

# DIOCESE IN EUROPE

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## *THE FRIENDS OF THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE* *Summer 2021*

Dear Friends

I think I can say with absolute certainty with little fear of contradiction that for most people the last eighteen months or so has not been the best of times. But I am pleased to be still here writing to you and if you are reading this letter then there are still Friends out there supporting the mission of the Diocese. So enough said because there has been more than an elegant sufficiency written on the pandemic from every conceivable angle and, therefore, there is nothing more to be said other than to hope that these early days of a less restricted life move forward to something better quite soon for everyone wherever they may happen to be.

It is a long time since it has been possible to send a postal mailing to Friends, who prefer to receive communications by this method, and I am grateful for your forbearance. It should be said that postal mailings are only possible now because a member of staff at the Diocesan Office is able to assist me until such time as non-members of staff are able to use the office again.

It has been a quiet time for the Friends' Committee although it did meet virtually in February and this method will be used again in July. The 2021 Annual Service will probably be a virtual event and a decision on the date will be made in July.

I have noticed that for members of the Friends who make their annual donation by cheque or bank transfer this has been, quite understandably, low on their list of priorities. If you are not sure whether you have or have not made your annual donation, please contact me and I will have a look in the accounts. I enclose a Banker's Order form to use to change your method of making the annual donation. Or, if like me you have had to get used to making payments via a Bank App using your smart phone or other electronic device, here is the information you will need to ensure your donation reaches the right place. Please remember your donations are essential so that there can be positive responses to requests for grants.

Barclays Bank plc  
Sort Code: 20-06-13  
Account Number: 40317039  
Account: Diocese in Europe Fund

Keep well, keep safe and keep praying for the Diocese, its clergy, and congregations.

*Jeanne*

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Below is some information on a project the Diocesan Office has been asked to share with the Chaplaincies so to reach as many people as possible I am also sharing it with the Friends.

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Dear Diocesan Office (if we've sent this through to the wrong email, could you please be extremely kind and forward this to the appropriate person).

We would like to ask if you would consider sharing the text below with your Parishes - a suggestion that came via one of the London Diocese to help us maximise parishioner reach.

We are a Wrens project reuniting Ladies who joined the Women's Royal Naval Service from 1946 to mid-1981. The problem is that many ladies are not on the internet or do not use social media. We have tried nationwide newspapers (300), women's & general interest magazines (75+), 5 radio interviews, community magazines and the Women's Institute. We are just not reaching far enough, and we know that this generation are usually active church goers. We are looking for any form of communication that is likely/possibly put through a letter box, something that the older generation of ladies would pick up and read.

There is the potential of 33,000 ladies out there and we've only reached a tiny fraction.

Please would you share the small piece below with your Parishes.

Mandy Powell & Janette Crisp  
Project Coordinators  
Both ex WRNS

### **Do you have any Wrens in your family?**

I'm not referring to the tiny, feathered variety in the garden but the indomitable ladies who joined the Women's Royal Naval Service. Specifically, ladies who joined up between 1946 and 1981 and did their basic training at Training Depot Burghfield/HMTE Burghfield/HMTE Dauntless/HMS Dauntless/Reading.

Dauntless Divisional Photos is a worldwide project, in collaboration with the Association of Wrens, to gather divisional photographs and memories from those training days but also to reunite ladies with old friends, share anecdotes and relive exciting moments.

So, if you, your mum, granny, aunt, godmother, or even next door neighbour donned a blue suit and aimed for a life on the ocean wave, please get in touch on either [ddpwrens@gmail.com](mailto:ddpwrens@gmail.com) or telephone 07765 435295/0771 990 9844.

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