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# Eton Matters

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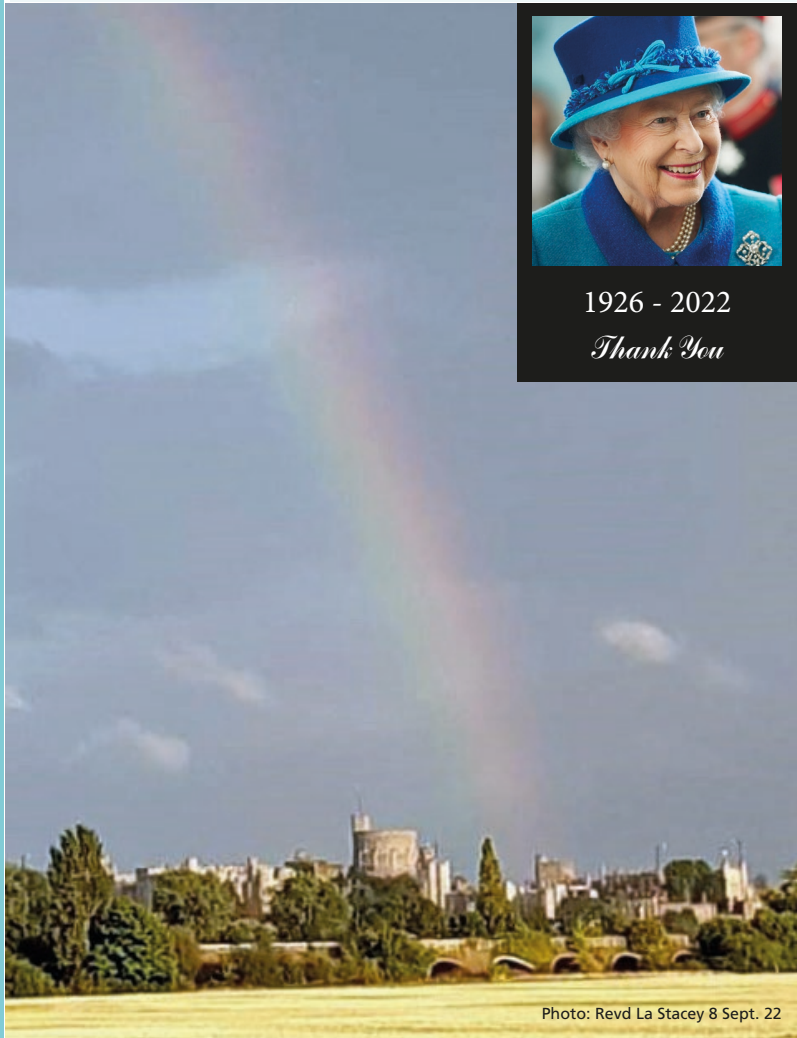


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# Chair's Chat

Ros Rivaz – ECA Chair



I am sad to be writing just a few weeks after the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. Our tribute pages provide some welcome reminders of an exceptional lady.

As always, since our last issue Eton has not stood still! Retail outlets have changed, the flags are down and the mini-Christmas trees will soon be erected. The Frogmore visit was the highlight of the ECA activities over the last few months. Ahead of us in November we have a pub walk, the Christmas Lights Switch on ... and a Christmas dinner in December is at the planning stage! We have continued with our quarterly Litter Picks, supported with refreshments by local businesses. We've continued to hold our ECA meetings at the Hop House of The George, which has become our popular new base!

Sincere thanks to all the businesses who support us and our committee and friends who lead events.

We receive great feedback about the ECA weekly Newsletter (or Shout Out, as we call it) where you can find out what we are organising and what is going on locally, so thank you to Russell particularly. Sign up at [www.etoncommunity.co.uk](http://www.etoncommunity.co.uk)

In this issue on page 26, you will see an article regarding those who fell in the 2 World Wars, penned by retired Eton Buildings Bursar and resident, Brian Hoare. He asks if readers are able to provide any further information they might have about any of the 10 named casualties. Please let us know, by emailing [chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk)

## Forthcoming Eton Community Association Meetings

2 Nov; 14 Dec; 1 Feb; 8 Mar.

18.30 at the Hop House, The George PH.

