

The Friends of Osterley Park

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Detail, West Steps Rams Head Balustrade. OPH Robert Adam. *Photo John Stacey*



from the Chairman **John James** **Chairman's Report to AGM 2015**

I would like to start by saying that 2014 was a very busy year for the Friends. Membership has increased. As a charity our main purpose is to support the work of the National Trust and its programme of conservation and improvement at Osterley Park and House.

An exciting programme of activities was arranged and was well supported. We are grateful to the Trips Group led by Douglas Craik, with Patricia Barrett, Peter Bush, Rita Ford, Margaret Friday, Pat Herod, James Law, Angela Lynskey, John Stacey and Barry Pyle.

There have been visits to Standen, Ickworth, Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway and Smallhythe, Bekonscot Model Village and Nuffield Place, Living Rain Forest and Grey's Court and Canons Ashby. We do need one more person to help organise a trip – do talk to Douglas if you are interested.

The Friends' holiday in September was based at the University of Birmingham Conference Park at the Edgbaston Campus and included visits to Croome Court, the Severn Valley Steam train to Bridgnorth, Dudmaston, the Back to Backs in Birmingham, Attingham Park, Wroxeter Roman City and to Northampton to visit a Charles Rennie Macintosh designed house. Thanks to Barrie Pyle, and to Douglas for looking after the finance side.

London visits, once again ably organised by Wei Hei Kipling, have been to the British Library exhibition "Georgians Revealed", the Museum of London with a guided tour of the Roman Gallery, the Anaesthesia Museum, Kenwood, the National Portrait Gallery, Moor Park, Apothecaries Hall and the Royal Institution.

Our visit to the Old Farmhouse, courtesy of Patrick and Christine Howard, was in June last year. The gardens were at their best and the visit was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Our thanks to the Howards.

Our first coffee morning of the year, in January, held in the Brewhouse, was by Neil Cole giving an overview of 2014; March was a tour of the Jersey Loan items; April was Douglas Craik with a moving talk on the

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story behind the Borough Road War Memorial; June was John Stacey on "Covers and Spreads" showing his exceptional photographs from past newsletters; in July Andy Eddy gave us an update on the garden; September was Sheena Dickson on her exciting role as Sports Development officer; in October Ellie Jones, the newly appointed House and Collections Manager gave a presentation on her background from working as a National Trust volunteer to becoming a staff member at Newton House, Dinefwr. My mother lived opposite the gates to Newton House, so as you can imagine I know it well. In November the speaker was Kelly Wood, Events Manager on her role and "all things Christmas at Osterley".

Our Autumn Reception was held on the 2nd October when the speaker was Nic Durston, National Trust Assistant Director (Operations) London and South East Region. He gave a very good update on London properties.

The Friends had stalls at the St. Mary's Church Osterley Summer Fair in June, Osterley Park and House weekend and Isleworth Fair at the Isleworth Public Hall in December, and there was a lot of interest in both the Friends and Osterley Park generally.

A Teddy Bears parachute jump, organised by Douglas, was held during Osterley weekend in June but the poor weather resulted in a very low number of visitors. However both children and adults (and their bears and other animals who jumped) enjoyed the experience!

Changes have taken place. Wei Hei Kipling announced that she wished to step down from her roles as Editor of the Newsletter and organiser of London Visits. I would like to record our thanks to her for all her efforts over the years, which have been greatly appreciated. We are grateful to Douglas Craik who has taken over as editor of the newsletter and to Margaret Friday who is now responsible for London visits. We are in need of new members to serve on the committee. Do please consider whether you can help and have a word with me. The newsletter, published four times a year is an important means of communication with our members. Douglas sends the newsletter out by email to members who have indicated that they would like to

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receive it electronically, and they receive it in colour. I would like to thank John Stacey for his exceptional photographs and Margaret Friday for her fascinating articles.

We keep a close link with the National Trust as a supporter group. In May Douglas attended a meeting of the National Trust London Centres Associations and Friends Groups Local Networking Forum and a Treasurers' meeting, and I attended a forum in November. There is a belief that stronger links between all bodies should be encouraged, together with regular communication, such as the exchange of newsletters and news of events.

