



FRIENDS OF ST. MILDRED'S
Registered Charity 1159264

Annual Report and Newsletter 2019

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Dear Friend of St Mildred's,

This Newsletter contains the notice and **Agenda for the AGM on Sunday 20th October 2019** together with various supporting reports and advance notice of the return of **Anna Szalucka** with her newly formed **Bukolika Piano Trio on Saturday October 26th**. Also of note is **Lunch with Lady Justice Heather Hallett on December 2nd**. Details of both these exciting events are at the end of this Newsletter.

Thank you for your continuing support.....please read further to see how well your donations are being used to maintain the fabric of our splendid building.

**FRIENDS OF ST. MILDRED'S
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date: Sunday 20th October 2019

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: St. Mildred's Church Hall, Church Road, Tenterden

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Appointment of Examiner**
- 6. Friends of St Mildred's: Constitution
Proposed Amendment to Part 2, Item 8 Membership**

To avoid possible conflict with the latest Data Protection Regulations, it is proposed to amend point (4) removing the words shown in italics

The trustees must keep a register of names and addresses of the members *which must be made available to any member upon request.*

7. Election of Trustees

Roy Isworth
Malcolm Kneller
Stephanie Marshall
Tim Monckton

8. Election of Officers

Chairman:Tim Monckton
Treasurer: Malcolm Kneller

9. Election of General Committee Members

Jeremy Cooper
Malcolm Kneller

Tim Monckton
Kate Rawlinson
Bridget Snow

10. Any Other Business

Any further nominations must be in writing and received by **The Secretary, FOSM, Linford, Woodchurch Road, Tenterden, TN307AE** on or before Sunday 29th September.



Minutes of the 4th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of The Friends of St Mildred's

Held on Sunday 25th November 2018 at 11.00 am

At St Mildred's Church Hall, Tenterden

Present: Tim Monckton (Chairman), John Coleman (Treasurer), Mrs Stephanie Marshall (Secretary), Mrs V Balser, Peter Brett, Paul Clokie, Michael Douglas, Mrs Sandra Douglas, Brian Guest, David Eddison, Mrs Jill Eddison, Mrs June Harrison, Mrs Edna Harrison, Jonathan Harrison, Mrs Rachel Hay, Ben Hay, Mrs Valerie Hill, Jamie Hillyer, Nick Hudd, Mrs Christine Ilari, Roy Isworth, Bob Lewis, Malcolm Kneller, Robert Lewis, John McKenzie, Mrs Priscilla McKenzie, Nicholas Marshall, Mrs Jean Morris, Charlie Nicholls, Mrs J Nicholls, Mrs Caroline Salmon, Philip Shaw, Peter Sienesi, Mrs Jan Sienesi, Martin Vink, Fred Walker, Dick Warren, Mrs Joyce Warren, Mrs Anna Williams, Richard Williams.

The Meeting opened at 11.00 am, the attendees having been counted and the quorum reached.

1. Apologies

Mrs Pam Coleman, Jeremy Cooper, Mrs Linda Guest, Rupert Harvey, Mrs Sue Harvey, Mrs Jane Johnson, Richard Lusty, Mrs Mary Monckton, Mrs Jenny Webb, Mrs Carolyn Wilson.

2. Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting

These were circulated with the Annual Report and Newsletter. No matters arose from the floor and the minutes were accepted and approved as read.

3. Chairman's Report

Tim Monckton drew the meeting's attention to his report for 2017-18 as written in the Annual Report and Newsletter accompanying the Agenda for the meeting. He stressed the importance of increasing FOSM membership, suggesting that existing members should each aim to recruit two new members. Also, he expressed the hope that following the success in 2016 and 2017 of a summer drinks party for FOSM members, a similar event would be arranged for 2019.

He invited questions from the floor, there were none.

4. Treasurer's Report

John Coleman presented the examined accounts for the year ending 30/04/18 that had been circulated with the Annual Report and Newsletter. He reported on a successful year with income up nearly £18K. This had been achieved through successful events, donation and sponsorship with subscriptions providing steady and satisfactory income. He said Gift Aid was useful and commended the team at Webb's Ironmongers who for a third year had efficiently run the FOSM events box office.

