsletter went to print as I set off to Aberdeen to do the recce for our 2019 holiday which will be 7 days from 17 or 18 July 2019 - watch for details in the next Newsletter.

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### 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**,

3. You make a bank transfer to

Name of Payee	<b>Friends of Osterley</b>
Sort code	<b>20 02 06</b>
Account number	<b>70389315</b>
Your Reference	<b>Trips/your name</b>



**Headstone Manor Museum**  
**Margaret Friday**  
**Thursday 6th September**  
**Cost £10**  
**Max 15 people**

Piccadilly Line to Rayners Lane tube station. At Bus stop A take the H10 to Pinner View bus stop then 3 minutes walk .

Meet in Visitors Centre and Moat Cafe for a 2pm tour

Headstone Manor is said to be the only house in London which still has a water- filled moat. It is the oldest timber frame house in England (from 1310) and was used as the local residence for Archbishops of Canterbury from 1344. Henry VIII gave it to his friend Sir Edward North in 1545. The Rewse and Williams families enlarged the building in the 17th century and again in the 1770's. It was sold to Hendon Council in 1925 and became part of the Harrow Museum in 1986. The park also contains a Tithe Barn 9 metres high and 43 Metres long, dating from 1506. Our guide will take us on a tour to all of these



**Scotney Castle**  
**Angela Lynskey**  
**Tuesday 18th September**  
**09:00 at Osterley Park or opposite**  
**Underground Cost £18**  
**Note earlier start**

End of day back on coach 4.30pm. sharp

Timed ticket entry to house, but we will have all day at the property.

The original 12th century moated fortified castle still has its moat and many of its crenellations but where the Hussey family have built on and added a Victorian mansion in 17th and 18th centuries we are now fortunate to find a romantic dwelling set in a beautiful gardens, for as interesting as the house is the gardens are truly magical. We are visiting at the end of summer and beginning of autumn and will see Scotney in its glory (providing the heavens don't open and drown not only us but the gardens as well), water lilies should still be reflected in the waters and the old walls of the castle in the moat.

The Coach house tea rooms provide hot and cold meals and of course delicious NT teas



**Gunnersbury Park**  
**Margaret Friday**  
**Thursday 4th October**  
**Cost £17** (includes tea & cakes)

Meet at Gunnersbury House just before 11am. It is a short walk from Acton Town Station or take the E3 bus to the Popes Lane stop. Our tour by the Curator will last 2 hours but with a break at noon so we can have our included tea and cakes in the cafe. A fine collection of carriages is displayed in the cafe- some bearing the Rothschild crest. The house was the home of the Rothschild family from the early 19th Century. Some of the finest rooms have been restored to give some idea of the splendour surrounding these very wealthy people, we will also see the kitchens. We know the Prince of Wales, later George IV, enjoyed partying here. In fact the original house was lived in by his sister Princess Adelaide and she is said to have built the classical building overlooking the lake. Robert Child purchased the large oblong mirrors from her house for the Long Gallery at Osterley where they hang today. We will see the kitchens which were fully staffed - even in 1915 there were 25 servants working at Gunnersbury. The family finally sold the house to Hounslow and Ealing Councils in 1925.



**Portsmouth Museums** **Barrie Pyle**  
**Tuesday 16th October 09:00**  
**at Osterley Park or opposite Underground**  
**Cost £18** **Note earlier start**

Two Museums for the price of one, Fort Nelson is on a ridge overlooking the Solent, Portsmouth and its harbours. This is an amazing view if the weather is kind. We should be here for about 2.5 hours, ample time to explore this extensive collection and site, as well as have lunch. (Cafe available.) Fort Nelson was one of a series of Forts built in Victorian times to defend Portsmouth from the French. It is an extensive site and houses some of the largest guns, from the late 15th Century to the late 20th (Saddam Hussein's uncompleted supergun) Portsmouth Museum is a 30 minute ride away. It houses an intriguing sequence of rooms with domestic changes over the decades, as well as local museum exhibits. As the cafe is quite small, you are advised to stagger your visit, to avoid disappointment, the visit has always been very well received.



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## Outdoor Theatre at Osterley Park

This summer there are 3 productions in the grounds of Osterley Park

### **A Woman of No Importance**

Sat 28 July, 7.30-9.45pm

Skilfully adapted by DOT Productions, who brought us Jane Austen's Emma in 2017, we are delighted to bring Oscar Wilde's A Woman Of No Importance to Osterley.

Adults - £14

Book online via Osterley Park website or by phone to 0344 249 1895

### **Wind in the Willows**

Wednesday 15 – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 11:30\* - 12:30 and 2:30-3:30,

*\*Apart from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August*

Discover family theatre at Osterley with Sixteenfeet Productions' promenade performance of The Wind in the Willows. Kenneth Grahame's evergreen classic is brought to life as the cast of unforgettable characters leads you around our gardens.

Adults £14.50/Children £9.50.