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**Peter Eaton, Editor**

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# *A Tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II*

*for 70 years of devoted service*





*Good Wishes to King Charles III  
on His Succession*



# A Close Encounter of the Bird Kind

## Pigeon Patrol

The skies over Windsor and Eton are no strangers to large wingspan, Heathrow bound aircraft.

But in late August local residents were alerted to what at first sounded like the jingling sound of Santa's sleigh bells alighting on their roofs. But of course, Santa turning up in late summer; very unlikely!



The jingling bells were quickly accompanied by an unmistakable screeching outside & from the windows and across the rooftops, it became clearer.

Those familiar with the early 1970's era film *Kes*, may recall the term 'jesses' - the tackle around the feet of the birds-of-prey. There, amongst the chimneys & TV aerials of Eton High Street and Kings Stable Street, was a large bird-of-prey! The impressive bird was perhaps drawn into the area as it spotted a hidden courtyard garden with a spectacular Banana Tree.

But where was it from? Quick calls to report it as a missing Bird-of-Prey to the RSPCA, the RSPB and the Birds of Prey Association drew blanks.

But curiosity and a little local searching drew a small number of residents and the local shop staff of Eton T-shirt Company to the rear of the Eton Riverside Apartments, where



they found an answer. It was quickly confirmed that it was not an escaped bird-of-prey. The sources of the screeching and swooping birds were now both back in the hands of a Falconer. Literally.

The Falconer had been contracted by the apartment building owners to operate a periodic 'Pigeon Patrol' to persuade the excess of Pigeons and Seagulls from roosting in the area. The falconer

# David Pepin

Eton Resident



assured us that the Pigeons come to absolutely no harm and that the mere sight and sound of the falcons was sufficient to gently convince them that perhaps roosting elsewhere along the river would be preferable.

Before he left, the falconer and more importantly the two hardworking Falcons, were happy to pose and provide some wonderful photographs. One exceptionally noisy apprentice, a 4 month old Peregrine Falcon seated on a glove, was still screeching, while the other, an experienced Harris Hawk, was safely back in his travelling case.

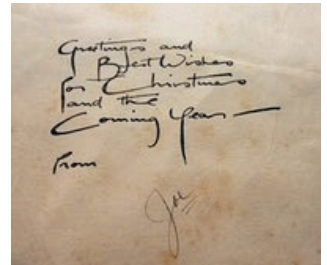
So, if you see them again in the skies over Eton you may rest assured, they are harmless and busy, working to bring a balance of birds to the local skies and chimneys of Eton.

## Full Circle



This picture of the rear of The Cockpit in Eton has by chance gone full circle coming back to Roger Line, the new owner of The Cockpit, sent to him by American friend Mark Hatchel unaware at the time of the connection. The picture was on a card sent as a Christmas card from Mark's father, Joe, to his parents from Europe during World War 2.

Joe was in the 740th Tank Battalion US Army and left UK in Oct 44, landing at Utah Beach, beginning combat in the Battle of the Bulge, stopping the 1st SS Panzer Division at La Gleize Belgium and finishing the war crossing the Elbe River to meet the Russians at the Baltic Sea.



It is not known where Joe got the card but what an extraordinary story that the card should have been kept and passed down to Joe's son, who by chance sent it to Roger just knowing he lived in Eton.

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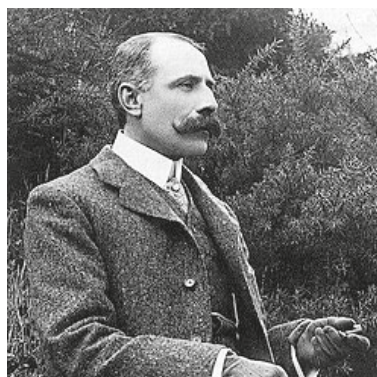




# Anthem for England

Responses to Article Issue 28

I cannot let this interesting article (Anthems for England EM Issue 28 p.6) about writers and composers of anthems with a connection to Eton College go without mentioning Parry's magnificent setting of verses from Psalm 122 written for the Coronation of Edward VII in 1902, revising it for George V's Coronation in 1911. It was also sung at Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation as she arrived and entered Westminster Abbey. It is also sung fairly often by Eton Chapel choir and St. George's choir, and both choirs perform it together occasionally. It would not be suitable for a National Anthem as it's very difficult to sing with many incredibly high notes and as lovely as the words are, they would need revising. It is the most uplifting and glorious piece of music ever written, I think, and I expect several of you are familiar with it. If not, do try and hear it if you get the chance - obviously best sung by choir boys. There are several versions on YouTube but not one by Eton and St.



