



## Friends' Newsletter



### News from the Warden

Since the last newsletter it is with great pleasure that we can at last enjoy the Leopard back on his tower overseeing all that goes on within the College Quadrangle. Not only has the Leopard been restored, we are very fortunate to have a new gate at the College which leads into the High Street. I must thank East Grinstead Lions for a generous donation towards the gate and



Virtuoso, the local builders who helped us achieve these works. The College hosted a very successful Flower Festival for NAFAS in June. I have to commend the ladies who set the festival up as the weather was quite inclement for them – but they worked on through it.

However, in between the rainy days since, we have had some very pleasant sunny ones, bringing a number of visitors to the College which is good news as every little helps toward the upkeep of this ancient building. At the present time we have the scaffolding and builders in again repairing the roof (which seems never ending these days). Last month Gillett & Johnson (Clock

Repairers) came to give an estimate for the clock in the quadrangle. They spent over an hour looking at it and said they would send an estimate. Following their departure the clock went for approximately half an hour and has now stopped. The estimate has been received but we will have to have concerted fund raising to undertake the repairs. We have also undertaken a survey of the Well House with the Conservation Officer of MSDC and Virtuoso will be supplying the College with a quotation.

We have been able to host some very successful fund raising evenings here at the College throughout the spring and summer. It started with a John Mason Neale evening at the end of April which was put together by Caroline Metcalfe, Simon Kerr and Tom Scratchley with his choir. This was followed by May Day opening which brought in many visitors, albeit a cold rainy day. In June we had the Flower Festival followed by an evening of A Capella music by 'No Strings Attached'. We managed to catch our breath in July but August saw a musical concert by the 'Grenstede Duo' which was very well supported. In September we received a visit from the Bishop of Horsham for the 150th Anniversary of John

Mason Neale's death.

Steve and Caroline Metcalfe have arranged an evening at CJ's Café bar on 14 November, which I hope you will be able to come along and support. Tickets are selling well, so don't be caught out.

Following this event is a John Mason Neale Evening with Advent music performed by Tom Scratchley and choir, and Caroline and Simon once again reading extracts from some of Neale's letters. Tickets are £11.00 for 'Friends' and £12 for guests.

Our Carol evenings during December have become so popular that we have managed to secure a further evening on 6th December. If you require a ticket, please call 01342 313414 or call at the Office where Linda will gladly help you.

We have been fortunate this year to receive a couple of anonymous donations to the College but the maintenance means monies come in one day and go out the next. One subject I would like to touch on, as I understand that some practices are offering a free 'Will Making' during October: if you have not made a will yet, but are considering doing so, please think about a legacy for the College.

The College is always having to undertake repairs to this magnificent Grade 1 listed building and as a self-funding charity it is always hard to make the books balance at the end of the year.

If any of you are scratching your head for (dare I say it) Christmas presents, the College has published a new book 'A Brief History of Sackville College', by Mr M.J. Leppard. The book can be purchased from the College, price £5.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Steve & Caroline Metcalfe and all of the Guides, Helpers and Friends who have continued to support us this year.

## Forthcoming Events

### ***A Charity Dinner Evening at CJ's Café Bar***

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November: 7pm for 7:30pm

The theme this year is 'Eminent Victorians'. A two course meal will be provided. Please come along, and bring guests to make this year's event extra special.

Tickets are £15 this year with approximately half going to Sackville College.

### ***An Evening of Words and Music to celebrate the Life and Work of John Mason Neale***

Sackville Community Choir, conducted by Tom Scratchley, will sing hymns and carols of John Mason Neale, with words taken from *The Letters of John Mason Neale*, to be performed by Simon Kerr, Caroline Metcalfe and others.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm. Tickets £12 (£11 for Friends of Sackville College).

### ***Christmas Carols in the Chapel***

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Carols in the Chapel for Friends, Guides and Helpers 7.30pm

Carols for the Public: 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December, see below or website for details.

### ***From the Archives***

#### **The Oxford Movement Window in St Swithun's Church**

This year we celebrate the life and work of the **Reverend Dr John Mason Neale**, who was **Warden of Sackville College from 1846-66**, 150 years after his death.

In 1933, the parish of St Swithun's celebrated the centenary of the Oxford Movement with diocesan pilgrimages on June 17<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>. Money was gradually collected for the installation of the beautiful memorial window in St Swithun's. The Vicar was **Canon Golding Golding-Bird**, Vicar of St Swithun's from 1925-55. In June 1933, he wrote:

'The lights of the memorial window to be dedicated on June 17<sup>th</sup> contain [a picture of] the Reverend John Mason Neale in the centre and on the left, the figures of the Reverend John Keble, and of the Reverend Nathaniel Woodard, founder

of St John's College, Hurstpierpoint, in 1848, and of St Nicholas at Lancing in 1849,- a very suitable local figure in the Oxford Movement, the



centenary of which this window commemorates'.