John reported that FOSM had made a grant of £39K to St Mildred's PCC that contributed towards the North Aisle re-roofing and the lead and stone work repairs to the Tower. He said that FOSM was in a position to make a further grant that possibly would help fund repairs to stained glass windows. John said that a new FOSM leaflet had been produced and was on display in St Mildred's. Also he referred to MyDonate, the service that made donating online easier. He invited questions from the floor, there were none.

Proposed by June Harrison and seconded by Nicholas Marshall, the accounts were approved.

5. Appointment of Examiner

The Treasurer thanked Richard Williams for examining the 2017-18 accounts which would be presented to the Charity Commission. Richard Williams had confirmed his willingness to continue as auditor.

Proposed by Roy Isworth and seconded by Paul Clokie, the meeting approved the appointment of Richard Williams as examiner for the accounts to the year ending 30/04/19.

6. Election of Trustees

Brian Guest took the chair for this agenda item.

The nominations for 2018-2019 were Tim Monckton, John Coleman, Roy Isworth and Stephanie Marshall.

They were proposed en bloc by June Harrison, seconded by Nick Hudd and approved unanimously by the meeting.

7. Election of Officers

The nomination was John Coleman as Treasurer for a further year.

He was proposed by Tim Monckton, seconded by Rachel Hay and approved unanimously by the meeting.

Tim Monckton thanked John for his excellent work as Treasurer and, acknowledging his wish to step down, expressed the urgent need to find a successor.

8. Election of General Committee Members

The nominations were Paul Clokie, John Coleman and June Harrison who were standing for re-election following completion of a three year term as Committee Members.

They were proposed en bloc by Brian Guest, seconded by Michael Douglas and approved unanimously by the meeting.

9. Any Other Business

New Leaflets

Nick Hudd said that FOSM should aim to circulate its new leaflet to all addresses in the town and also consider inserting in the Parish Magazine. In response, Rachel Hay suggested approaching the Residents' Association as a possible means of distribution. Roy Isworth recommended approaching the Town Council for the leaflet to be included with other Church information in packs being prepared for properties in Tenterden's new housing developments. The Chairman said that the Committee would discuss these suggestions.

FOSM Accounts

Paul Clokie commented that the accounts would have more relevance at the AGM if more up to date. The Chairman said the Committee would review the timing of the year end and AGM to see whether this could be achieved.

Fundraising Ideas

In response to a question from June Harrison asking for other fundraising ideas, Anna Williams suggested a dinner party pyramid event whereby FOSM members organised dinner parties for ten charging £10 per head with each of the participants then asked to arrange a dinner party on the same basis, and so on. Anna said that with each event generating £100, the fundraising potential was significant.

10. Close

In closing the meeting, Tim Monckton took the opportunity to look ahead to forthcoming events that included the return of the London Adventist Chorale on 8th December 2018 and other musical events in 2019. He also expressed the hope that FOSM fundraising could include opening the Church tower. Tim thanked the Committee and other supporters for all their hard work in planning, organising and promoting events.

The meeting closed at 11.25 am.

Chairman's Report for the Friends of St Mildred's – September 2019

It is pleasing to report on a year in which we have again organised a number of successful musical events in St Mildred's and increased our membership manifested in the tremendously enjoyable and well-supported Summer Party held at Heronden by the very kind permission of Peter and Vicky Costain. It reflected all the generosity and hard work which everyone involved with The Friends has contributed over the last year. A special expression of gratitude is due again to the private sponsors of certain events.

The Committee has now agreed to commit up to £30,000 towards the funding of works to three of the stained glass windows in St Mildred's and a further £4,000 to the cost of works to the upgrading of the lightning protection system. These substantial pledges enable the Churchwardens to take further the process of seeking tenders for the work to be undertaken.

Just as a matter of record, the possibility of providing for the cost to improve the provision of the dais, which The Friends pledged last year, has not in the event come about. Such work has been deferred for the time being.

Every organisation and charity thrives as a result of the loyalty of its members and the dedication of and time given by its Committee members. I may have failed personally in an aspiration expressed last year to see us become involved in the opening of the church tower to visitors but I remain eternally grateful to all the Committee – 'Unsung heroes' behind the scenes of Concerts and garden-parties – who have given so freely and generously of their time, talents and energy in publicising and promoting concerts, the selling of tickets, organising seating, catering for our guests at events, writing follow-up articles, balancing our books and producing accounts. It is a significant list! Our presence at the Tenterden Fayre was especially enjoyable!