George's choirs together at the moment. If ever I was approached to take part in Desert Island Discs (won't happen) this would be my first choice, and the recording I would regard most highly. *Wendy Rowland, Eton resident.*

As a 91 year old ten pound Pom who arrived in Australia in 1960, I was agreeably surprised today at my regular Leichhardt pool 12pm aquarobics class to be doing my first set of exercises to the sound of 'Land of Hope and Glory'. Our instructor Rosetta, herself of Italian background, was responding to the death of Queen Elizabeth in a tangible way and I was offered condolences by another class member who knew of my 'ancestry'. It was a touching moment and my comment to Rosetta was that I was quite sure that nowhere else in the world would there be others doing their aquarobics to the well-known Elgar music. *Peter Bridgman, Old Etonian (Eton Matters Town & Gown, Issue 28).*

Perhaps a decision has already been made for a National Anthem for England alone as at the Commonwealth Games this year the English athletes stood on the podium to Parry's Jerusalem. According to Classic FM, a 2010 poll put Jerusalem in first place with 52%, Land of Hope and Glory second on 32% and the current National Anthem on just 12%. *Editor.*

# Naturewatch – Cormorants

Kevin McNally – Eton Resident



Those of us of a certain age will fondly remember the children's TV programme 'The Saga of Noggin the Nog' first broadcast by the BBC in the 1960s. Some will also recall 'Graculus' the wise and loyal bird who was Noggin's friend and counsellor. A few will have realised Graculus was a cormorant. It must be said that it has become clear over time that Graculus has significant differences from the birds found in the wild - firstly he can speak and secondarily it seemed that he was green when colour TV came along. However I deem he is sufficiently a cormorant

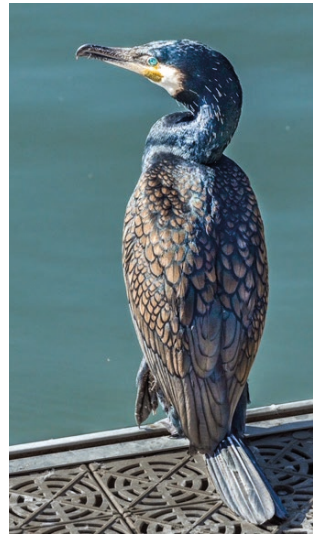
to allow him as an introduction to this piece.

Great Cormorants (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), to give them their full name, are readily seen by the rivers in the Windsor and Eton area (my personal record is nine together outside the Eton College boat sheds on the way towards Datchet). They are quite easy to identify being large and mainly brown/black with a characteristic yellow beak. Some say that the hooked beak and long neck can give them a slightly sinister appearance. The 'some' who say this, are often fishermen as Cormorants are excellent and persistent fishers who often come into conflict with anglers. This has led them to be much persecuted in the past. Happily today we have significant populations right across the UK.

They can often be seen (not in this picture sadly) in their characteristic pose of sitting still with their wings outstretched. This helps them dry their wings (they hunt for fish by diving and can spend considerable amounts of time under water) and perhaps warms them up.

Great Cormorants are part of the Cormorants and Shags bird family with the only other family member in the UK being the Common or European Shag (*Gulosus aristotilis*). The Shag closely resembles the Cormorant. However it lives almost exclusively at the coast and in the summer breeding season it has a prominent crest on its head which gives it its name. Definitely Cormorants in Eton and Windsor.

Finally (and harking back to Graculus) cormorants have a body structure very similar to the earliest known bird fossils. Such fossils mix with dinosaur bones, suggesting birds very similar to ones we see in Eton and Windsor today once flew with dinosaurs. A lovely thought - thanks Graculus.



