



THE FRIENDS OF ANNE OF CLEVES' HOUSE
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Dear Friends,

Thank you very much indeed for your support for Anne of Cleves' House over the past year.

It is time now to renew your membership so it would be helpful if you could complete the enclosed form as soon as possible and return it to Mike Piller at Anne of Cleves' House. If you would like to pay by standing order, please fill out the little section on the form. Your membership is very greatly valued and helps to support this important and delightful property.

If you have previously paid by Standing Order, it would be helpful if you could ensure that this year's payment reflects the current rate of £10 for individual and £15 for joint/family membership.

Thank you to the Committee and Members

I have just completed my fifth year as Chairman of the Friends and cannot thank everyone enough for their support. My good friends on the Committee have been particularly helpful and kind, given my recent bereavement.

Our Hon Treasurer, Jane Rimmington has, once again, kept impeccable records despite being very busy with her many other commitments.

Mike Piller continues to be a superb Membership Secretary and a great support with publicity for the Friends - and he looks forward to receiving your subscription for the coming year.

Peter Fellows has, as ever, contributed a great deal, assisting at events and generally coming up with good ideas. Rita Laporte's and Lin Pilfold's help on Committee has been much appreciated and Peter Dehn has, of course, continued to run the bar with his usual commitment and enthusiasm.

Sue Hamilton has, once again, worked very hard all year keeping the garden looking beautiful and supporting the Friends at our events.

Sincere thanks also to Brian Cramp (now a lifetime Honorary member) who has, once again, very kindly audited our accounts, to all the other volunteers who quietly help behind the scenes all year round and, of course, to Isobel Roberts, Martin Pett and their colleagues at Sussex Past who, as ever, have been so helpful to us.

Events and fundraising

We have enjoyed some particularly successful fundraising events this year - from fascinating history talks to musical evenings, to some of which we welcomed the Mayor of Lewes and several of which were sold out. We were also privileged to host the very successful launch in May of Alison Weir's new book about Anne of Cleves.

We also welcomed many non-members who have since returned to view the house, some of whom have now joined the Friends.

With your help therefore, we are now in a position to be able to transfer further significant funds over to Sussex Past for some major projects to benefit Anne of Cleves' House.

With warmest thanks again to our Patron, Alison Weir and President, Lord Renton for their continued support, and to all the other Friends for their help and friendship over the past year.

The Friends' pre-Christmas party is to be held on Friday 29 November as the house will be closing on 30th November for the winter, reopening on 1st February.

The first three events for next year are also now in place and I look forward to seeing you again very soon at Anne of Cleves' House.

With very best wishes,

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