FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As some of you will have already heard, the Castle is undergoing a period of staff change.

Roly Brown is now in charge of Berkeley Castle and estate and of Spetchley Park Gardens and estate. A new Weddings Manager, Pippa Crossman, has recently been appointed and Eleanor Garratt-Taylor and David Bowd-Exworth are joint House Managers, overseeing the Castle as a visitor attraction.

The support of the Friends of Berkeley Castle is very much a continuing part of this managed change as BCCT moves forward into a new and exciting future. My family and I very much appreciate all of the time, work and money given to the Castle and gardens by FoBC members. Members have made possible many projects that would not have otherwise taken place so soon, particularly the urgent repair and re-hanging of the Morning Room tapestries.

Thank you,

Charles Berkeley

Sparkling Sunset: an icy February afternoon by the Lily Pool
THE EIGHTH EARL OF BERKELEY

The portrait of Randal, eighth Earl of Berkeley was recently cleaned with funding from the Friends of Berkeley Castle and will be hung on the wall of the staircase from the Picture Gallery to the Dining Room. This is what the Dictionary of National Biography has to say about this remarkable man.

Berkeley, Randal Thomas Mowbray Rawdon, eighth earl of Berkeley (1865-1942), physical chemist and landowner, was born on 31 January 1865 at Ixelles, Brussels, the third son - but the only one born after his parents' marriage - of George Lennox Rawdon Berkeley (1827-1888) and his wife, Cecile (d. 1914), daughter of Edward Drummond, count of Melfort, in the French nobility, and divorced wife of Admiral Sir F. B. R. Pellew (1789-1861). He assumed the courtesy title Viscount Dursley in 1882, when his father took the title of seventh earl of Berkeley on the death of his cousin, Thomas Moreton Fitzhardinge Berkeley, who by a family arrangement had not used the earldom to which he was entitled. On his father’s death in 1888 Viscount Dursley assumed the title of eighth earl of Berkeley and in 1891 his right to the peerage was established.

Berkeley's parents lived abroad and he was educated in France before moving to England to be coached for the Royal Navy at Burney's academy, Gosport. In 1878 he joined the cadet training ship Britannia berthed at Dartmouth. From 1880 to 1887 he served in various ships, including a period on the China station, and also attended the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. While he was in the navy his interest in science and mathematics was stimulated, particularly by books he was lent by a chaplain in one of the ships on which he served. In 1887, finding naval discipline irksome, he resigned his commission in order to devote himself to science. The same year, on 9 November, he married Kate (d. 1898), daughter of William Brand, a landowner, and widow of Arthur Jackson, a composer and teacher at the Royal Academy of Music.

Berkeley studied chemistry for a short time at the Royal College of Science and also attended lectures in other subjects, including geology. A lecture on petrography aroused in him an interest in crystals and he began to study the relationship between crystalline form and chemical composition. However, a serious illness put an end to his work in London.

In 1893 he moved to Foxcombe near Oxford and resumed his crystallographic work in the Christ Church laboratory, work which led to two short papers on the accurate determination of the densities of solids. (Real understanding of the relationship between crystalline form and chemical composition had to await the advent of X-ray crystallography.) In 1897, in
association with Earnal Hartley, Berkeley conducted research into the electrolysis of glass. No publication resulted, but this work apparently turned Berkeley's attention to semi-permeable membranes and hence to osmotic pressure.

Berkeley built a private laboratory at Foxcombe in 1898 and began researches on the measurement of osmotic pressure. The work began in earnest in 1902 when he was joined by Hartley (who was his collaborator until 1916). At that time physical chemists were interested in the deviations of real solutions from the osmotic pressure equation of Van't Hoff (analogous to the ideal gas equation) and the possibility of expressing these by an equation similar to the van der Waals equation used for real gases. First, however, there were major difficulties to be overcome in order to obtain accurate experimental results; this was the goal Berkeley set himself.

Berkeley and Hartley designed and built an apparatus incorporating a semi-permeable membrane which was capable of measuring accurately osmotic pressures up to 150 atmospheres. They also measured osmotic pressures by the so-called indirect method, based on the lowering of the vapour pressure of a solvent by a solute. Initially there were considerable discrepancies between the results given by the two methods, but these were gradually reduced, almost to zero, by refinements of technique and the discovery and application of necessary corrections. Although much effort was also expended in

*Portrait of the eighth Earl of Berkeley: recent cleaning funded by FoBC*
trying to express the results by equations of the van der Waals type, with the benefit of hindsight it is apparent that such attempts were doomed.

Over the years additional workers were recruited to Foxcombe and the study of solutions was broadened to include diffusion and centrifugation, and there were further opportunities for constructing ingenious apparatus. However, August 1914 marked the start of the decline of the Foxcombe laboratory, as the team Berkeley had assembled dispersed to war work.

