



The Friends of Anne of Cleves' House

Patron: Alison Weir, author and historian

President: The Rt Hon the Lord Renton of Mount Harry

February 2018

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you for the New Year.

A good number of the Friends came along to help with the Spring cleaning. We repainted the entrance lobby and did some repairs in the East room and the toilets – and the house looked lovely in time for re-opening to the public. Janet opened the café for us and provided hot drinks and lovely cakes; Izzy has asked me to pass on her thanks to the Friends for all their help.

Events

We have an excellent programme of events lined up for the year, beginning with a talk by Geoffrey Mead about *Aspects of the South Downs National Park*.

This will be followed in April by John Davey's presentation, *The Street Names of Lewes*.

I attach a booking form for these two events.

Our new Patron

I am delighted to announce that Alison Weir has very kindly agreed to become Patron of the Friends of Anne of Cleves' House with Lord Renton remaining, of course, our Honorary President.

Alison is, as you may know, a celebrated author and historian, particularly of the Tudor period, and is also an Honorary Life Patron of Historic Royal Palaces. She has expressed a very keen interest in Anne of Cleves' House, greatly enjoying her relationship with the Friends and is looking forward to supporting us in our fundraising.

Alison has agreed to come and talk to us again in August, this time about *Jane Seymour: The Haunted Queen*, the third book in her series about the wives of Henry VIII.

Ticket prices

After some consideration the Committee has decided it would be fairer (and more profitable for the house) to raise the ticket price for non-members to £8, with Members' tickets remaining at £5 each. This should encourage more people to join us as they will see another benefit to membership, in addition to being part of a very friendly group and supporting this lovely house and museum.

Anne of Cleves' House
52 Southover High Street Lewes East Sussex BN7 1JA

Anna Crabtree 01273 473218
annacrabtree1@hotmail.com

Registered Charity Number 1086390



An appeal from Sussex Past

I have received a little plea from Lynn Gayford, Head of Learning, for tapestry wool or other yarn for the embroidery cards. She is also looking for volunteers to carry out repairs to the dressing-up clothes, which are very popular with school parties and visiting families. If you have any spare wool or would like to help with the repairs, please contact Lynn on 01273 405734 or email her at educ@sussexpast.co.uk

If you have not yet renewed your membership for this year, Mike Piller would be very pleased to hear from you.

Dr Peter Bacon

I have to report the sad news of Peter Bacon's death at the age of 93. Many of you will remember Peter and, although unable to come to our events for some time, he and Pam were valued members of the Friends for many years.

I look forward to hearing from you with your booking for the March and April events - and to seeing you again soon at Anne of Cleves' House.

With best wishes,

Anna

Anna Crabtree
Chairman of the Friends of Anne of Cleves' House

- - BOOKING FORM ATTACHED - -

Anne of Cleves' House
52 Southover High Street Lewes East Sussex BN7 1JA

Anna Crabtree 01273 473218
annacrabtree1@hotmail.com

Registered Charity Number 1086390



BOOKING FORM

I/we would like ticket(s) at £5 each for

Aspects of the South Downs National Park on Friday 9 March at 7.30

£.....

NAME(S).....

TELEPHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

I/we would like ticket(s) at £5 each for

The Street Names of Lewes on Friday 6 April at 7.30

£.....

NAME(S).....

TELEPHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

Please make your cheque payable to *The Friends of Anne of Cleves' House* and send it to: Anna Crabtree at Anne of Cleves' House, 52 Southover High Street, Lewes, BN7 1JA.

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your tickets or else I will keep them at Anne of Cleves' House for collection on the night.

Anne of Cleves' House
52 Southover High Street Lewes East Sussex BN7 1JA

Anna Crabtree 01273 473218
annacrabtree1@hotmail.com

Registered Charity Number 1086390