I attended meetings of the Osterley Forum. This was formed by Neil with staff and representatives from volunteers attending, meets regularly throughout the year and is very informative.

Michael Doran continues to represent the Friends on the Hounslow Community Network. He has also been involved in the Neighbourhood Forum proposal which was submitted to Hounslow Council. Michael has been working on a website for the Friends, which will both help communication and promote the Friends.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees for their support: Douglas as Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, organiser of the 100 Club, leader of the Trips Group and now Newsletter Editor (a glutton for work!), Wei Hei as our past newsletter editor and London Visits organiser, John Stacey our photographer, Margaret Friday our article writer and now London Visits organiser, Michael Doran our link to the Hounslow Community Network Group and for his work on our new website, Joan Mound for her support at meetings and in manning our event stalls, and Patricia as our secretary. My continued thanks to Ian Conacher as our President, who takes a great interest in all that we do. My thanks to Neil for his support and his attendance at our committee meetings, and to his team for all they do at Osterley Park and House. Lastly, I would like to thank all our members for their continued support.

Report on the AGM held on 13th May 2015

The minutes of the AGM held on 14th May 2014 were agreed as a true

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and accurate record of the meeting.

The Chairman's report was presented.

The certified accounts for the year ending 31st December 2014 were adopted.

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

Patricia Barrett was appointed as Independent Examiner of the Accounts.

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 2015/16 season was made.

Elections

In accordance with the Constitution, at their first meeting after the AGM, held on 18th May 2015, the Trustees elected the following:

Chair – John James

Vice-Chair – Douglas Craik

Treasurer – Douglas Craik

Hon. Secretary Patricia James

Membership Secretary – John James

Audrey Conacher, 22nd April 1926 to 30th May 2015 From John James

Mrs. Audrey Conacher, wife of our President Ian Conacher, passed away on the 30th May. A service was held at the Jamieson Chapel, Hanworth Crematorium on Wednesday 17th June. The service was taken by one of our members, Arthur Spikins, and was attended by committee members, Friends of Osterley Park, and Neil Cole, the General Manager.

Audrey, with Ian, was a founder member of the Friends. She was very supportive of Ian, especially when he became Chairman of the Friends. She volunteered at Osterley Park for many years. Audrey was very involved in the Friends' events and will be particularly remembered for organising and running the bric-a-brac stall and providing refreshments at many of the Friends' social occasions. She also helped with the outdoor theatre.

After the service a reception was held in the Brewhouse where members of the family reflected on Audrey's life, in which Osterley Park and House featured prominently.

Friends of Osterley Park Autumn Reception Wednesday 30th September

7:00 for 7:45 Gates shut at 7:30 until end of event

Wine and soft drinks will be served

Car parking in the Stable Yard

Runnymede and Ankerwycke
a home for Politics and Picnics for over 1000 years

Daniel Duthie

*General Manager Surrey Landscapes -
Ankerwycke, Claremont, The Homewood,
Oakhurst Cottage, Runnymede and Winkworth*

There is a link between Osterley and Ankerwycke- the home of the yew and the priory which, depending on which version of history you believe, had a significant part in the event of 12/05/1215

Sarah Jodrell was the heiress to the Ankerwycke Estate and married Robert Child.



Over 2000 years old, the
Ankerwycke yew is the
National Trust's oldest tree



Commemorate the sealing of
Magna Carta at Runnymede
800 years ago



**COFFEE MORNINGS
BREW HOUSE
10:30 FOR 11:00
UNTIL 12:00-12:30**



£3 for members, £4 for non-members of the Friends

Our programme of coffee morning talks continues at roughly 6 weekly intervals. All are welcome and it is a chance to catch up on the latest news from other Friends and staff

The next ones are:-

Tue 25th August Ian Grierson Events Manager

Wed 14th Oct Andy Eddy Head Gardener

Tue 24th Nov Ellie Jones House Manager



Teddy bears no more Douglas Craik

Following enquiries from a number of the Friends I have to advise that we are unable to have any more Teddy Bear parachute fund-raising and children's entertainment events at Osterley

Neil Cole has told us that "in terms of our event programme, I appreciate the Friends were keen to entertain another Teddy Bear drop, whilst without doubt it was a huge success, we are shaping our events programme, as best as possible, to align better to our Spirit of Place and unfortunately for that reason, have taken the decision not to host another parachute jump." Other events at the house are in Neil's report on page 15. If anyone has a high (safe) building and wants to run a fun/fund raising event I have the parachutes so just let me know



The NT Garden Centre

You probably know of the National Trust property Morden Hall Park near Wimbledon. But did you know that the garden centre there is now run by the NT -

and the volunteers 20% discount applies.