During the war years Berkeley himself acquired another interest: on the death of his kinsman Lord Fitzhardinge in 1916 he succeeded to the Berkeley estates in Gloucestershire. The castle was in a neglected state and he threw himself energetically into its restoration, acting as his own architect and clerk of works. But he never lost his interest in osmotic pressure and related phenomena; some research continued at Foxcombe throughout the war and the laboratory did not finally close until 1928. Even after the laboratory closed Berkeley was seeking new equations to express his old experimental results.

Berkeley was not prominent in the life of the scientific community, but he was elected FRS in 1908 and served on the council of the Chemical Society from 1914 to 1918. For many years his main interest outside science was golf, and he laid out a nine-hole golf course at Foxcombe. In 1936 he published 'Sound Golf by Applying Principles to Practice'. On inheriting the Berkeley estates he became master of the Berkeley hounds; he took up hunting when he was over fifty and continued in the sport until 1927. On 8 November 1924 he married his second wife, Mrs Mary Emlen Lloyd (d. 1975), daughter of John Lowell of Boston, Massachusetts; they spent much time in California and in Italy. Berkeley died peacefully in his sleep at Berkeley Castle on 15th January 1942. There were no children by either marriage and the earldom of Berkeley ended with him.

John Shorter

ALL CHANGE; NEW PLANS FOR VISITORS

The Trustees of Berkeley Castle Charitable Trust have agreed to implement some exciting new plans to enhance the Castle and the way visitors first experience it.

On arrival in the car park, visitors will be directed through a new gateway into the Walled Garden. The Ticket Office and Gift Shop are both to be located in the present Butterfly House Shop, enabling staff to cover for each other’s breaks and to assist each other at busy times.

The visitors will also have their first view of the new Restaurant, which will be in a purpose-built Yurt beside the Butterfly House.

It is the intention to make the Walled Garden into a welcoming and revitalised area of the Castle gardens. It will provide food and drink, a children’s play area and a well-stocked and attractive Kitchen Garden, with fruit, flowers and vegetables for use or for sale. Relocating the Shop and Ticket Office to the present Butterfly House Shop should also encourage more visitors to go into the Butterfly House itself.

The Castle Office will move into the present Tea Room and Eleanor and David will be joined there by Charles and the new Wedding & Corporate Events Manager, Pippa Crossman, and by staff from the Estate Office at Ham.

The building that previously housed the Shop will have a new use as a meeting room or as a space that can be used for school groups and exhibitions, while the former Ticket Office could host a short video welcoming visitors to the Castle and the wider estate.

Some of these changes may take some time to realise, but it is a challenging and exciting time for the Castle and for those who work there.

Architect’s drawing of the new Yurt in the walled garden
FoBC RECENT EVENTS

Last September Neil Eddiford gave a fascinating talk about the lethal Longbow, the English army's most formidable weapon before the introduction of gunpowder into European warfare. FoBC members and friends were able to examine longbows, crossbows, arrows and bolts at close quarters. Neil has an impressive collection of weaponry and spoke about it with obvious knowledge and enthusiasm.

The brain-teasing quiz in October was as popular as ever, enhanced by a delicious Ploughman's Supper provided by Margaret Glover and the ladies of the Castle Tea Room. She and her Tea Room staff have been very generous supporters of FoBC and we shall miss the lunches, teas and suppers they have produced from their very cramped kitchen.

The Quizmasters posed some very tricky questions and there were a few puzzled expressions on participants' faces. The winning team included David Smith, the Castle Archivist, and his assistant, Jill Barlow, who were worthy winners of the prize.

The following month, David Smith gave a fascinating talk on the Great Dispute, the protracted legal struggles and internecine skirmishes to gain possession of Berkeley properties in Gloucestershire and elsewhere. The struggle lasted many years and David Smith also spoke about the period after the Battle of Nibley Green, which is often, wrongly, assumed to have ended the family dispute.

The evening with the musicians of the University of the West of England was a very atmospheric preparation to the Christmas season, with every seat in the Great Hall taken. The music was as sparkling as the lights on the Christmas Tree and the mulled wine and mince pies were a welcome bonus.
Santa in his Grotto at Castle By Candlelight. Many Friends helped with this traditional Christmas event and the House Managers are very grateful for your contribution to the weekend's success.

This painting of the Tyger, by van der Velde, hangs in the Picture Gallery. This ship is the subject of Richard Ensor's talk to FoBC on 9th July 2012.
FoBC Events During 2012
Prices for non-members in brackets.

Sunday 15 April: 2.30pm at Spetchley Park Gardens.
Private FoBC-only guided tour of Spetchley Gardens with John Berkeley.
Mr Berkeley has kindly offered FoBC members another private guided tour of the renowned gardens at the family's Worcestershire seat.
The Tea Room at Spetchley will be available for your own purchases.
Visit limited to 35 FoBC members. (Separate application form enclosed.)
Priority will be given to members who did not take part in the 2011 visit.
Meet at 2.20pm outside the main entrance to the house (by the columns).
It will be helpful to know of any members willing to car-share. £5

Tuesday 24 April: 7.30pm in the Great Hall, Berkeley Castle.
FoBC AGM.
This is your opportunity to hear what the Committee have undertaken on your behalf during the past twelve months and have planned for the future.
Refreshments available from 7.00pm. Gates open at 6.45pm. FREE