*The window was unveiled by Mr Patrick Sutherland Graeme, Judge Advocate General and a grandson of Dr Neale, the son of Dr Neale's youngest daughter, Margaret, who married Alexander Sutherland Graeme.*

In **July 1933**, the Vicar wrote:

'Oxford Movement

Centenary: Our Memorial Window

In the centre light is the figure of **John Mason Neale**, MA Cantab., D.D (Doctor of Divinity from the University of Hartford, USA), Warden of Sackville College, Founder of the Society of St Margaret. Below appear the words 'Oxford Movement Centenary 1833-1933' and above on a scroll supported by angels, the motto of the Convent, 'Per Angusta ad Augusta'. The late Mother Ermenild, Dr Neale's daughter, herself chose the above wording and 'was most interested and pleased'. She also took much trouble in providing a portrait of her father in the green chasuble which he introduced at Sackville College, and which our artist, Mr Harry Grylls, has so faithfully reproduced. Sackville College is shown in the background. In the lower part of this light are inserted eight quarries of old glass of the time of Henry VIII, showing amongst other coats the arms of the Prince of Wales, the future Edward VI; and above and below the panel containing them, the shields of Sackville College and of the Diocese of Chichester.

In the tracery at the top of the window appear the shields of Oxford University, and, according to Mother Ermenild's strong desire, John Mason Neale being a Cambridge man, also the shields of Cambridge University and of his Colleges, Trinity

and Downing. The surmounting trefoil shows the reputed arms of East Grinstead, the red rose of Lancaster and the ducal crown.

On the left hand light below is portrayed **John Keble** in his Oxford MA hood and gown- he is holding a copy of *The Christian Year*. Keble College Chapel can be seen in the background. Above are the shields of his colleges, Corpus Christi and Oriel, and at the bottom, Keble's own arms, adopted by the College founded in his memory. This is the only non-local figure in the window.

Above Keble, we have the figure of **Nathaniel Woodard** in his Oxford DCL gown and hood, holding in his hand the Chapel of Lancing College, which he intended to be the cathedral of his many scholastic foundations. On either side are the shields of Hertford College, Oxford, of which he was a member, and of Lancing College.

The right hand light is at the moment unfilled, save for the canopy. **Walter Farquhar Hook**, **Dean of Chichester**, a stalwart of the Anglican Revival, in his Oxford DD gown and hood, is to be represented, and he will hold in his hand the spire of Chichester Cathedral which he re-built. His shields will be Winchester College and Christ Church, Oxford.

Below will be given **Hugh James Rose**, in his Cambridge BD gown and hood. He was Vicar of Horsham and Prebendary in Chichester cathedral before going to Hadleigh, in Suffolk. It was in his Rectory study there that the Oxford Movement was vitalised. The shields here to be shown will be those of Trinity College, Cambridge, Durham University, where Rose was Divinity Professor, and those of the Archbishop of Canterbury (Howley) to whom he was Chaplain.

The scarlet figures of Woodard and Hook will thus be balanced by the black gowns of Keble and Rose. The window, we believe, will be considered very beautiful and a growing object of interest to an increasing number of visitors'.

*About £130 was still required.*

**August 1934:** 'Oxford Movement Centenary

Window: The third light containing the figure of Dean Hook and half that of Dean Rose were inserted on July 3. We put in the glass as funds allow’.

**October 1934:** ‘Oxford Movement Centenary Window: the remaining portion of the figure of Dean Rose will be put in, this month- also a slight alteration [will be made] in Dr Neale’s light. This will at long last complete the window.’

*Money was still needed, and the last £1 was probably given by December 1934. Donations included small amounts from St Margaret’s Convent, £20 from St Margaret’s in Boston, Massachussets, one guinea from Mr Patrick Sutherland Graeme, a small amount from a lady who had been christened by Dean Hook in 1849, another from a lady baptized by Dr Neale, and a*

*collection from St Mary’s Church, amounting to £4 5s. 9d.*

*£1 in 1933 would be worth approximately £50 today. <http://www.moneysorter.co.uk/>.*

*This beautiful window is the work of Mr Harry Grylls of the Burlison and Grylls stained glass workshop (1868-1953).*

### **Thank you**

Many thanks are due to all the Friends for your support, and to Friends who give their time and effort to help the College. A number of new members have joined the Friends of Sackville College this year. Welcome to you all: we hope that you will enjoy the forthcoming events, and supporting Sackville College.

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## Sackville College

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### **Important Dates for Your Diary 2016**

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Charity Dinner at CJ’s 7 for 7.30pm	Tickets from Office
Sau 26 <sup>h</sup> Nov	An Evening to celebrate the Life and Work of John Mason Neale. 7.30pm Words with Music from Sackville Community Choir, conducted by Tom Scratchley.	Tickets from Office
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Public Carols in the Chapel 7.30pm	Sold Out
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Public Carols in the Chapel 7.30pm	Tickets from Office
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Music by Cantu Amici in the Chapel 7.30pm	Tickets from Office
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carols in the Chapel for Friends, Guides and Helpers 7.30pm	Please let the Office know if you are coming

We hope that you will enjoy our coming events and look forward to seeing you

### **Notes**

We have used email addresses where possible to save printing and postage costs, but if you would like a printed copy as well, please collect one from the College Office (open on weekday mornings, 9am- 1 pm).