Since before the founding of The Friends in November 2014 and thereafter continuously over these last five years, the financial affairs of The Friends have been overseen by our Honorary Treasurer John Coleman who is retiring at the 2019 AGM. Our committee and all our members owe John a huge debt of gratitude. Marked by his meticulous and timely attention to detail and clarity of presentation, his conduct of this most vital aspect of our Charity has been

exemplary and the source of great reassurance when any decision concerning our finances has been taken. He will also be remembered by all of us and our guests at events in St Mildred's as the 'Man on the Door' who scrupulously checked our tickets and sold many more to our concert-goers!

I take this opportunity also to thank in particular our Secretary Stephanie Marshall and our new Treasurer Malcolm Kneller upon whose shoulders falls the direct and on-going responsibility for the good ordering of our finances and the efficient running of our charitable affairs and 'day to day' operations.

We hope that as many as possible will again come to our AGM to be held in St Mildred's Church Hall at 11.00am after the '9.30' Service in St Mildred's on Sunday 20th October.

**Tim
Monckton
2019**

2nd September

Friends of St Mildred's Trustees' Annual Report 2018-2019

The principal activities of the twelve months to April 2019 on the part of The Friends of Saint Mildred's have again been the organisation and promotion of musical events in the church in order to raise further funds for the restoration, preservation and repair of the 12th century church building of St Mildred's. The events held since the last AGM in November 2018 included :

- Choral concert by The London Adventist Chorale;
- Recital by the brilliant young pianist Yehuda Inbar;
- Popular music concert by The Electric Horn Society on the Saturday evening of The Flower Festival;
- A hugely enjoyable and successful 'Summer Party' at Heronden by kind permission of the Costain family

Also, the Friends took a stand at the Tenterden May Fayre on the Recreation Ground on Bank Holiday Monday. The aim was to maintain and raise our profile in the community.

The Trustees have again been extremely grateful to individual Friends and to families who have made generous donations in support of the the Charity and their work for St Mildred's – such donations often in memory of members of their families.

As a result of the fundraising over the last twelve months, total funds raised since inception had reached £90,768 as of April 2019. The value of funds committed to the PCC during the year was £20,000 for repairs to windows. COMMITTEE: at the AGM in November 2018, Paul Clokie, John Coleman and June Harrison were elected members of the Committee.

TREASURER and SECRETARY: the Trustees are very pleased to report on the appointment of Malcolm Kneller as Treasurer designate of The Friends. His attention to detail and professional skills have been immediately appreciated for the vital contribution to the proper and efficient conduct of our financial affairs. This opportunity is also again taken to express on behalf of the Chairman and all the Committee our gratitude to Stephanie Marshall, the Secretary to the Committee, for her efficiency and her skill in ensuring the smooth running of our affairs, the preparation and recording of meetings and the keeping of a disciplined diary.

Tim Monckton

Trustees: 2018-2019

John Coleman
Roy Isworth
Stephanie Marshall
Tim Monckton

Officers:

Chairman: Tim Monckton
Treasurer: John Coleman
Secretary: Stephanie Marshall

Committee: 2018-2019

Paul Clokie
John Coleman
Jeremy Cooper
June Harrison
Jane Johnson
Stephanie Marshall
Tim Monckton
Jan Sienesi
Martin Vink

September 2019

**THE FRIENDS OF ST MILDRED'S CHARITY
Treasurer's Report September 2019**

FOSM annual accounts to 30thApril 2019 have been examined and approved by Richard Williams and will be reported to the Charity Commission following approval at the AGM in October. My thanks to Richard for carrying out this work. Copies of our Income and Expenditure account along with our Balance sheet can be found below.

Another good year for FOSM. Overall, we have managed to increase our surplus for the year by 2K to just over £20K. Most income streams have shown an increase in return, except for Sponsorship and Events. Plus the Bridge League is a very useful addition.

On 30thApril 2019 our FOSM bank account stood at £47,768 with £111 in petty cash.

