



FOSTAC

Friends of St Andrew's Church



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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER and THANKS

Hello FOSTAC Members

We are now at the end of our year for 2023 and looking back we seem to have had a good number of interesting events which everyone has enjoyed!

Our first was in February with Nancy May – the local singer who entertained us with such a medley of different styles of music. **Concert by Candlelight** – with the church lit by candles and a capacity audience of more than 100. An excellent selection of music with the theme of 'Love'. Many songs were familiar to the audience ending with **'We'll Meet Again!'** Hopefully we will as Nancy would like to sing for us again in 2024.

The next event was a Talk by Gary Matthews from Easton Lodge. This was a most interesting and enlightening talk giving the history of the Manor House (which is no longer there) and Daisy Countess of Warwick. Gary spoke of the work the Friends had done over the years and from that a number of our members enjoyed a tour of the Gardens the following month.

In September FOSTAC organised a BBQ and Table Top Sale in St Andrew's churchyard. It was the hottest day of the year and some of the tables were inside the church. Not only was there a BBQ but wine and beer stalls, piazzas and handicraft and gift stalls.

October welcomed the return of Chelmsford Cathedral Choir – in fact it was The Clerks and Scholars of the Cathedral under the leadership of James Davy. They sang a selection of music mostly a cappella – some by Thomas Tallis and William Byrd with a mix of songs by Cole Porter and Arthur Sullivan. All in all a very varied selection of music for all to enjoy – again we had an excellent audience who all expressed their pleasure of the evening.

Our last event for the year was **An Evening with John & Mac** – two of our local people giving amusing talks on their own particular subjects! John's escapades as a policeman not just locally but internationally and Mac's experience as a turkey farmer – all well received by the audience!

FOSTAC has a very interesting website – www.fostac.co.uk which includes all the events both past and future – if you open the section **Gallery** – you will see everything we have organised from the beginning – have a look!

In the meantime, FOSTAC thanks all our members and supporters who have over the years enjoyed our events and we hope you will continue to come along and support us.

We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to your support in 2024.

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