The plants may not be as good as Osterley's (on sale at the bookshop) but their range of other items is wider.



London Visits

Margaret Friday

The programme continues with a last chance to book for Dickens' house and two new visits.



Daniel Case CCAs

Greenwich Fan Museum, Painted Chapel and Painted Hall.

Tuesday 15th September

NB Change of date

£6, £3 if member of Art Fund (with your card!)

Today we will look at the fine buildings of the Old Royal Naval College before seeing the Fan museum which should be featuring a collection of Chinese Fans assembled by a Hong Kong Chinese collector. Eighteenth century items from China are relevant to Osterley as Mrs Child is exceedingly likely to have owned several Chinese fans. After viewing the collection we can take tea in the Orangery at the museum.

Meet at Cutty Sark Station on the DLR at 11.30

The original plan was to visit the Queen's House at Greenwich but it is closing for refurbishment in July for a year.

I will plan a visit after it re-opens. The house is being restored for its 400th anniversary next year and the extensive plans include the return of paintings so it should make an exceedingly rewarding.



Sir Richard Wallace,
1st Baronet

Wallace Collection.

Monday 12th October

£5 donation to Friends, entrance to the house is free but I shall try to arrange for a guide

Lord Jersey, the 7th Earl and his wife Margaret knew the Wallaces. The guidebook for the Wallace family shows Wallace sitting chatting with Margaret at the house.

Many of the items on display here are reflected in the Osterley collections, particularly the fine porcelain.

We will be in the central area. It is a short walk through St. Christopher's Place to Wigmore Street and Manchester Square where the Wallace Collection is located. We can take tea or have refreshments here in the covered courtyard. At present we have no information about forthcoming exhibitions

Meet at Bond Street tube station outside the exit gates at 11am.

The Rams' Head at Osterley Margaret Friday

In this newsletter we see John Stacey's exquisite pictures of Rams which can be found in many places around Osterley from iron stair rails to wooden door cases, marble chimney pieces, paintings and furniture.

The Ram is defined "as an attribute of Mercury, protector of flocks" in *Dictionary of Subjects and symbols in Art* by James Hall.

Mercury can be shown as the shepherd guardian carrying a ram on his shoulders. He is easy to identify because he has a winged helmet and winged golden sandals representing the speed the messenger god can employ. Mercury invented the lyre but presented it to Apollo.

Jupiter asked Apollo to look after a flock of sheep but Mercury was able to steal the sheep when Apollo wasn't paying attention. Mercury used a clever trick getting the sheep to walk backwards. Jupiter (Zeus) king of the gods, made Mercury return the sheep to Apollo. When Mercury and Apollo were reconciled after his smart trick Mercury gave the lyre to Apollo which then became the symbol for Apollo and poetry.

Apollo presented Mercury with the caduceus - an olive branch with tiny wings. This wand was the emblem of a messenger who is allowed unmolested passage. It is a wand entwined with two snakes. These were added when Mercury threw his wand at two fighting snakes so they were added to the wand to represent peace.

Sarah Carr-Gomm says Mercury (Hermes) in Greek mythology is the messenger of the gods seen as an ambassador but also the god of commerce and wealth linked with good luck. In his Roman identity Mercury is involved with trade and is often shown with a purse. These were symbols that the Child family, being goldsmiths and bankers with success and good luck, could approve. It allowed them to employ the most prestigious architect of the day, Robert Adam.

The ram's head is defined in the *American Merriam-Webster Dictionary* as "a carved or sculptured decoration found in Greek or Roman art and derived as a decorative motive especially in 18th century furniture."

