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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to be writing to you as Chairman of The Friends of St Anne's Church, Kew about our achievements and performance over this past year and our plans going forward.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to thank you so much for your support and generous contributions during the past year. We close this year with a good balance in our account. We hope that the start of our next project for the restoration of the pathway in the churchyard will commence late 2022 early 2023. In anticipation of that starting we will be approaching the PCC in the next few months about our next fundraising project.

We commenced our Fundraising Event programme in May 2021 via Zoom Webinar and then from Autumn 2021, we had pleasure in offering both live in the Parish Hall and streamed via Zoom Webinar. This was an ambitious and complex operation. I would like to add my thanks to Paul Booth for his tireless help, development and support in persevering to get this hugely complex project going. Approaching Richmond-upon-Thames College to recruit two students from their Two -Year IT Course has been most productive and beneficial both to The Friends and to the College. Both students Jean-Paul Graham and Aarush Ram were remunerated. For safeguarding purposes, as the students were under the age of 18, the Head of the Department Anna O'Flaherty was in attendance at each lecture. We now have a formal safeguarding policy in place in line with church and Diocese guidelines. Most of the lectures were also recorded (if not restricted by copyright). We also have appointed two First Aiders, Baroness Jenny Tonge (former GP) and Adriana Minkova, Senior Nurse with one in attendance at each event.

Our Events for 2021 & 2022 are listed below, you can read further details in the Annual Report.

May: BERNARD LEWIS OBE & VANESSA LEWIS 'IN CONVERSATION' WITH CATHERINE BLYTH, AUTHOR OF 'A FAMILY BUSINESS' 'THE STORY OF RIVER ISLAND & CHELSEA GIRL.'

October: Dr DAVID BELLINGHAM. '*NERO, ROME & THE GOLDEN PALACE*'

November: KATE TELTSCHER. '*THE GLORY OF THE GARDENS THE PALM HOUSE AND VICTORIAN KEW.*'

December: PROFESSOR ROBIN SIMON FSA. '*ZOFFANY (1733 – 1810) IN AND OUT OF FAVOUR.*'

January: GEORGE GOODWIN MA FRHistS FRSA. '*HENRY V1, THE LOSS OF FRANCE AND THE FIRST WAR OF THE ROSES.*'

February: GEOFFREY MUNN OBE MVO. '*FABERGÉ AT THE COURT OF EDWARD VII.*'

March: TONY KIRKHAM MBE VMH. '*REMARKABLE TREES FROM AROUND THE WORLD.*'

April: SUSAN BAILES BA MA PGCE. 'THE GOLDEN AGE OF CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATION IN EDWARDIAN ENGLAND.'

May: POSTPONED EVENT 'AN AFTERNOON CHARITY BRIDGE DRIVE & SUPPER' with TINA RUYGROK & ARNOLD TUNBRIDGE. This is rescheduled for either Autumn 2022 or Spring 2023.

We are very thankful to all our wonderful speakers, many of whom had become very adept during the pandemic at delivering lectures both live and virtually. As some of you became aware several of our lectures proved to be so popular due to the restricted safe numbers in our hall that we had to create 'waiting lists' on a first come first served basis.

I would like to say a big thank you to all those who have served on The Friends Executive Committee over the past year. Cate Lyon, Churchwarden, John Mortley, Churchwarden, Simon Mollett, Treasurer, Ben Jones, Secretary, Wendy Booth, Membership Secretary and Linda Pethick. Gemma Roundell has stepped down after five years of loyal service for which we thank her so much.

As many of you will know Phyllis Cunningham CBE, a long serving Trustee and Committee Member of The Friends, sadly passed away last December. On behalf of The Friends Trustees and committee Members, it was our honour to know Phyllis Cunningham and particularly for me personally when I took over as the Chairman of The Friends of St Anne's Church in 2016. Phyllis was a founder member and trustee of the reformed Friends of St Anne's which was revived in 2001 by Ann Kirkbride and her late husband Tom and the late David and Anne Barker. Phyllis served faithfully and tirelessly on the Friends committee. We all found Phyllis to be an invaluable source of advice and support offering very considered input in her noticeably quiet and understated manner. She is sorely missed by us all.

We do have two Trustee vacancies on our Executive Committee and would appreciate any of you coming forward – we are a vibrant and active group of Trustees and would welcome new and interesting ideas to keep up our momentum.

We are now looking forward to welcoming our new President, Reverend Canon Dr Giles Fraser who was inducted on 25 May 2022 as the new Vicar of St Anne's Church, Kew.

We do hope we can welcome you as a valued member of The Friends to our fundraising events in Autumn 2022 and Spring 2023 which is well into planning. We hope to introduce the early part of the programme if not all of it in late August.

Please do encourage your friends and family to consider becoming a member to this very worthwhile charity.

On behalf of The Friends of St Anne's Executive Committee, may we thank you all so much for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you live at the AGM on Saturday 2nd July 2022 at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Coffee will be served at 10.00am.

We look forward to your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Lorraine Neale
Chairman & Events Secretary, The Friends of St Anne's Church, Kew