

**The Friends of Osterley Park**

**NEWSLETTER**

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King Charles II

## Chairman's Report

John James

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year 2023. I wish you all a safe and healthy year. Let us hope it will be a more normal year. The last few years have changed our ways, both of working and socially. In business zoom meetings are now the norm.

Your Friends' committee are planning the year with a much-improved Study Base, both fully heated and decorated. Dates for our coffee mornings are changing to fit in with other users. Peter Bush has invited a variety of speakers from both the House and outside. Margaret Friday has planned interesting visits and Vik Sharma is arranging trips to properties. Douglas has already arranged a fascinating holiday to Glasgow.

Our website has the application form which can be downloaded. Do encourage your friends to join the Friends – and the 100 Club.

John James

### SENIOR MEMBERSHIP OF NATIONAL TRUST

If you're aged 60+ and have been a member of the National Trust for over five years in the last 10, you may be eligible for senior membership. Please call the NT Supporter Services Centre on 0344 800 1895 (local call rates apply) or email [enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk) to find out if you are eligible for the reduced senior subscription rate.

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**2023 Holiday: Glasgow**

**Douglas Craik**

Details of the 2023 holiday and booking form were in the last newsletter but if you want to book and have lost the form (or details) then email me and I will send them to you.

## Membership update

Keith Rookledge

Happy New Year! The Friends have continued to support the House at Osterley during the recent years of change, and this is much appreciated. While the number members have not shrunk to any significant degree, we are seeing few new people join us. So, please encourage your friends and neighbours to join especially those living near Osterley House. Once again there is a full agenda of activities for you to enjoy.

The time is coming for you to renew your commitment to being a member. Your subscription is due by the end of March, but you can always send it in as soon as you want to. Enclosed with this newsletter is a renewal form and if you have no standing order a form for you to send to your bank is enclosed to do this.

Equally we are more than happy for you to carry out a bank transfer.

Our account details with Barclays are:

**Sort Code: 20-02-06**

**Account Number: 70389315**

So:

1. Please consider setting up a Standing Order. While Banks are not charging us to deposit cheques at this time there is still the necessity to Bank them and now, I have no Barclays Bank near me, so it does involve extra travel! Both a renewal form and a standing order form are available for you to download from the web site as well.
2. You can always send your renewal form by email and remember a 2nd class stamp now costs 68p, that's nearly 7/6p in old money.

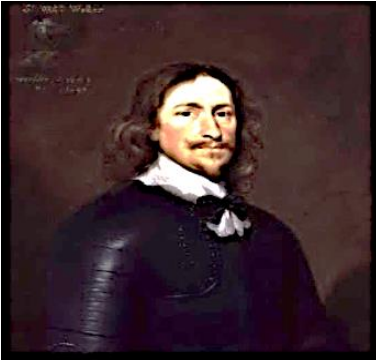
Enjoy 2023!

Keith Rookledge  
Membership secretary

## SIR WILLIAM WALLER

Margaret Friday

For this newsletter I am exploring the life of Sir William Waller who purchased Osterley in 1654.



William Waller

William was born at Knole House in Kent in about 1597. His father Thomas was Constable of Dover Castle and his father and grandfather both served as MP for Dover. William went to Oxford University but did not graduate from Magdalen Hall instead following in his fathers' footsteps becoming a soldier. He served in Venice with Horace Vere.



Queen Elizabeth of Bohemia

In 1620 he and his childhood friend Ralph Hopton helped Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia and daughter of James I escape with her children through the snow to safety in Frankfort when her husband King Frederick was defeated by the Austrians.

When William returned to England in 1622 he was knighted by James I, He also inherited from his grandmother right to collect all the import duties charged on wine. This amounted to £1000 to £3000 per year.

