

# THE PARSON WOODFORDE SOCIETY

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## THREE JOURNALS A YEAR

Sadly, financial constraints mean that from 2017 onwards, there will only be three mailings a year of the Journal and Newsletter, instead of four. The alternative would have been the more unpalatable one of raising the subscription. Your Committee only came to this decision very reluctantly, after much hard discussion. We are very sorry for the disappointment this must cause, but it is hoped that the Journal will sometimes be larger than the present 48 pages, and that the Editor, Martin Brayne, will be better able to maintain the quality of the Journal.

## GIFT AID

The Treasurer, Ann Brayne, hopes that more members will feel encouraged to participate in the Tax reclaim scheme, which provides the Society with a significant additional income at no cost to members. At present, only half of our members have registered for Gift Aid. The Society is able to reclaim £4 per member from HMRC, so if more members registered our financial position would be improved. A Gift Aid form is enclosed with this mailing, and should be returned to Mrs Brayne at the address on page 3.

If you can't remember whether you are registered for Gift Aid or not, then fill in the form anyway and send it to Mrs Brayne who will check your record.

## FROLIC 2017

Our next Frolic will be in Wincanton in Somerset, between September 8th–10th, 2017. We will be based at Holbrook House near Wincanton, the venue of past Frolics some years ago. There is a possibility of a day-trip to Bath on Saturday 9th September. Further details and a Booking Form will be enclosed with the Spring mailing.

## **A TALK IN HOLT IN MARCH**

On Thursday, March 16th, 2017, at St Andrew's Church Hall, Holt, Norfolk, at 7.30 pm, Society member David Sharp is giving a talk on "Parson Woodforde and his world". Looking at the Norfolk years, it will include the politics and social life of the Parson. Entry is £4 for those who are not members of the Holt Society. When you arrive, please identify yourself as a member of the Parson Woodforde Society. If you live in north Norfolk, put this date in your diary!

## **A SUCCESSOR TO JAMES WOODFORDE**

Weston Longville has been without a Rector since Selwyn Tillett's departure two years ago. The Rector of Reepham, Revd Canon Margaret Dean, is also to become priest-in-charge of the Wensum benefice. As well as Reepham, she is currently in charge of Hackford with Whitwell and Kerdiston, Thurning with Wood Dalling and Salle. Now she also assumes responsibility for the five parishes in the Wensum Benefice which includes Weston Longville, and for Bylaugh, Elsing, Lyng and Sparham. She is also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral.

To assist Canon Dean, her husband the Revd Timothy Dean, who is already the curate of Reepham and other parishes, is also to become the curate of the Wensum benefice, including Weston Longville. He is already Rural Dean of Sparham.

## **MARJORIE FUTTER**

Members in Norfolk who know Weston Longville will be sorry to learn that member Marjorie Futter has recently died, aged 92. In 1997 she compiled "An Historical Walk round Weston Longville", based on reminiscences from older members of the community. Mrs Futter, born Marjorie Hall, grew up on a smallholding to the south of Rectory Road, and attended Blyth Grammar School in Norwich. One Society member remembers her as being "very sparky". You can read more memories of her in the accompanying Journal.

## EMAIL LISTS

In 2013 we asked members who wanted to be informed by email about future Woodforde talks or events, to contact me so that I could put them on an email list. With the reduction from four to three mailings a year mentioned above, there will be a longer interval between Newsletters, so this becomes more relevant. If you would like to be included on an email list for advance notification of future events, please send me an email, at *northangerland@hotmail.com*, with "Parson Woodforde" in the subject-line. If you can't remember whether you responded in 2013, then email me anyway.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2017

The Annual subscription for 2017 is due on January 1st. It is **£16** for ordinary UK members, **£25** for Overseas members, and **£10** for Students under 25. If you pay by cheque, please use the form below (which can also be found on the PWS website). If you would like to set up a standing order, then contact Mrs Brayne, or print the forms from the Website under "Contact".

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To the Treasurer, Mrs Ann Brayne, Long Croft, Whitehough Head, Chinley, High Peak, SK23 6BX

I enclose my cheque for £..... payable to the Parson Woodforde Society, for my subscription for the year commencing 1st January 2017.

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## **BISHOP BATHURST**

A few months ago, the *Eastern Daily Press* reprinted a memorable piece from its archives about Henry Bathurst, Bishop of Norwich, the school- and college-acquaintance of Parson Woodforde. The EDP article suggested that ‘Had Woodforde lived but a few years longer and seen Bathurst raised to the See of Norwich, it is possible that he would have been rewarded with something in addition to the New College living of Weston Longueville for his good offices in former years in collecting the tithes for his old friend, the non-resident rector of that other New College living of Witchingham.’ The *EDP* did not pull its punches, recalling that the Bishop was censored for playing whist, and for laxity, liberal views and nepotism.

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