Judith Miller in *Furniture: from Classical to Contemporary World Styles*, 2011, claimed that Robert Adam was the first to use rams' heads in English furniture saying they were popularly used "on tripod table knees and as objects from which to hang swags".

Our featured central pictures shows a fine example of this in the Eating Room. On the splendid sideboard the golden rams' heads are swagged,

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Detail, Side
Table Eating
Room.

Rams Head

OPH Robert
Adam

*Photo John
Stacey*



Photos referred
to in the
following page

Drawing
Room
Marble
Fireplace
surround

Staircase
lamp
stand

Drawing
Room
Door Frame

Detail -
Rams Head



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other decorations incorporate the Greek key pattern and rounded schemes called paterae. Some books claim that the Adam sideboard at Osterley was the first ever made. It was completed in 1767. Agneta Yorke made comments on it during her visit.

The Zucchi roundels portray the story of a Roman family with the marriage, the wedding feast, the birth of the first child and finally, the sacrifice of a ram in thanksgiving. The Eating room begins the story of the ram and its significance in the work of Robert Adam.



Drawing Room Marble
Fireplace surround

Our tour around the house now takes us to the Drawing Room.

Here the ram's head is shown in the white marble fireplace and appears in gold on the door frames giving us protection as we arrive and depart.



Drawing Room Door Frame



Detail - Rams Head

On the grand staircase we find rams' heads on the lamp stands as we climb the stairs.



Staircase lamp stand

The cover of this newsletter shows the fine staircase leading to the garden which displays the splendid rams' heads with swags on either side of each support reminding us that people arriving and leaving Osterley are being looked after throughout their visit.

When you are next at Osterley see how many rams' heads you can discover as we have only shown a few of those to be found in and around Osterley Park House.



from the 100 club

Douglas Craik

A draw was made at the AGM on the 13th May. This used the new numbers for 2015 for those who had paid by then. The lucky winners were:-

£20 - J. Wye, £40 - J James (it wasn't a fiddle) and £100 - H Mackay
All members of the Friends can purchase one or more "shares" in the 100 Club. Half of the money pays for the 3 prizes won at each of the four draws per year and the remainder goes to the house.



Coach Trips

Douglas Craik

This year's trips continue with the last two in September and October. Please note that the first 3 trips this year were fully booked. For the 28th July trip to Bodiam via the K&SR railway I MUST have booking by 18/7/17 so phone/email me, payment can follow.

A Coach Trip/London Visit booking form is with this Newsletter. If you make a booking with the form then later want to book another trip/visit just send the cheque with SAE and a note of what you want—dates and costs are in the articles (or see page 19) .



Following a suggestion from a regular “tripper” - on the last 2 trips this year (Ascott and the Vyne) we will trial picking up from the bus stop opposite Osterley Station on A4, accessible from the station side by underground passage (as well as from the Osterley Park car park), this option has been added to the booking form. It is **essential** that these passengers are waiting at the bus stop at 09:30 as the coach can only stop briefly and will **not** wait for latecomers (like a normal bus).

NB Sky have extended their use of the lakeside car park to November so all trips will pick up in the main car park



Ascott House

Rita Ford

Tuesday 8th September

Cost £15

Following a visit this trip will not include Whipsnade tree cathedral for safety reasons so the first stop on this trip will be at Thame, an historic market town with an interesting town trail and cafes. Film site for Midsummer Murders and past home of W B Yeats and Robin Gibb (Bee Gees)
In 1874 Leopold de Rothschild who lived in Gunnersbury Park took over Ascott House as a hunting lodge, where he and his wife held large and lavish house parties. In 1937 Sir Anthony de Rothschild remodelled and the house, demolishing several redundant buildings making it a compact and more manageable country house. His son Sir Evelyn and Lady Lynn de Rothschild now use the house throughout the year. He also has made alterations to the house and gardens. The house contains a fine collection of 17th Century Dutch paintings and Chinese ceramics. The garden covers over 30 acres and has many interesting features including the “Lynn” garden inaugurated in 2006.