Book as above

### **Donizetti's Maria Stuarda**

Sat 8 September 7-9pm in Portico

Sat 22 Sep 7-9pm in Grand Hall

OperaUpClose present their new English version of Donizetti's Maria Stuarda, bringing two ferocious Tudor Queens to life.

With one performance on the Portico and a second in the Entrance Hall, you can experience Donizetti's powerful melodies and tap into the Tudor history of the original manor house built in the 1560s. Performed in concert-style, enjoy a unique blend of heritage and music.

8 Sep £23 or concession (includes under 26 but not pensioners) £15

22 Sep £28 or £21

Book online via OperaUpClose website or by phone to 020 3176 7823.



## from the 100 club

**Douglas Craik**

A draw was held at the AGM on the 16th May. The lucky winners were:- Pamela Mulcaire £25, Howard Simmons £50, and James Dunn (who was present) £100. All members of the Friends can purchase one or more "shares" in the 100 Club.

## EROS OR CUPID AT OSTERLEY Margaret Friday

In the past few months we have seen a royal Wedding and the marriage of our very own House Steward Judith Evans so it seems appropriate to write about Eros the Greek god of Love and to observe his presence at Osterley.

According to *The Oxford Classical Dictionary* Eros "symbolizes all attractions which provoke love. He is young and beautiful, he walks over flowers. Roses are the plant of Eros, which he makes his crown. He is sweet and warms the heart. He was always the god of love directed towards female as well as male beauty " In classical Greece is he is portrayed as a young boy but becomes a playful putto in Hellenistic times. He is shown with any of the other gods when love or marriage are involved -- for example the wedding of Zeus and Hera.

Osterley, Robert Child's summer home was conceived by Robert Adam as a celebration of love.

As we approach the house we see above the colonnade on the architrave the celebration of a Roman marriage representing love and fidelity (picture left).

John Hardy, renowned writer on Osterley said that Adam filled Osterley with classical references to love and feasting.

In the entrance hall we find the fine marble vases attributed to Joseph Wilton and bearing pictures of Eros and bacchanalian children depicting the Triumph of Galatea and The Triumph of Venus. (see the vases with cupid using bow and arrow)

In the Eating Room the four small round decorative panels painted by Antonio Zucchi show scenes of Romans celebrating a marriage, with a cupid figure, (see centre spread picture) the wedding feast, a birth and the party following the birth.

Next, we visit the library where above the fireplace is seen Sappho writing her verses to the dictation of Love/Cupid. To the left is a smaller painting showing Ovid being given a pen made from a feather taken from Cupid's wing. Above the other fireplace is Anacreon honouring the Graces accompanied by Cupid. Thus even



in the rational reserve of the library we find the god of Love. The paintings here are all by Antonio Zucchi.

In the Drawing Room, the bow-fronted commodes display inlays of scenes painted by Angelica Kauffmann - Diana and her Hounds and Venus explaining the torch of Hymen to Cupid. These have no function except to fill a space and are inlaid by the Swedish artist Christopher Furlong to designs by Robert Adam in 1773.

There is another romance here as Antonio Zucchi whilst working at Osterley courted Angelica Kauffmann often using her work as his inspiration. They married in 1781 and returned to Italy to live.

The next three rooms or state rooms are described as the three gardens of love. First, we have the French Garden featuring crimson Gobelin Tapestry portraying the Loves of the Gods with Cupid and Psyche over the fireplace. In the next panel, Cupid heats an arrow with a magnifying glass, as it is said to be more pleasing to be shot through the heart with a warm arrow. Across the room you will find that arrow implanted in a heart beside a whole sheaf of Cupid's arrows. This design was originally made



by Boucher for Madame de Pompadour's brother and copies could not be woven until after her death. This set for the Child family was ordered in 1772 and is made to measure for this room. It re-enforces the feeling that Osterley is a celebration of Love.



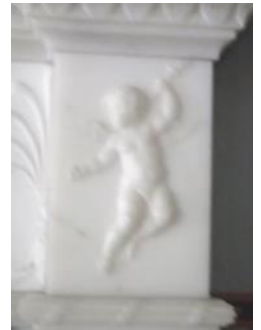
Next door, the State Bedroom / English Garden of Love has walls and bed in green and, like every good English garden, it has a mock temple. The bed is a copy of the Temple to Venus and in the headboard we find Venus with Cupids riding dolphins (see cover picture).

In the ceiling and the chimney board Zucchi has painted one of the Graces, Aglaia being overcome by Love, inspired by a painting of the same subject by Angelica Kauffmann. The marble fire surround sports Venus and the sheaf of Cupid's arrows in the centre (pictures above).



The Etruscan Dressing Room, also named the Italian Garden of Love gives us hand-painted walls in ancient style as designed by Robert Adam.

Carved into the marble fireplace we find Cupid holding a rose (left) and Cupid holding a torch (right) both



symbolic of love.