William could now afford to marry Jane Reynell from a wealthy Devon family. She died in 1633 leaving him with a son, a daughter and all her estates. He remarried in 1638 one Anne Finch who was as strict a Presbyterian as he, in fact, some said he was heavily influenced by her strong beliefs. Their friends at this time included John Pym, Henry Darley, Lord Saye and Lord Brooke. Later they all became important Parliamentarians. Anne was related to the Earl of Winchilsea but they

purchased Winchester Castle where they lived a quiet rural life with Anne bearing 4 children. As a result of the increasing divisions between King Charles I and parliament William stood and was elected to the Short Parliament for Andover in Hampshire and then re-elected for the Long Parliament in 1642. He supported the Parliamentarians over the King feeling that would retain the correct balance between court, church, and parliament. At the time it was said he presented the views of his wife and not himself.



When the First Civil War began in August Waller was appointed as Colonel and captured Portsmouth. He later took Farnham Castle, Winchester, Chichester, and Arundel Castle. Following these victories, he is popularly named William the Conqueror by troops and followers.

In 1643 Waller is promoted to Major General in charge of the Western Association Army. At this time his very good friend, Sir Ralph Hopton is appointed commander of the Royalist armies in the west.

Ralph writes to William asking if they can meet. William then writes a letter for which he is still remembered today:

*“Sir, The experience I have of your worth and the happiness I have enjoyed in your friendship are wounding considerations when I think of the present distance between us. Certainly, my affection for you is so unchangeable that hostility itself cannot violate my friendship, but I must be true wherein the cause I serve. That great God who is the searcher of my heart knows with what a sad sense I go upon this service, and with what a perfect hatred I detest this war without an enemy. The God of Peace will in his good time send us peace. We art both upon the stage and must act such parts as are assigned us in this tragedy, let us do it in a way of honour and without personal animosities,”*

Although each defeated the other in successive battles, they remained friends. Waller defeated Hopton at the Battle of Cheriton in March 1644. By this time the troops were demanding to go home, and the

Parliamentary army were so demoralised they let King Charles I return to his headquarters in Oxford. Sir Ralph Hopton left England in 1646 taking the young Prince Charles to safety in Europe. He died in Brugges in 1652, so never lived to see England under Charles II.



Parliament was split, some wishing to fight on and others wanting an immediate negotiated peace settlement. Many objected to the Scottish Alliance which proposed joining the Presbyterian Church of Scotland with the Church of England. Oliver Cromwell who had trained under Waller was now leader of the Parliament.

### Oliver Cromwell

In 1645 Sir Henry Vane set up the Self-Denying Ordinance meaning elected members of Parliament had to choose whether to serve in the army or navy or to be an MP.

Waller supported this idea and resigned his commission in the army. Those who held titles like Manchester and Essex could not resign from Parliament so had to step down from the Army or Navy.

When the war ended in 1646, he saw the New Model Army as a threat and suggested it be disbanded. In 1647 he was one of eleven members accused by Cromwell of “plotting to destabilize the kingdom” At this he and his wife left the country moving to The Hague where he renewed his friendship with Elizabeth of Bohemia. He returned to England the following year but was arrested in 1650 for conspiring to return Charles II to the throne. He and 5 other Presbyterians were held prisoner in St. James’s Palace, Windsor Castle and lastly Denbigh Castle in North Wales. where his wife Anne Finch died worn out by living in a cold damp castle. William was released in 1652. He then married Anne Harcourt. He purchased Osterley in 1654 and remained living in the house whilst negotiating the return of Charles II.

He and many Presbyterians became Royalist supporters during the time of the Commonwealth and Protectorate. He was arrested again in 1659 and spent 10 weeks in The Tower of London.

At the restoration of King Charles II, Waller was elected MP for Middlesex but only served in the Convention Parliament which was preparing the parliament for the return of King Charles II. Having retired from politics he

wrote an autobiography *The Vindication of the Character and Conduct of Sir William Waller*. It was finally published in 1793.



William Waller had made a splendid tomb for his first wife Jane in Bath Abbey showing himself in uniform with Jane.

