



# Friends of St Cross Hospital Winchester

*Celebrate its Past – Support its Future*

## SPRING E-BULLETIN



### VISIT TO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

On 3 April 2017, Eighteen Friends enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Houses of Parliament, an outing which had been arranged for us by our MP, Steve Brine. Highlights of the day included our delightful Scottish guide, Helen, who was both informative and entertaining, and who regaled us with many anecdotes

about the history, building, customs and procedures of Parliament and also with stories from her own personal experience as a private secretary to several MPs. Our tour followed the standard 'Line of Route' but Helen gave us far more time than is usual on such visits. At the end of the morning, some of us stayed on for lunch in the convenient café next to Westminster Hall, and then listened to Questions in the House of Lords, from the Visitors' Gallery, including a heated exchange on the topical subject of Gibraltar post-Brexit; some also visited the exquisite Chapel of St Mary Undercroft below Westminster Hall. This was a day full of interest, and the Friends have made a contribution of £50 to a charity nominated by Steve Brine MP in sincere appreciation of his making arrangements for us.

## SIGN UP NOW FOR OUR NEXT EVENTS

### SIXTH ANNUAL FRIENDS DAY

**Date:** Saturday, 13th May

**Timing:** 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm

**Venue:** St Faith's Parish Hall, Master's Garden and the Church

**Cost:** £10 per head to include tea.



It is not long to our AGM. The AGM will take place at St Faiths' Parish Hall at 2.00 pm. This will be followed by a talk from Simon Newman who is a Cathedral guide and photographer. After a sumptuous tea in the Master's Garden, Festal Evensong will be sung in the church by the highly regarded local choir Index Cantorum.



## **FRIENDS SUMMER PARTY**

**Date:** Friday, 9th June

**Timing:** 6.30 pm - 11.00 pm

**Venue:** Master's Garden

The Friends Summer Party is the highlight of the year and certainly an event not to be missed! We still have two tables left that need filling, (first come, first serve) so book now to avoid

disappointment. Bring a picnic and prepare for dancing to the Atlantico Salsa Band. The cost, is £20 for members and £25 for guests. There will be a pay bar and a fabulous raffle. To help us, it would be great if you could let us know whose table you will be sitting on.

**Please note that if you are interested in attending any of the above events:**

- To book via the Porter's Lodge.
- Full payment is required prior to the events.
- Refunds will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

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