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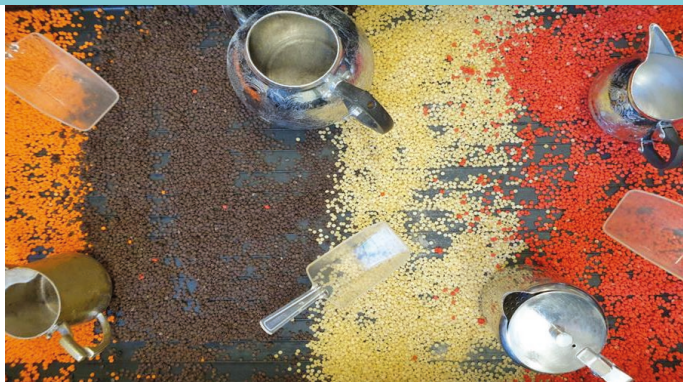
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## Eton Pre-School

Sue Clifford – Manager

The start of the academic year for Pre-School is always busy. Lots of new families to welcome to our community. As the autumn colours start to show their hues we get in to the new rhythm of the term ahead. We are always looking for new ideas to develop the



Pre-School's children's skills and this activity has proven very popular. For those of you who would like to give it a go at home we coloured some giant couscous and provided the children with scoops and containers to use to fill and empty. This sort of simple activity is easy to do at home and provides young children with lots of opportunities to talk about, and experience, a variety of maths concepts like full and empty, heavy and light. A great example of learning thorough play. For other ideas why not follow us on Instagram @eton\_preschool.

## Kid's Play

*Sophie aged 2 and half months - A new recruit to Eton*



I like Eton. When the sun shines and I go out, I really enjoy it.

I was born when HM Queen Elizabeth was on the throne, and they tell me that King Charles is now the monarch. Boris Johnson was Prime Minister when I was born and now it's Liz Truss. It's been busy in the country, but my world is mainly about eating and sleeping!

However, I have already visited Windsor Castle and seen all the flowers and the people visiting and I joined in with visitors watching the funeral events here as well as watching those in London.

I've been to Dorney Lake to watch my uncle in a Triathlon, I've visited my cousins in Windsor and spent masses of time with my Gran in Eton. I've met lots of local people when I've been out and I've even attended to my first dinner party! I've been to the pub and to a café and the local shop.

I love Barnes Pool. We have thrown a piece of bread in the pool and watched fishes head for it and devour it and I've fed the swans on the Thames. I've walked to Eton Wick, along the river Thames and onto the Brocas. My Gran took me to Tangier Lane to look at a wobbly kerb stone. She's weird.

I've been told I'll be coming to the Eton Christmas lights switch on event on 17th November and my cousins tell me it's an amazing evening. I like lights so I'm looking forward to the twinkly lights. I like music too and I want to go into College chapel as I've walked past it in my sling several times!

It's been tiring writing this so I'm ready for another nap and then I'll wake up and be starving again!



## Eton Porny School

Emma Stanford-Smith  
Head Teacher

The new academic year has started brilliantly; the children have returned to school full of excitement for another year and I've begun my new role as Headteacher of Eton Porny First School. I have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our children and families back to school alongside Mrs Marie Bergin and Mrs Helen Wiltshire, who have also taken on new leadership roles within school. We also welcome three additional members of staff to our fantastic team – Mrs Helen Dewar, Mrs Clare Kharay and Miss Rachel Beaumont.

We have been amazed again by our new Early Years children who have started their school journey with us and are embracing lots of new learning opportunities. They are cheerful, confident and certainly keen to develop their independence!

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## *In His Presence*

*Rev. La Stacey*

*Vicar, St. John the Evangelist Church*



'Give us today our daily bread'. That is what we pray every morning in our prayers for the parishes. It is a line from the prayer Jesus taught his followers, of course, which itself drew on ancient traditions of Jewish prayers. It's a prayer you will find on the wall of the ancient Dorney church in our benefice, handily written out in the 18th century for all to read and learn by heart.