Since FOSM was created it has passed £43k to the PCC for St Mildred's. This year (2019/2020) the trustees have committed FOSM to pay up to £30k for repairs to windows and associated stonework and up to £4k to upgrade the Lightening Protection for St Mildred's. This work is ongoing. Please see a report and update on these projects elsewhere in this document.

For some time, Credit/Debit cards could be used to purchase event tickets via our web site. We now have systems in place to accept Credit/Debit cards along with contactless and Applepay/Gpay for event tickets brought in the church porch just before a performance and for donations. Unfortunately, we cannot offer this service for event tickets purchased at Webb's.

On a personal level, I would like to thank John Coleman and Brian Guest for the time that they have spent with me since February to ensure that I grasp all matters associated with the job of Trustee/Treasurer for FOSM. If elected at the AGM I will do the very best that I can to ensure the continued success of this very important charity.

Malcolm Kneller
Honorary Treasurer designate

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FRIENDS OF ST MILDREDS TENTERDEN
INCOME EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2019. CHARITY NUMBER 1159264

	2018/2019	2017/2018
	£	£
Income		
Subscriptions	3,675	3,3
Donations	8,546	5,0
Sponsorship	400	1,1
Gift aid	2,900	1,5
Events	10,847	15,7
Grants	500	
Bridge / Misc	902	
Totals	<u>27,770</u>	
Expenditure		
Events	6,779	8,3
Admin	117	
Publicity and Web site	440	
Insurance	See note 2 158	
Misc	68	
Totals	<u>7,562</u>	
Surplus year to date	20,209	
Funds brought forward	See Note 1	<u>27,821</u>
		<u>48,029</u>
Grants to St Mildreds PCC		<u>0</u>
Funds carried forward		48,029

NOTE 1 ---- Carried forward figure has been adjusted to correct previous accumulated
NOTE 2 ---- Amount reduced from £308 to £158 to take into account insurance paid in

Approved:

Chairman

T.C. Mancotton

Treasurer

J. Coleman

Independent Examiner

K. Smith

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FRIENDS OF ST MILDREDS TENTERDEN
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL 2019. CHARITY NUMBER 1159264

	To date	30th April 2018
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank account	47,768	27,689
Petty cash	111	131
Payments in advance - Insurance	150	105
	<hr/> 48,029	<hr/> 27,925
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
	0	0
Net Accets	<hr/> 48,029	<hr/> 27,925
Funds C/f	48,029	27,925

Approved:

Chairman

T.C. Manckton

Treasurer

J. Coleman

Independent Examiner

Richard

2019 FABRIC REPORT

Comments from the new Churchwarden on the physical state of the Church

I was showing a stonemason and scaffolder around the inside of St Mildred's a few nights ago, the church was only half lit, when suddenly one of them exclaimed "Isn't that a fantastic sight", and he was right, the low evening sunlight was streaming through the huge west window and the colours really sang out as they have done over the years. And it made me appreciate the work of previous generations and all the current volunteers and Friends of Saint Mildred's in helping ensure we keep her radiant and prominent at the heart of Tenterden for future generations.

More specifically, starting with the Windows, we have submitted a Faculty Application to the Diocesan Advisory Committee. Originally we had planned to start with just the big west window (possibly made by the English firm Lavers and Barraud, who also made the east window), but thanks to a private donation and the generosity of the Friends of St Mildred's, we are also planning to tackle one of the north aisle windows that is badly bowed and a lovely window on the south wall. We have submitted two grant applications, one to Church Care and the other for a William and Jane Morris Church Conservation Grant. Various companies are putting together tenders for the glass conservation work and some stonework (primarily on the west face of the tower around that window). We suspect that the Faculty process, plus the need to wait for the results of grant applications and avoid doing mortar work when temperatures are too low are likely to mean work will take place in March/April 2020.

Last year's report mentioned lightning protection. We had hoped that a visit by the Diocesan Lightning Protection Adviser would recommend that we didn't need to do the work identified when we had our last lightning protection certification. Unfortunately, the converse proved true and we now have a longer list of jobs to do. When Chris Cheesman and I presented the situation to the FOSM Committee we were delighted by the positive attitude "if it needs doing let's get it done". So thanks to your generosity we are in the process of seeking quotations for the work – which basically involves ensuring the bell frame, clock and electrical system are all well joined to the lightning conductors and so avoid sparking between them and causing a fire.