Photo Simon Q CCA 2

The Vyne

Peter Bush

Monday 5th October

Cost £15

The Vyne, a National Trust property close to Basingstoke about an hour from Osterley, has a long history going back 500 years.

In Tudor times the owner, William 1st Lord

Sandys Henry VIII's Lord Chamberlain entertained the king here. The Sandys' fortunes dwindled over the next 100 years and were gone by the end of the Civil War. In 1653 Chaloner Chute, Speaker of the House of Commons purchased the house and added the Classical Portico, the first of its kind on an English Country House. In 1754 John Chute a friend of Horace Walpole and member of the "Committee of Taste" that helped Walpole enlarge and decorate Strawberry Hill inherited the house and built the Strawberry Room. The house contains many mementoes of his Grand Tour. John died in Chiswick and is buried in St Nicholas churchyard. From that time the house went through a period of neglect and refurbishment and twice housed a school. The last owner Sir Charles Chute bequeathed the estate to The National Trust with an endowment.

There is much to see and enjoy, the House has many treasures and has connections with Jane Austen. There are extensive grounds and a lake.

From the Car Park to the entrance of the house is 675m on level ground. There is usually a Buggy which takes visitors to 225m from the entrance. A 1000m smooth, level path leads to a bird hide overlooking an area of wetland (Enthusiasts bring your binoculars)

A tearoom serves light lunches and teas. There is a second hand bookshop & gift shop.



Holiday 2016

Douglas Craik

Following discussions with the Day Coach Group and suggestions from Friends I will be exploring options for a summer holiday in Cornwall or west Devon, probably in late June/early July before the school holidays start. The Friends last stayed in Cornwall in 2006 and visited half a dozen properties.

Apparently it sold out, about 49 people, in a few weeks.

More details in the next newsletter after I do a "recce" .



The Newsletter - 20 Years ago Douglas Craik

As you may know I drive the buggy from the car park to the house every Thursday. Visitors often ask if the lake is deep and I cheerfully say “not very”. However I have found a sobering tale of bravery in 1948 reported in the Summer 1995 Friends newsletter that tells otherwise (it is unclear which of the lakes was involved and the property would still have belonged to the Earl of Jersey)

The quoted Times obituary of 16/3/95 recalled the exceptional bravery of the then 10 year old David Charles Western G.C. in February 1948.

Three of his friends fell through the ice on Osterley lake and in trying to help them he also fell in. However he broke the ice and pulled one of his friends to safety then tied a rope to himself and returned to the icy water cutting his arms and hands in searching for the other two for 25 minutes, frequently diving under the ice. Help then arrived and pulled him out suffering from hypothermia. Sadly his other two friends, though recovered by police, died in hospital. David was awarded the Albert Medal# in August 1948, one of the youngest recipients.

Editor's note- The Albert Medal for Lifesaving was first instituted on 7 March 1866, awarded to recognise the saving of life. The Medal was discontinued in 1971 and the 64 living recipients were invited to exchange the award for the George Cross.

From the House

Neil Cole

Osterley Park & House is certainly in full flight at the moment, over the last month we have we have hosted our 2nd annual 10k race, with over 500 runners, played host to over 300 school children from Spring Grove, Our Barn continue to use Osterley every Friday with great success and The Entrance Hall became a theatre for filming Mr Selfridge and on the 26th June we entertained the Levvy family who provide funds for the National Trust, enjoying a tour of the house and a picnic in the gardens. We also recently held a staff & volunteer social on the 12th June, which was very well attended. As we approach the summer season, we have many activities, events and sports programmed in every week and expect to be as busy as ever.

Year to date Osterley Park & House has welcomed 32,048 visitors to the house & gardens, vs a budget of 28,823 and we are showing growth vs budget on payers and National Trust members within these stats.

Membership and catering are performing well, though retail sales are struggling, hopefully sales of ice creams will help, as I write this on the hottest day of the year!

The Duke of Wellington and the Jersey Family Jeff Shaw

With the 200th anniversary this year of the battle of Waterloo it is a fitting time to mention the Duke of Wellington and his relationship with the Jersey family. The 5th Countess of Jersey, Sarah Sophia Child-Villiers, a socialite, cultivated important people as friends and so she asked the Duke of Wellington to be the godfather to her second daughter who was then christened Clementina Augusta Wellington Child-Villiers.