My brother had a ration card when he was born. By the time I came along rationing had ended and I have so far lived my life without having to worry too much about where the next meal was coming from. I remember being really hungry as a child – what child isn't? – but there was never a meal of some sort lacking.

The story for many families bringing up children now in our country seems to be different. In my role I am making more frequent referrals to food-share schemes. Food insecurity for the world is increasing rapidly. Looking at the UN food report, 'Nearly one in three people in the world (2.37 billion) did not have access to adequate food in 2020 – that's an increase of almost 320 million people in just one year.' It also says, 'Globally 22% of children under the age of five years suffered from stunting in 2020.' And that was before the recent droughts, fires and floods, and before war in Ukraine.

We cannot pray that we might be given our daily bread, while not caring that there are those today who will have no bread. It is 'our' daily bread we pray for. I've been re-reading something by someone who learnt about Christ's teaching by following Mother Teresa. He said, 'I will never forget learning one of my best lessons in economics -- from a homeless kid in India. Every week we would throw a party for the street kids, kids 8-10 years old who were homeless, begging all day to survive. One week, one of the kids I had grown close to told me it was his birthday. So I got him an ice cream. He was so excited he stared at it mesmerized. What he did next was brilliant. He yelled at all the other kids and told them to come over. He lined them up and gave them all a lick. His instinct was: this is so good I can't keep it for myself. In the end, that's what this whole idea of generosity is all about. Not guilt. It's about the joy of sharing. It's about realizing the good things in life – like ice cream – are too good to keep for ourselves.' (Shane Claiborne)

If you would like to help locally, the Windsor and Maidenhead FoodShare scheme serves our area and are always needing donations. Check their website for current needs: <https://www.foodshare.charity/donate>.

A man with short brown hair and a light beard is the central figure. He is wearing a dark, possibly black, velvet or wool jacket with a wide shawl collar. Underneath, he has a white dress shirt with the top buttons unbuttoned. The jacket's lapels and the cuffs are lined with a vibrant, multi-colored paisley pattern in shades of red, blue, and gold. He is standing in a room with patterned wallpaper and a wooden door or paneling in the background. The lighting is dramatic, coming from the side, highlighting his face and the texture of his clothing.

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# Diary

## Nov

2nd 18.30 – Eton Community Association meeting – Hop House, The George PH

13th 10.55 – Remembrance Service – St. John the Evangelist Eton

17th 18.00 - Christmas Carols – Eton College Chapel – (tickets required)

followed by procession to

19.00 – Christmas Lights Switch-on – Jubilee Square

20th Pub Walk to Loch & Tyne, Crimp Hill – email: [secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk)

## Dec

11th 15.00 – Advent Carols – St. Mary Magdalene, Boveney

14th 18.30 – Eton Community Association meeting – Hop House, The George PH

18th 16.00 – Family Carols – St John the Evangelist, Eton

24th 16.30 – Christingle – St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

## Feb

1st 18.30 – Eton Community Association meeting – Hop House, The George PH

### Regular and Social (Eton & Eton Wick)

**Council Office** – Eton: Tues – Fri – 08.00-13.00 (in office Tuesday & Friday)

**Eton Town Council Meeting** – 19.00 - First Thursday of Month - Eton Council Offices

**Eton College Museums** – Every Sunday – 14.30-17.00 – Free entry

**South Meadow Strollers** – Tuesdays 10.00 – South Meadow, Eton

**Eton Armchair Theatre** – 4th Wednesday

**Coffee Morning** – Wednesdays 10.30-12.00 - St. John the Baptist Church, Eton Wick

**Crafty Creations** – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 14.00 - St. John the Baptist Church, Eton Wick

**Baby & Toddlers** – Thursdays 10.00-11.30 - St. John the Baptist Church, Eton Wick

**Toddler Drop-in** – Fridays 9.00-12.00 - St. John the Baptist Church, Eton Wick

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1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 10.00 - Communion (said)

Tuesdays 19.00-20.00 – Bible Study

(Sundays – 11.00 & 16.30 Services - St. John the Baptist, Eton Wick)

**Our Lady of Sorrows** (Catholic) - Service – Sundays – 09.30

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At the time of writing – Tuesday 20th September - we have experienced the most emotional and awesome experience with the passing of our beloved Queen Elizabeth and the wondrous spectacle of the funeral service in London and onto Windsor. This has been a very sad time for everyone and of course we all pass on our deepest sympathy to the Royal Family and especially King Charles on whose shoulders the monarchy now rests.



