



# NEWSLETTER

## November 2016

### - Talks -

#### **The Wise Woman of Rouen**

By Christina Smee in the Great Hall,  
Tamworth Castle

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7:30pm

Christina Smee is the author of *The Rose of Middleham*, a novel set in the time of Richard III and based on Christina's research into the life and times of this much-maligned monarch. Christina is a member of *Les Routiers de Rouen*, the Living History group based at Bosworth Battlefield Centre (Richard was born in Rouen). In this presentation she will talk about her research, Medieval herbal remedies and Medieval folklore.



#### **Tamworth Pub Names**

By Anthony Poulton-Smith in the Great Hall, Tamworth Castle  
On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7:30pm

Anthony has written a large number of books on the subject of place names, river names, street names and pub names (one of the latter on Tamworth pub names). In this talk he will discuss the origins of the names of a selection of pubs located in Tamworth and the surrounding villages.

In examining pub names both modern and from yesteryear, Anthony says of the subject "Here we will find heraldry, humour, advertising, royalty and even religion"

Ever wondered where "The Black Swan", "The Red Lion" and "The Queen's Head" came from? Come along and perhaps you will find out!

# - Trips, Social & Other Events -

## **Festive Meal**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**The Castle Hotel, Ladybank, Tamworth**

For this year's post-Christmas meal we will again be dining at the Castle Hotel. Once again the price has been held at £20 per person, which includes a 3-course meal and musical entertainment.

### **Menu**

Winter vegetable soup with rustic croutons

Creamy garlic mushrooms with garlic bread

Prawns bound in a tomato mayonnaise on a bed of green leaves

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Roast turkey with traditional accompaniments

Roast beef with a hot peppered sauce

Vegetable Wellington

(all main courses are served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes)

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Christmas pudding with brandy sauce

Profiteroles with a chocolate sauce

Honeycomb and butterscotch cheesecake

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Followed by coffee and mince pies

**We are meeting at 7:00 pm, for a 7:30 meal.**

If you would like to reserve a place, please complete the form at the back of this newsletter and return to Maureen Sherwood (details on the form).

## **Chatsworth House and Christmas Market**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

In association with Middleton Tours, we are arranging a trip for members of the Friends to Chatsworth House and Christmas market on Wednesday November 16. The house will be dressed for Christmas, themed on the Russian ballet "The Nutcracker".

Places are limited and must be confirmed with Middleton Tours quickly, so if you are interested in coming with us please contact Sue Evans As soon as possible to check if there any places left. You can telephone Sue on **01827 55916** or email her at **social@tamworthcastlefriends.org**.

The price is £32.50 per person and includes coach transport from Tamworth and entrance to the house (entrance to the market is free). If you reserve places, you will be asked to pay by cheque, payable to "Friends of Tamworth Castle and Museum".

## **- Reviews & Follow-ups -**

### **Friends Summer Raffle**

Our Summer raffle was drawn on Heritage Day, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, by the Mayor of Tamworth, Ken Norchi. The winning numbers were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** - 6456    £100

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** - 6390    Lea Marston - On the Pitch & Putt 9 Hole Course for a Family of Four

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** - 6115    Christopher's Restaurant - £15 Gift Voucher

#### **Other prizes**

6380    The Globe Inn – 3 course Sunday lunch for 2

6481    Frankie & Benny's - £20 Voucher

6195    Coffee Revolution Café

6714    Family Ticket for Tamworth Castle

6274    Castle Hotel – Overnight Stay

6046    The Friends of Tamworth Castle & Museum – Membership

6489    Laura Jane Florists -£20 Voucher

6677    Laura James Hair - £5 Gift Voucher

6760    Old Bakery, Atherstone - £10 Voucher

6387    Planters - £10 Gift Voucher

# Children's Halloween Evening

An event organised by the Friends on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> 2016

This event was again extremely popular and visited by a record number of children (and, of course, a few mums and dads!). The photo below shows some of our volunteers in front of a pile of 300 pumpkins, almost all of which had to be carved by three brave, knife-wielding men (one of whom is shown practicing on one of our friendly witches). I understand that the men managed to hang on to all of their fingers!



As one of the team who organised the event, I would like to give a huge thank-you to all of our members (and some non-member friends) who helped make this such a successful event.

**Roger Ashford, Newsletter Editor**



## Friends Events for 2016/17

04/11/16	Talk "Puppets Around the World"
16/11/16	Trip to Chatsworth House & Christmas Market
09/12/16	Talk "The Wise Woman of Rouen"
10/03/17	Talk "Tamworth Pub Names"
21/04/17	AGM
21/04/17	Talk "Richard III—New Evidence"
12/05/17	Talk "Sister Albreda"
09/06/17	Talk (to be confirmed)
14/07/17	Talk "The Real Dad's Army"

All events are also listed on the Friends website, in the members area.

Don't forget—the Friends lunch club meets at the Globe Inn, Lower Gungate on the last Thursday of every month at 12:00.

### Contact Details

Where booking slips are included with the newsletter, if return details are not included on the form please complete and send them, with payment, to:

**Sue Evans, 48 Barbara Street, Tamworth, B79 7EJ**

If you do not have a booking slip or would like more details about a trip, you can contact Sue by phone on **01827 55916** or by email at

**social@tamworthcastlefriends.org**

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding newsletters, please contact Roger Ashford by phone on **0790 0088960** or by email at

**newsletter@tamworthcastlefriends.org**

Membership queries should be addressed to

**membership@tamworthcastlefriends.org**

For any other issues, contact **admin@tamworthcastlefriends.org**

Friends Website: **http://tamworthcastlefriends.org**

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# Festive Meal at The Castle Hotel, Ladybank, Tamworth

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 7:30 pm

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me at this event at £ 20.00 per person.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter the numbers of each dish required for each course (see page 2 for details):

## Starters

## Mains

## Dessert

Soup\_\_\_\_\_

Turkey\_\_\_\_\_

Xmas Pudding\_\_\_\_\_

Mushrooms\_\_\_\_\_

Beef\_\_\_\_\_

Profiteroles\_\_\_\_\_

Prawns\_\_\_\_\_

Wellington\_\_\_\_\_

Cheesecake\_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to **FRIENDS OF TAMWORTH CASTLE AND MUSEUM** and a stamped, addressed envelope.

Please complete and return this form as soon as possible to:

**Maureen Sherwood, 61 Woodhouse Lane, Amington, Tamworth B77 3AF**