Sarah Sophia was one of the patronesses of Almack's, a club that had strict membership rules. She was one of the famous committee who decided upon the rights of admission to the assembly rooms. At the time a Captain Gronow wrote that *"one can hardly conceive the importance which was attached to getting admission to Almack's, the seventh heaven of the fashionable world"* and one rule was that no one could enter the club after dinner which was served at 11.00 pm. Unfortunately the Duke of Wellington turned up seven minutes late on one occasion but even he was not allowed in!

There was another incident when Wellington was invited to the Jerseys' house in Berkeley Square for a celebration and the family history recalls that:

"An ante-room was littered with presents. The great Duke arrived rather late and realised he had forgotten the occasion of the party and had brought nothing. Never at a loss, he picked up a China Vase as he went through and presented it to his hostess with due solemnity. "Oh, how delightful" said Sarah, "the Duchess of So-and-So gave me one just like it. I must go and put them together and make a pair."

Another connection between Sarah Sophia and Wellington was the fact that her brother John Lord Burghersh (later the 11th Earl of Westmorland) served in the army under Arthur Wellesley (later Duke of Wellington).

Early in the 19th century Wellington was becoming a national hero with his victories at Asseye (1803) and during the Peninsular War (1808-1814). The merchants and bankers in the City of London wanted to

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acknowledge this and invited leading artists to tender designs for a vast silver-gilt shield to present to him. The competition was won by Thomas Stothard in 1814 with a design based on the shield of Achilles as described in Homer's Iliad.

The central group shows Wellington being crowned by the figure of Victory. The surrounding ten reliefs show scenes from his military career. The shield is on display at Apsley House.

Even before the shield was exhibited Stothard realised the potential of this commission and executed etchings of the original design. These etchings are now extremely rare, one being sold at Christie's in 1993 for £14,950.

One belonged to the Duke of Wellington and was incorporated under glass in a circular pedestal table which the Duke gave to the Jersey family.



Photo Jeff Shaw



Photo Jeff Shaw

The table is of coromandel wood with brass decoration of fruit and foliage swags, lion masks and laurel sprays. The base stands on three heavy carved lions' paw feet, embellished with scrolls of acanthus. The table is now in store at Osterley because unfortunately it is too young for the present house setting of 1782.

Therefore the only way to see this unique piece of furniture at the moment is to join one of the 'Behind the Scenes' tours on a Monday or Tuesday.

Our Website Launch

Mike Doran

The Friends of Osterley Park now has a website, recently launched to coincide with the Summer 2015 Newsletter.

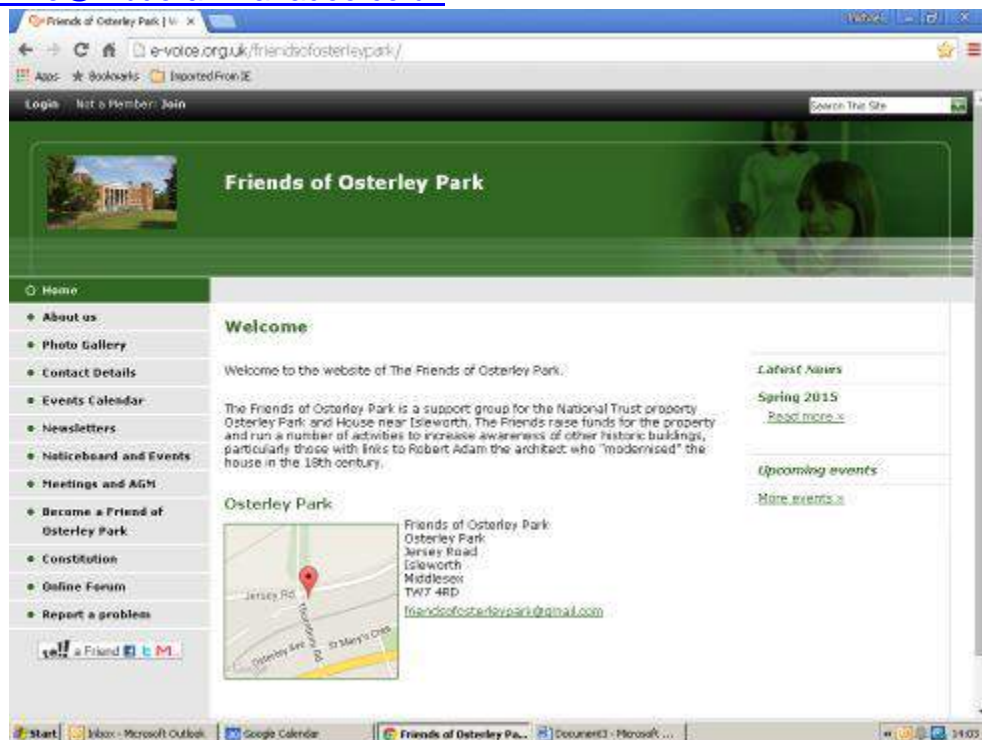
If you are in the online version of this Newsletter, then just hold ctrl + click on the following link to access the website: <http://e-voice.org.uk/friendsfoosterleypark/>

