



The Friends of Anne of Cleves' House

President: The Rt Hon the Lord Renton of Mount Harry

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. As you know, last year was very successful for us with many enjoyable events to swell the funds - and I am sure this one will be equally fruitful.

Thanks to our volunteers

A brave group of the Friends came along during the final week of January to spruce up Anne of Cleves House ready for the reopening at the beginning of this month. A big thank-you to all of you who were able to come out in such bitterly cold weather – the whole house looked lovely by the time we had finished and Sussex Past is very grateful for our support.

Forthcoming events

Almost all the events for this year are now confirmed and, for the first, Marcus Taylor has very kindly offered to give us a talk on Friday 10 March about *Gundrada de Warenne and Her Chapel*. On Friday 7 April we are to hear all about *Witches, Warlocks and Wellingtons – the Ritual Protection of the Home*, from Dr Janet Pennington. Dr Pennington also invites us to bring along any small items special to us - if we can leave our homes unprotected for a couple of hours.

A booking form for these two events is attached.

In May we are again hosting the wonderful Pastores Ensemble with a new programme of early music, followed in June by Geoffrey Mead who will tell us about the gentry at West Firle. Other events are to include a talk by Helen Poole and another delightful visit - with book signing - from author Alison Weir.

I attach a calendar of events so that you can get them into your diary and look forward to welcoming you to as many as you are able to attend.

With best wishes,

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