Which takes us nicely on to the Nave roof. As we said last year, it is not so urgent, but the dry cedar shingles on the south side continue to bow skywards like British Rail sandwiches, while those on the north side, shaded by the tower continue to act like sponges when it rains. We are still hoping that the roof will be included within the re-ordering project. But one way or another it will need tackling before dampness gets through to the wood below. This is something coming down the tracks towards us. We did explore replacing the cedar shingles with clay tiles but have been advised that the weight would put unknown pressures on the roof structure, this along with the obvious conservation issues means we are back to shingles but are researching oak shingles which were used on the roof until fairly recently and have a longer life.

Finally, visitors to the church will have noticed the south aisle inside wall is not looking quite so radiant! Rainwater has been penetrating the wall from outside, so we decided to take off the loose plaster before it fell off and caused injury (it will also help the wall dry properly). We think we now understand the reason for the problem (the need for a bigger downpipe and hopper) and will start the Faculty process shortly.

We are really grateful to all the Friends of St Mildred's for your ongoing support and encouragement that makes so much possible. If anyone has any comments, suggestions or questions regarding the fabric please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Chris
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Membership Report 2019

Since my report last year, I am pleased to tell you that the total membership of The Friends has increased by 10%! At the time of writing, our number of voting members is now 166. The income stream of our membership from Subscriptions only is £3675 which is becoming quite meaningful when you think we are only 5 years old!

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see the Treasurer's Report which gives you all the information you might like to know but as Membership Secretary – I am pleased to let you know how your donations all add up.

One of the highlights for membership is the Drinks party we have put on - to say thank you to those people who have come forward and supported The Friends from the start in 2014,

This year, we were so fortunate to have the party in the beautiful gardens of lovely Heronden and we were SO grateful to Peter and Vickie Costain for allowing us to invade them on a sunny evening in June. The organisers of this party were so grateful to the many members who helped with catering for nearly 100 guests with delicious canapes which seemed to be endless! Very many thanks, once again, to those who donated the food - and also to the donations collected on that evening.

Please continue to encourage your friends and neighbours to join our Membership – we are not the religious side of St Mildred's – our remit is solely to raise funds for the Grade I listed building – standing in the middle of lovely Tenterden – with its ongoing problems with roof, walls and windows. The non-church community is so important to us in our work to keep this lovely building in good condition for the following generations of Tenterden.

The stained glass window appeal is a wonderful way to provide a lasting memorial to those you have loved – please talk to people – neighbours and friends about this – this is arguably the most impressive building in Tenterden and it deserves help – and it needs practical help from the community that calls itself Tenterden.

Please help us to help St Mildred's keep towering over us and shining brightly for future generations to enjoy.

If you are not a "Friend" but would like to become one please contact me as below. I would really like to hear from you.

Name.....

Tel.No.....

E-mail.....

And send it to
June Harrison
The Old Tannery
3 Smallhythe Road
Tenterden TN30 7LH
- jaharrison@btinternet.com

Or e-mail

EVENT NEWS

London Adventist Chorale

By popular demand this choir returned to St Mildred's on Saturday 8th December 2018 with their newly arranged Christmas programme of music. It was a wonderful performance and a special way to begin the Festive Season.



Yehuda Inbar

Our winter afternoon concert by the young pianist Yehuda Inbar was a great success. Over 100 people filled the church and our young pianist received an enthusiastic ovation. We hope that you are enjoying our 'young artists series' and thank you for your support as we continue with these young up and coming performers.