If you are reading the paper version of the newsletter, then type the above link into your internet browser and click.

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. The website home page is shown in the screen shot below

The Friends website complements the National Trust home page on Osterley Park, and the National Trust Friends of Osterley Park webpage. You can link to both of these from the Friends website.

If you experience any problems in using our website, or have any suggestions for its improvement please email Mike Doran on mike@mbdoran.wanadoo.co.uk



Diary Friends Events and Excursions

Tue 14 th July	Coffee Morning: Jeremy Dalton
Mon 20 th July	London Visit: Charles Dickens House
Tue 28 th July	Coach trip: Kent & Sussex railway & Bodium Castle
Sat15-Thu 20 Aug	Coach holiday: Central Scotland
Tue 25 th August	Coffee. Morning: Ian Grierson
Tue 8 th Sep	Coach trip: Ascott House
Tue 15th Sep	London Visit: Greenwich NEW DATE
Wed 30 th Sep	Autumn Reception 7:00pm for 7:45 Daniel Duthie
Mon 5 th Oct	Coach trip: The Vyne
Mon 12 th Oct	London Visit: The Wallace Collection.
Wed 14 th Oct	Coffee Morning: Andy Eddy
Tue 24 th Nov	Coffee Morning: Ellie Jones

Coach Trips depart from main Car Park then all at 09:30 and Bus Stop opposite Osterley Station at 09:30 **sharp**.
Coffee Mornings 10:30 for 11:00



From the Treasurer

Douglas Craik

For Friends who use on line banking we now offer the option of booking Coach trips or London Visits by email, this is quicker and will save you over a pound in postage.

1. email friendsofosterleypark@gmail.com with your names of trippers, name of trip and amount being paid, for example

Jane Smith and Harry Smith, 2 Friends for Vyne = £30,

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 I will email your tickets to you.

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Next newsletter

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Any contributions to the Editor by

1st October 2015.

The Editor may edit contributions if necessary.

Additional pages for online readers

In this page we will cover topics relevant to those taking the online version of the newsletter.

No Printer

If you do have a printer, if you do online banking then see next page. Otherwise for day coach trips or London walks just send a cheque with SAE and a note of which trips and for how many people to Douglas. For Standing Order and Gift Aid forms drop Douglas an email and forms will be posted out (must have your actual signature).

Printing

From the online view of the newsletter you will be able to print out selected pages– watch that you select only the page(s) you want e.g. Diary. With some systems it may be easier to save the newsletter into your computer and open with Adobe.

Most computers will have this but it is a free, safe program from adobe.com/uk/products/reader.html

Other Questions

Just email me with any questions, if common I will add answers here in future issues.

Any suggestions

Any ideas on improvements to the online newsletter are welcome, just drop me an email.

Email booking of trips

For those who do online banking you can now book trips online by making payments by bank transfer, see page19.

Online readers

We now have over 50 Friends taking the online Newsletter (about half of those with email) please encourage others to join us.