Eton Town Council was prepared for the death of the Queen with Operation London Bridge providing advice to local councils on what and how to deal with the eventuality. Cllrs Malcolm Leach and Douglas Hill together with the Town Clerk enacted the plans which included the Proclamation, the flag and the Book of Condolences, and on Friday 9th September representatives from the Council laid a wreath at Windsor Castle to mark our respect.

The Council Chamber has been open every day for residents and others to sign the Book of Condolences and there has been a steady flow of visitors throughout each day. Expressing one's feelings is an important part of the grieving process and so the Book of Condolences

plays an important part in this. The Book of Condolences will close today Tuesday 20th September at 6.00pm and it will then be sent to the Royal Archive in Windsor Castle.

The work of the Council has continued throughout the period of mourning, tinged with the inevitable sadness that such a loss creates. May our Queen rest in peace and rise in Glory.

God Save the King.



## *Eton within the Borough*

*Samantha Rayner*

*RBWM Councillor for Eton and Castle*

In September Eton and Windsor welcomed the world to share in our mourning of the death of Her Majesty The Queen. It was incredible to see how beautifully our volunteers, partners and residents paid their most fitting tribute as the coffin was brought back to St. George's Chapel for the committal service and then being laid to rest in the Chapel. Eton was incredibly dignified and respectful for this moment in history.

This summer has been a busy one in Eton with the return of tourism and the slow return of international tourists. The Eton Information Centre continues to play an important welcome as people pass over the bridge to begin their exploration of the historic town. Thank you to Barbara Hunt who set up the project with Ros Rivaz. Barbara now reduces her time but I know her commitment will remain as strong as ever.

In the council the challenges remain, as with all businesses of rising costs due to inflation and the effects of the War in Ukraine. There has been an incredible welcome and offers from residents to host those leaving Ukraine. There is extensive support from the council and local groups to assist in this difficult transition.

The inflation challenge is also acute for many residents in The Royal Borough and we are aware that this winter will be particularly difficult. To help and give support the council has information and guidance on-line as well as in the regular resident newsletters. The guidance is wide from helping with heating bills to financial support. There are also a series of World Cafe meetings being held in every ward where the council, NHS and partners come to listen and answer specific questions on what help is available. Eton Wick have hosted this meeting with a strong attendance from Eton and Eton Wick.

The proportion of the Royal Borough's schools judged to be good or outstanding by Ofsted has risen further to a record 97 per cent – well above the national average of 86 per cent – despite the additional challenges of Covid. Since Ofsted inspections resumed in September 2021, six schools have been inspected with two schools – Bisham Academy in Marlow and Eton Wick First School – both increasing their performance rating from requires improvement to good. This is an incredible achievement but also gives confidence that education of the next generation is critical for all our futures.

Thank you to all residents, businesses, Eton Town Council and Eton Community Association for helping us in our roles and the huge honour and privilege of serving Eton.

Please do get in touch if we can help you,

God Save The King.

### **Contact your Councillors**

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# The Nijūchidaishū

Japan's Imperial Waka Poetry Anthology

24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Verey Gallery, Eton College



This exhibition centres around a Japanese object in the Eton College Collections: a lacquer box containing a copy of the Nijūchidaishū ('Collections of Twenty-one Reigns or Eras'). It is an anthology of poetry, called waka, compiled by imperial command between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. The collection was given to Eton by the Japanese Crown Prince Hirohito (later Emperor Shōwa) after his visit to Eton in 1921.

The exhibition will focus on the Crown Prince's visit to Eton College, Japanese courtly culture and waka poetry through objects from the Eton College Collections, and loans from the Ashmolean and British Museums.

