

# THE PARSON WOODFORDE SOCIETY

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2023

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## FROLIC 2023 – SUFFOLK COAST

Enclosed with this mailing is the Booking Form for the Suffolk Frolic, which takes place between Wednesday 27th and Friday 29th September 2023. We will be based at the Victoria Hotel, Lowestoft, on the South Beach cliff-top. On Thursday 28th September, our excursion will include a cruise on Oulton Broad and a visit to Southwold.

## COMMITTEE CHANGES

There have recently been some changes on the Society's Committee. Robert Bates has stepped down, and Norfolk man Alan Ovenden has been appointed. In addition, Stewart Waterson of Teddington has just been co-opted onto the Committee. To anticipate Martin Brayne's retirement as Chairman, some interim arrangements are being put in place by our President Margaret Bird, and some enhancement of the website is being considered.

## A TALK NEAR WINCHESTER

If you live in or near Winchester, you might be interested in a talk on James Woodforde to be given by PWS member Edward Rohead, at Colden Common Community Centre, St Vigor Way, Colden Common, Winchester SO21 1UU, on 12th April at 7.30p.m. He says "The talk, enriched with readings from the diary, will explore his world and almost certainly surprise you." If you are interested in coming, please contact Ed on [E.Rohead@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:E.Rohead@lboro.ac.uk), or ring me on 020-8879-1531.

## **PHYLLIS STANLEY MEMORIAL HISTORY PRIZE**

Phyllis Stanley was a major figure in our Society, who made a substantial contribution to the Society as we know it today. Since her death in 2020, we have been searching for the most suitable way to commemorate her. We have decided on a “History Prize” to be awarded to a sixth-former studying A-Level history. Phyllis’ old school, Blyth Girls’ Grammar School, no longer exists, so we have chosen a sixth-form college in Norwich, the Jane Austen College. The prize will be in the form of a book-token, and will be awarded for three years running, to the student who, in the School’s opinion, is “the best Year 12 historian”. The first award will be made this coming summer.

## **REVD KEITH RENGERT – A NEW CHALLENGE**

The Revd Keith Rengert, who has been “Team Vicar” of Weston Longville and the other parishes in the benefice, is taking on a new role as Chaplain to four Norfolk High Schools and their associated 6th form Colleges:- Reepham, Sheringham, Stalham and Litcham. He will head up a Chaplaincy team to some 3000 teenagers and about 400 staff. These four widely scattered sites in north Norfolk will be his main role, but he will remain a “House for Duty” priest in the Reepham and Wensum Valley benefice, so he will still be around on Sundays in some part of the benefice. His wife, the Revd Helen Rengert, remains as “Team Rector”.

## **WOODFORDE’S INNS**

In the *Daily Telegraph* of 19th November 2022, an article headed “*Sacred Mysteries: the Fortunes of Parson Woodforde’s Angel*” by Christopher Howse, reviewed the book “*Adventures in Colonel Unthank’s Norwich*” by Clive Lloyd (a.k.a. Colonel Unthank). It described the inns of Norwich Market Place in Woodforde’s day, comparing them with what the reviewer claimed was Woodforde’s preferred inn in London, the Bell Savage.

Two days later, a letter appeared from our Editor, Martin Brayne, saying that Woodforde had been “terribly bit by Buggs” when he was staying at the Bell Savage on 31st May, 1782, and that thereafter he preferred to stay at the Angel, which was at the back of St Clements in the Strand.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Annual subscription for 2023 was due on January 1st. It is **£16** for ordinary UK members, **£25** for Overseas members, and **£10** for Students under 25. Many members now pay their annual subscription by Standing Order, which greatly reduces the Society’s administrative burden. If you do not yet do this but would like to do so in January 2024, then please contact the Treasurer, Peter McKay, at the address below, for a standing order form, or print the forms on the Website under “Contact”.

Gift Aid: If you have not yet gift-aided your subscription, but would like to do so, then you can download the form on the Website, or ask Peter McKay for a form. Gift-aiding benefits the Society by 25% of your subscription.

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To the Treasurer, Peter McKay, 68 Hillside Rd, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 3AY

I enclose my cheque for £..... payable to the Parson Woodforde Society, for my subscription for the year which commenced on 1st January 2023.

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## GEORGE III's CORONATION – A COMPETITION

To mark the Coronation of King Charles III, you are invited to elaborate on James Woodforde's diary entry describing how he celebrated the Coronation of His Majesty King George III on 22nd September 1761.

Woodforde, on vacation from Oxford, was at home in Ansford with his parents and Sister Jenny. He only wrote:

“This day his Majesty King George and Queen Charlotte were crown'd in Westminster Abby. There were great rejoicings at Ansford and Cary this day, That is Bonfires, Illuminations, etc – for the Coronation.”

Please send your entries, enlarging on this diary-entry, to Edward Rothead, email *E.Rothead@lboro.ac.uk*, by June 14th, 2023. The winner will receive a small prize.

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