Above the mirror, we have Love nurtured by Hope surmounted by a basket of roses. The central portrait is Hector saying farewell to Andromache - a favourite 18th century love story.

Finally, the last room designed by Robert Adam for the house - the Yellow Taffeta bedroom, was used by Sarah Anne and the 10th Earl of Westmorland when they visited the house after Robert Child's death in 1782.

Cupid's feature above the bed and above the windows. The chair-back splats are Cupid's quiver of arrows - notice the feathers. Make no mistake, Cupid is obviously on the hunt with his arrows at the ready here at Osterley. Is the introduction of archery classes this summer part of this theme?

I have only pointed out some incidences of Eros/Cupid's presence at Osterley but I wonder if the open and passionate celebration of love here may have influenced the young Sarah Anne to elope with the man she loved. Osterley provides every encouragement to follow the feelings of your heart with the influence of Eros/Cupid displayed throughout the house. This passionate sense of pleasure and enjoyment with which Adam and Child imbued Osterley still pervades today giving volunteers a feeling of happy satisfaction in the house and the gardens. On your next visit look more closely at each room for the presence of the god of Love and watch out for those arrows!

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## GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

### Douglas Craik

The EU GDPR is a major change to privacy law across the EU that came into force on May 25 2018. The regulations extend to 127 pages with (so far) 2,000 pages of explanatory notes. The Economist Magazine reckons it will take about 20 years for final details to be fully validated through the courts.

You have probably received numerous and varied requests for consent.

Currently there is no universally agreed process, the National Trust has made suggestions but these are not recommendations.

We have also reviewed and used the advice of the Information Commissioners Office

This is our information to meet the requirements. For those with email we made a previous attempt that, with experience, we realise was not essential.

Our policy is on the next page, if you have any questions contact me.

## GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

### FRIENDS OF OSTERLEY PARK (FoOP)

The key rights are that personal data shall be:

- Processed in a lawful, fair and transparent manner.
- Processed only for a specific and legitimate purpose.
- Minimised to what is adequate and relevant for the purpose.
- Accurate and where necessary kept up to date.
- Retained only for as long as is necessary for the purpose.
- Processed in a manner with appropriate security.

Data is held on some committee members' computers and is password protected

#### **Individual's rights under GDPR**

The Right to be informed who, why and what we you doing with your information.

For the Friends, the Data are used by members of the FoOP Committee. The data are used to allow distribution of the Newsletter, to remind you of coming events (e.g. coffee mornings), to carry out the 100 Club draw and pay prizes, to make arrangements for outings that you have requested (coach trips, London visits and annual Holiday)

The Right of access to your personal data.

Your data held by us will be provided to you on request

The Rights to rectification, restriction and erasure of data which is inaccurate  
If you believe that any aspect of your records is wrong let us know and we will correct it

The Right to object to personal data being processed for any reason

Your Data are not shared with any other organisation (including the National Trust) except:-

- where an outing or holiday destination requires your name
- where required by HMRC when we claim Gift Aid with your authority

The Right to data portability

If you want to leave the Friends and join a very similar organisation we will pass on your Data if you request it.

#### **The personal data that the Friends of Osterley Park hold on members**

- name, address, email address (if provided), telephone number,
- if you have agreed to pay membership by Standing Order,
- if you have agreed for us to claim Gift Aid,
- if you are a member of the 100 Club and your Club numbers
- if you have agreed to receive your Newsletter by email.

The only information we hold is that which you have freely given to us (e.g. on joining or renewing membership or booking an outing).

N.B. We hold no "sensitive data" of members (racial or ethnic origin; political opinions; religious beliefs or other beliefs of a similar nature; membership of a trade union; physical or mental health condition; sexual life; information relating to alleged or actual criminal offences)

## Diary: Friends Events and Excursions

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
Thu 6 <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
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Coach Trip:</b> Scotney Castle 9:30
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Andy Eddy, Head Gardener
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>London Visit:</b> Gunnersbury Manor
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Coach Trip:</b> Fort Nelson & Portsmouth Museum 9:00
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Andrea Cameron "around and about Osterley"
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
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
Jan 2019	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Neil Cole, General Manager
Feb	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Peter Bush, The Stones of Osterley
March	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Staff speaker TBA
April	<b>Coffee Morning:</b> Douglas Craik, Friends' Donations
April	<b>Coach Trip:</b> TBA
April	<b>London Visit:</b> TBA

**Coach Trips** depart from Lakeside Car park and Bus Stop opposite Osterley Station at time indicated above

**Coffee Mornings** 10:30 for 11:00 in the Brewhouse.

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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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The **'Friends' website** gives you all the current news, meetings, events, publications, and membership information relating to the work of the Friends of Osterley Park in supporting Osterley House and Park.

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

If you experience any problems in using our website, or have any suggestions for its improvement, please email **Mike Doran** at mikedoran47@outlook.com

## **Next newsletter**

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Any contributions to the Editor by

**30th September 2018.**

The Editor may edit contributions if necessary.