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## *Town & Gown - Lucy Cordingley*

*Exhibitions and Access Coordinator, Eton College Collections*



The Eton College Collections are made up of rare books, manuscripts, art, artefacts, photographs, ethnographic objects and natural history specimens, ranging in date from prehistory to the present day. We have two temporary exhibition spaces, the Verey Gallery and the Tower Gallery, allowing us to put on four temporary exhibitions a year highlighting objects from our collections and also those borrowed from other institutions or artists. Since arriving in 2018, I have worked on twelve exhibitions which have varied widely in content, reflecting the range of items in the collections, from an exhibition of eighteenth-century British watercolours, to a display of 32 Egyptian artefacts, to one centred on Eton College's founder Henry VI.

My role also included facilitating visits for adult groups and widening access to these exhibitions through the running of public events. My favourite is the annual

Windsor Festival and Fringe themed trail, which always includes craft workshops which are suitable for those from 1-100 years old! It has been a real joy to work with the thriving Eton Information Centre on the promotion of our exhibition related offerings and to see our exhibitions being used by visiting schools and community groups. Over the last fortnight, our Education Officer, Saskia Nesja, has welcomed over 120 Year 6 students from across Berkshire for a creative writing workshop in our current exhibition *From Botany to Botany Bay: The Worldwide Web of Sir Joseph Banks*. During the pandemic, outreach was more of a challenge, but it did mean we were able to focus on improving the digital access to our collections. As a result, it is now possible to browse through the five most recent exhibitions online via our website, and this resource will continue to grow.

It has been wonderful to work in a role which allowed me to connect and work with such a wide variety of people both within Eton and further afield on a daily basis: academics, curators, carpenters, photographers, conservators, designers...the list goes on. Whilst I am leaving this role to focus on teaching at Eton, I plan to continue using the collections in my lessons and promoting the value of object-based learning amongst my colleagues.

There are hundreds of thousands of objects on your doorstep for you to get to know better. We would be delighted to see you at one of our openings or upcoming events. The team of friendly and dedicated custodians are at Eton every Sunday afternoon to welcome visitors to the two galleries and three museums between 2:30-5pm, or by appointment during the week. To find out about the current exhibitions and events, please visit our website [collections.etoncollege.com](http://collections.etoncollege.com) or email [collections@etoncollege.org.uk](mailto:collections@etoncollege.org.uk)

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# Remembrance

## Eton (St. John's) Cemetery

Standing silent yet messaging the dead, comforted in the shadows of the chapel, ten weathered white and grey headstones commemorate Eton parish military fallen of two world wars.

Commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) are:

**BASIL MARK FISHER** Flying officer 72382, 111 Squadron , RAF volunteer Reserve . Died 15 August 1940, age 23. Grave 41 with cross.

**DONALD GEORGE MCINTYRE ROBERTSON** Sergeant 5389581 First Battalion Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. Died 22 November 1944. Grave 37.

**EDGAR LAURENCE SMITH** Captain 201024 Intelligence Corps. Died 19 October 1945. Row 16 Grave 27.

**CHRISTOPHER AUBREY COOK** Leading Radio Electricians Mate L/FX 765786. HMS Simbang, Royal Navy. Died 26 November 1947. Row 15 Grave 37.

**ALBERT EDWARD CLEMENTS** Able Seaman, Royal Navy J /18518 (PO) HMS "Princess Royal". Died 5 June 1916, age 19.



Robertson, Pardy and Fisher



Cook (rear) and Smith

**GEOFFREY HUGH WILLOUGHBY** St QUINTIN Royal Fusiliers G/74148. Died 6 December 1918, age 19.

**A STOREY** Corporal Royal Army Medical Corps 67412. Died 20 November 1919. Grave 1.12.

**JJ GREEN** Driver 692 Royal Engineers. Died 22 May 1919, age 39.

**JB WELCH** J55636 Boy Second Class HMS "Powerful". Died 14 November 1916; aged 17. Grave 8.6.

**RONALD VICTOR PARDY** Sergeant 150 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer

## Brian Hoare

*Retired Eton College Buildings Bursar and Resident*

Reserve. Died 27 December 1919, age 19 years.

Further details presently known are:

Albert Clements, served on the lead battlecruiser HMS Princess Royal, which was hit nine times, died as a result of injuries incurred on the initial combat of 31 May 1916, the first day of the historic Battle of Jutland, widely considered as the greatest sea battle of the First World War.