When he died at Osterley on 19th September 1668 he had been twice married since Jane died so was not buried in Bath but was buried in Westminster Chapel, the site can no longer be found.

The house inventory at that time described Osterley as having 46 rooms including a painted gallery, a great chamber and bedrooms hung with tapestry and velvet. Two sons and one daughter outlived him. His eldest son was also named William and served Charles II as an informer according to the Dictionary of National Biography, but he was also a JP and an MP for Westminster. He sold Osterley in 1670 but fled to Holland in 1682 returning in 1688. It was in 1684 that Nicholas Barbon purchased Osterley using a bank loan from Child's Bank for £9,500.

Information for this article comes from Osterley Park and House, National Trust, Lucy Porton, 2019. Encyclopedia Britannica, Concise Dictionary of National Biography, OUP, 1992 and Sir William's own book *The Vindication of the Character and Conduct of Sir William Waller* written at Osterley.

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## **PAYING THE FRIENDS**

**Douglas Craik Treasurer**

For payment to the Friends of Osterley Park for membership, Coach trips, London Walks, Holidays, Christmas Lunch etc. we have 4 methods:

1. By cheque payable to "Friends of Osterley" posted to D Craik or for membership to Keith Rookledge (addresses on back of Newsletter)
2. By Standing Order or Bank Transfer to Friends of Osterley

3. By cash at a coffee morning or the event (as long as you have booked)

#### 4. NEW METHOD

By Credit Card by phoning Douglas Craik 020 8977 6449. You will need your Credit Card (not Debit Card) to hand. As this incurs a 2.5% charge, the cost will be a little more E.g. for £10 pay £10.25, for £100 pay £102.50. You will get a receipt by email.

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### STAMPS

Current definitive stamps, those with just the Queens Head, will cease to be accepted from 31 July 2023 (deadline extended from 31st January 2023). Any letter with these will have the recipient surcharged £2.50 plus cost of postage. Note: Special Stamps with pictures on and Christmas Stamps without a barcode will continue to be valid and don't need to be swapped out.

Definitive stamps can be swapped using an online form Stamp Swap Out form (under £200) ([royalmail.com](http://royalmail.com)). Stamps cannot be swapped in Post Offices but a form is available at Royal Mail delivery offices (which are few and far apart).



Definitive stamp that needs to be swapped (or scraped)

Special Stamp that can still be used



## Coach Trips

Vik Sharma

**Date:** 25-April-23 (Tuesday)

**Venue:** Polesden Lacey, Surrey RH5 6BD

**Trip Cost** (including coach & entry):

- NT Members: £29.00\*

- All Others: £42.50

(\* - Please bring your relevant membership cards or you may be charged the full price for entry)

Pick-up 1 (from Osterley Park car park): 9:30 AM

Pick-up 2 (bus stop oppo. Osterley Stn): 9:30 AM

Return (to Osterley Park): Between 4 – 5 PM

Availability & Booking: Open for bookings - see attached form.



## Polesden Lacey

Rich in history, the 1600-acre estate at Polesden Lacey dates back to Roman times and boast stunning views over the Surrey Hills. Today the estate is looked after by the National Trust and is open all year round. Alongside the house and gardens, it includes two working farms, ancient woodland, historic farmsteads and rolling downland offering a diverse range of habitats for wildlife.

Ranmore Common was added to the estate in 1959 and is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) due to its rich biodiversity.

Website: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/surrey/polesden-lacey>

## House

Edwardian country retreat of socialite, Margaret Greville. Home to her extensive collection of paintings, ceramics and fine French furniture.

## Gardens

Highlights include exceptional views, the walled rose garden, herbaceous border, and the Graham

Stuart Thomas-inspired winter garden.

## Estate

The 1,600 acre estate boasts rolling downland with view over Surrey Hills, ancient woodlands and wildlife habitats that are home to rare birds and butterflies.