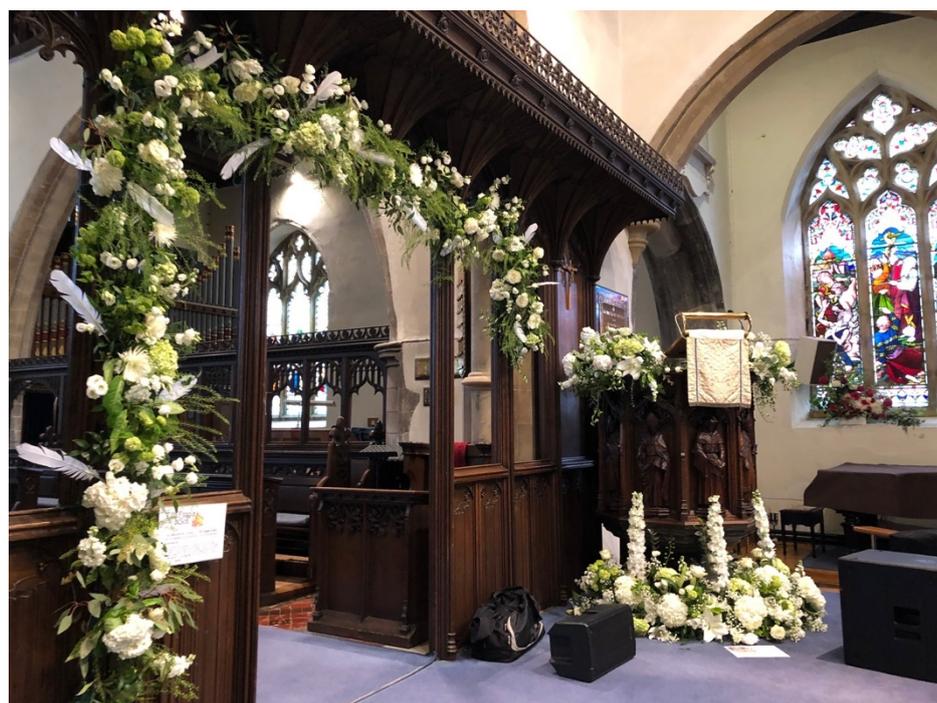
Electric Horn Society

On the evening of Saturday 25th May, St Mildred's Church rocked. Lindsay Hammond had invited the Friends of St Mildred's (FOSM) to organise a concert to coincide with the end of the beautiful and highly imaginative Flower Festival, that had been delighting visitors to Tenterden all weekend. He especially asked for a concert that would be 'light, lively and above all fun'. As always, the FOSM Committee delivered to order. They commissioned a newly formed band, the **Electric Horn Society**, to provide an evening of high octane electro pop mixed with jazz and a big twist of soul. In their two sets before and after the lively interval, the band ran through an action packed mix of some of the world's biggest hits with covers of artists ranging from Beyonce to Abba, Erasure to Michael Jackson, Aretha Franklin to Madness.

Members of the Audience showing off their musical talents on the Bazooka!



The floral display around the Screen and Pulpit at the Flower Show



May Fayre



The Friend's stand at the May Fayre on Monday 6th May 2019

The Friend's Summer Party on Sunday 16th June



Friends enjoying a perfect summer's evening in the spectacular gardens of Heronden



Chairman, Tim Monckton proposes a vote of thanks to all and especially Peter and Vicky Costain for their generous hospitality

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bukolika Piano Trio

FOSM Committee is delighted to announce the return of **Anna Szalucka** to St Mildred's Church on **Saturday 26th October** for an afternoon performance of classical and romantic music with her newly formed piano trio the **Bukolika Piano Trio**. Anna last performed in St Mildred's Church in 2017 when she captivated her audience with a virtuoso performance of music from different eras. She has always wanted to return to St Mildred's. The pieces we will be hearing on this occasion are listed as follows:

- J.Haydn - Piano Trio in C major Hob. XV:27
 - R.Schumann - Piano Trio No. In D minor
 - F.Chopin - Deux Nocturnes op.27
 - M.Ravel - Piano Trio in A minor
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<http://bukolikapianotrio.eu/>

Tickets will be available online at

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-xxqgjr>

and at Webb's Ironmongers, Tenterden High Street.

Lunch with Lady Justice Hallett, Monday 2nd December

FOSM is hosting a private lunch at London Beach Hotel, Tenterden on **Monday 2nd December 2019**. The guest speaker will be **Lady Justice Heather Hallett DBE**, a senior member of the Court of Appeal, who will be retiring at the end of 2019 and who has agreed to come and talk to us informally over lunch, about her life at the Bar and as a judge. Tickets for the event will be £40 per head, to include a 3 course meal. A few places still remain, so if you would like to attend this event please contact the FOSM Treasurer, Malcolm Kneller, 14 Eastwell Meadow, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6QR or email fosmtrea@gmail.com for further information. All proceeds from the event will go to support FOSM.