Green (rear) and Clements

J B (John Benjamin) Welch was the son of Eton College House Porter, Frank Welch, born at 8 Eton Square and baptised in January 1900. The latter verification of birth date enabled him to enrol legally for military service as a trainee (Boy Second class) but not officially allowed to fight; many boys lied about their age in order to do so for their country.

Basil Mark Fisher was the younger of two Eton College brothers, both members of the "triple one "Hurricane" Squadron. Basil was killed in tragic circumstances in action on 15 August 1940 at the height of the Battle of Britain. In a dog fight with two Luftwaffe planes his Hurricane was hit and caught fire. He bailed out with his parachute burning and fell to his death, his plane crashing to earth. He was 23 years old. His brother witnessed the event from his own Hurricane which survived.

**We will remember them.**

*Dulce et Decorum est pro patria mori* (It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country)

References

Eton St John Cemetery; CWGC (Commonwealth War Graves Commission); Imperial War Museum; Poetic Expression; Wilfred Owen; Photos Peter Eaton

If anyone reading this has any information on any of these local people who gave their lives please contact the editor on [chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk](mailto:chairman@etoncommunity.co.uk)

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# Frogmore House and Gardens

David Tredor - Eton Resident



On a lovely August day, the Eton Community Association led a group of 25 local folk on a delightful tour of Frogmore House and Gardens guided by Windsor Castle staff.



The many garden highlights included Queen Victoria's octagonal Teahouse, with its "onion" dome and a Wollemia Nobilis tree, said by our guide to be one of only a few specimens.



Another was a glimpse of Victoria and Albert's mausoleum, built of specially imported pink granite but

because the imposing structure was built on marshland it is now in need of "structural repair".



Inside Frogmore we learned about a number of the rooms but the Britannia room, still in frequent use by the Royal Family, housing keepsakes from the Royal Yacht sparked a particular feeling of nostalgia for times past.

# Armchair Theatre

Jane Speller - Eton Resident

I very much enjoy reading the scripts of plays. I wondered if there might be other likeminded folk in Eton, and the surrounding area, who might feel like doing the same?

The Eton Community Association weekly Shout Out kindly mentioned my thoughts as did the Eton Tourist Centre and I canvassed several of my friends.



As a result the Inaugural Meeting of Eton Armchair Theatre (EAT) was in Eton's St John the Evangelist in August 2021. It was a chance for members to meet each other as a group.

We read *The Jackdaw of Rheims*; a long poem written by Richard Harris Barnham 1789-1848 taking it in turns to each read a verse. During the evening I explained how I thought the Play Readings would work. I confessed that I had never run anything like EAT before and of course, I overlooked something. Bound to have done! The omission was not apparent until the following month, when we read *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller. I had forgotten just how long the play was, four acts. We ran out of time. However, we revisited the play in April and May of 2022, reading two acts each month. Mission accomplished.

The subject matter of plays we read are very varied. The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde, the film script of Shakespeare in Love, Our Town by Thornton Wilder, Dracula by Bramstoke adapted by David Calcutt, The Boy in the Striped

Pyjamas by John Boyne, The Matchmaker, again by Thornton Wilder, better known as the basis for the musical Hello Dolly!

Our July 2022 read was the *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame, adapted for the stage by Alan Bennett. This was such a success with much hilarity from all that everyone said that they would like to read the play again sometime. Duly noted! Future reads will include *The Strange World of Dr Jekyll* and *Mr Hyde* and *Educating Rita*.

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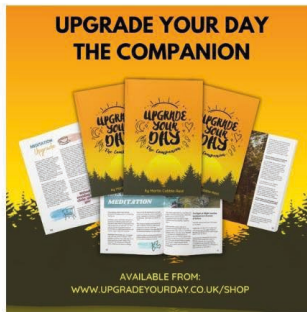
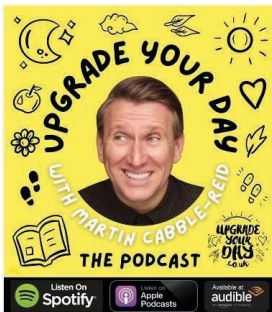
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