## Food & Refreshments

Coffee shop serving drinks, cakes and snacks to take-away. Café offers a bigger menu with indoor and outdoor seating. During peak times visit the Beech Hut kiosk for snacks, hot drinks, and ice cream.

## Friends of Osterley Park – May 2023 Coach Trip

**Date:** 23-May-23 (Tuesday)

**Venue:** Hughenden Manor, Buckinghamshire HP14 4LA

Trip Cost (including coach & entry):

- NT Members: £29.00\*

- All Others: £42.50

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## **Hughenden Manor**

A Victorian mansion that served as the country house of the Prime Minister and statesman, Benjamin Disraeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield. Most of his furniture, books and pictures remain in this, his private retreat. There are beautiful walks through the surrounding park and Chiltern woodlands and the garden is a recreation of the colourful design of his wife, Mary Anne. It is now owned by the National Trust and open to the public.

Website: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/oxfordshire-buckinghamshire-berkshire/hughenden>

### **House**

Under Disraeli's care, Hughenden was transformed into a Victorian red-brick house decorated with fanciful pinnacles. The manor was part of a secret World War Two operation.

### **Garden**

The gardens surrounding the house were originally created by Disraeli's wife Mary Anne. Though altered after her death, the gardens have now been restored to closely match the original design.

There are extensive walks through pleasant woodland near the house with formal Italianate-style gardens with Victorian parterre and classical statuary, including pleasure grounds, apple orchard and walled garden.

### **Estate**

Over 600 acres of woodland and farmland set in the Chiltern Hills, with sweeping views over the surrounding countryside. Open parkland with beech, oak and chestnut, soaring kites and resident cows. Parish church with Disraeli's grave. Rare chalk stream.

### **Food & Refreshments**

Stableyard café serving hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and sausage rolls and homemade cakes. Eat in or takeaway.

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## **London Visits**

**Margaret Friday**

### **Monday 17th April Boston Manor House. Cost £5**

Nearest Underground station is Boston Manor.

Meet at the house entrance just before 2 pm for a guided tour



*Come for a look at the beautifully refurbished Boston Manor House. The staircase is an absolute joy with copies of the original early 18th century wallpaper.*

Rooms reflect the whole life of the house and the people who lived there from the 17th century to Victorian times  
It is now a real treasure. The replanted gardens should be a delight.

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### **Wednesday 17th May. Leighton House. Cost £5**

12 Holland Park Road, London, W14 8LZ, nearest tube stations are Kensington (Olympia) and High St Kensington

Meet at the house entrance just before 2 pm for a guided tour



*Leighton House reopened in October last year and has been refurbished and extended with the modern part of the site now sporting an entrance and shop with fine wooden inlaid cases and desks*

inspired by the Middle Eastern designs introduced into the house by Leighton.

There is also a splendid coffee shop extending into the garden. You will see the re-instated entrance hall to Leighton's House along with the library, lacquered staircase with peacock seat and the large elegant room where Leighton painted "Flaming June" and many other famous works.

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### **Coffee Mornings**

**Peter Bush**

The coffee mornings for the start of 2023 are as follows, all at 10:30 for 11:00 in the study base at Osterley Park.

**Thursday February 23** Andy Eddy. The Gardens

**Tuesday 28 March** Michael Peacock. The villages of Heathrow

**Wednesday 26 April** Judith O'Flynn. The House

**Thursday 25 May** Chris Cleave. AGM the future

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**Winners on 14/12**

£100 J Bing

£50 P Howard

£8 M Prior

**Diary: Friends events and excursions**

<b>2023</b>	<b>London Walks</b>	<b>Coach Trips</b>	<b>Coffee Mornings</b>
Thurs 23 Feb	<b>Andy Eddy The Gardens</b>		
Tues 28 March	<b>Michael Peacock, The villages of Heathrow</b>		
Mon 17 April	<b>Margaret Friday. Boston Manor</b>		
Tues 25 April	<b>Vik Sharma. Polesden Lacey</b>		
Wed 26 April	<b>Judith O'Flynn, The House</b>		
Wed 17 May	<b>Margaret Friday. Leighton House</b>		
Tues 23 May	<b>Hughenden Manor. Vik Sharma</b>		
Thurs 25 May	<b>Chris Cleave, AGM the future</b>		

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**Susan Parsons**

**The Friends website** gives you all of the current news, meet- ings, 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)

**Next newsletter** To be published in April 2023. Any contributions to the Newsletter Editor ([editor.foop@gmail.com](mailto:editor.foop@gmail.com)) by

**1 March 2023.** *The Editor may edit contributions as necessary.*

# Friends of Osterley Park

BOOKING FORM JANUARY 2023

**To book** send form to D Craik, 118 Fairfax Road, Teddington TW11 9BS

Email [friendsofosterleypark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofosterleypark@gmail.com)

Phone 020 8977 6449

**To pay** Cheque to "Friends of Osterley" send to D Craik.

Do not include "Park. If you want printed confirmation please include S.A.E.

Bank transfer to Friends of Osterley, 20-02-06, 70389315, put your name and trip as the reference.

Credit Card, call 020 8977 6449 (2.5% extra)

Non-members of Friends of Osterley Park are welcome but we ask for an additional £1. Non members of NT will have to pay entry. Bookings cannot be refunded unless there is a waiting list. Substitutes can be made.

If you want picked up for a coach trip Opposite Osterley Underground

tick here

## Coach Trips

Date	Destination	Cost NT Member	No. of places	Total Cost	
25/4/23	Polesdon Lacey	£29			
23/5/23	Hughendon Manor	£29			

## London Visits

Date	Destination	Cost	No. of places	Total Cost
17/4/23	Boston Manor	£X		
17/5/23	Leighton House	£5		

## Not a member of the Friends

Extra for non-Friend event	£1		£
TOTAL			£

Name .....

Mobile number .....

Name of second person .....

email .....

**FRIENDS OF OSTERLEY PARK**  
**APPLICATION/RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP 2023/24**  
Your subscription for 2023/24 is due by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

If you pay by Standing Order no action is required.  
Please send this form and your cheque payable to “Friends of Osterley” (do not include “Park”) to:-

Keith Rookledge, 2 West Avenue, PINNER, HA5 5BY

If you want a membership card please include a stamped addressed envelope

Membership (Single £10/Joint £16)	£.....
100 Club (£12 per number)	£.....
Donation	£.....
Total paid	£.....

(1) Forename..... Surname.....

2<sup>nd</sup> member if appropriate

(2) Forename..... Surname.....

Address.....

Postcode..... Tel No.....

Email address.....

(This is used to advise of any “Friends” events. It is not shared with any other organisation including the National Trust.)

Quarterly Newsletter will be sent by email. If you wish a printed copy in the future tick here.

This cost the Friends about £7.50 per year

If you do not at present pay your subscription by Standing Order a form is enclosed, use of this saves your memory and postage and you can cancel anytime.

It is agreed that my/our membership details, including address, phone number and email address (if provided) may be held on a computer, accessible only to designated committee members of the Friends of Osterley Park and in compliance with GDPR.

Signed(1)

Signed(2)



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**TO THE MANAGER OF (Enter the name and address of your bank)**

**SORT CODE .....-.....-..... ACCOUNT NUMBER .....**

Please pay to Barclays Beaconsfield Branch, 7 Station Parade,  
Beaconsfield, Bucks, HP9 2PH.

To the credit of **The Friends of Osterley**,  
Sort Code **20 02 06**, Account Number **70389315**

**This replaces any previous mandate to this account**

The sum of £..... (see note 2 below)

Starting on 1st April 2023 and then each year thereafter until further notice.

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1. Please complete all sections using **BLOCK CAPITALS**
2. £10 for single membership or £16 for joint membership plus £12 for each "100 Club" share.
3. Please notify us if your personal details change.

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