Tuesday 8 May: 7.30pm in the Great Hall, Berkeley Castle.
Talk by Stuart Prior: Archaeological Project Update.
An illustrated update on Bristol University's ongoing excavations in Berkeley.
(The tour of this year's dig will be on Wednesday 8th June - see below.)
Cash Bar available from 7.00pm. Gates open at 6.45pm. £8 (£11)

Wednesday 6 June: 2.00pm:
Tour of the 2011 Bristol University archaeological dig with Dr Stuart Prior.
Meet in the Castle visitors' car park at 1.45pm. Please wear appropriate footwear. £3 (£6)

Friday 15 June: 3.00pm - 5.30pm Private FoBC-only visit to Wickselm.
Tea and tour of the house and stables with Charles & Daisy Berkeley.
Charles & Daisy Berkeley have kindly offered members a private tour of their home and a visit to the stables with Olympic medallist Daisy.
Visit limited to 50 persons. (Separate application form enclosed.)
(Wickselm is off Station Road, Berkeley - north of the bypass roundabout.)
Meet at the front of the house at 2.50pm (parking available). £12

Monday 9 July: 7.30pm in the Great Hall, Berkeley Castle.
Talk by Richard Ensor on the Berkeley family and the ship, Tyger.
Richard Ensor will speak about the ship, 'Tyger', commanded by Charles Berkeley (who died on board) and the Berkeley family's nautical links.
Cash Bar available from 7.00pm. Gates open at 6.45pm. £8 (£11)
Sunday 19 August: 5.30pm on the Gun Terrace.
Friends of Berkeley Castle Pimms Party.
Come and enjoy late summer at the Castle, with a unique opportunity to
wander round the gardens with a drink after the visitors have gone home.
Members can purchase additional tickets for the party as a means of
introducing potential new Friends.
Gates open at 5.30pm. **£11 (£15) including drinks & nibbles**

Wednesday 12 September: 7.30pm in the Great Hall, Berkeley Castle.
Talk by Peter Twinn: Metal Detecting.
Peter Twinn is the principal metal detectorist at Bristol University’s ongoing
project at Berkeley and showed members the finds made at last year’s dig.
He will share some of his experiences of metal detecting.
Cash Bar available from 7.00pm. Gates open at 6.45pm. **£8 (£11)**

Tuesday 9 October: 7.30pm in the Great Hall, Berkeley Castle.
Quiz Night and Ploughman’s Supper.
Make up or join a team of four. Everyone welcome: you don’t have to
be a Brain of Britain to take part!
Interval Ploughman’s Supper included.
Cash Bar available from 7.00pm. Gates open at 6.45pm.
**£8 (£13) per head. If booked after 31st August tickets cost £11 (£15)**

Sunday 11 November: 3.00pm in the Great Hall, Berkeley Castle.
Talk by David Smith: The Berkeley family of Satchley Park.
Castle Archivist, David Smith, will talk about the branch of the Berkeley
family based at Satchley, encompassing a younger son, Worcester
merchants, a distinguished judge and prominent Catholic gentry.
Gates open at 3.00pm to give time to examine family documents and
artefacts, and the talk will begin at 3.30pm. **£10 (£13), including tea.**

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**DIARY DATE FOR 2013**

FoBC Dinner on Friday 8 February 2013
with guest speaker, John Harvey
(formerly of Sotheby’s & now a BCCT Trustee)

Black Tie. Tickets £60 (£65) for early purchasers.

Further details and application form
will be available in the Autumn issue of the Berkeley Buttress.
PETER SCOTT,
THE WILDFOWL &
WETLAND TRUST
& THE BERKELEYS
by Paul Walkden

"The marshes will be filled with their unparalleled music as they flight at
dawn and at dusk. When the moon
is full they will pass unseen in the
steel-grey sky to their feeding
grounds, but their cry will echo
across the flat fields. Like a
symphony of Beethoven, the call of
the geese is everlasting, and those
who have once known and loved
it can never tire of hearing it."

Peter Scott
'Very Flight' Country Life, 1935

Sir Peter Scott (1909-1989) has
been referred to as the 'Father of
Conservation', his passion and
commitment to nature conserva-
tion was unequalled. Besides being
a founder of the World Wide Fund
for Nature, we locally remember
him in particular as the founder of
The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at
Slimbridge.

The New Grounds at Slimbridge
are a part of the Berkeley Estate
and here we will look at the
connection between Peter and
the Berkeley Estate.

Following the end of World War
II Peter began looking for the ideal
site from which to launch his
planned organisation. He had
previously considered four sites:

Brogden in Kent, Amberley
Wildbrooks in Sussex, High Halstow
in Kent and Slimbridge in
Gloucestshire. However, an
extraordinary incident that
occurred in 1943 decided which
of these sites would become
Peter's base, Will Tinsley, a
Lincolnshire farmer and close
friend of Peter's, had a wild Lesser
White-fronted Goose drop into
his collection of tame wildfowl.
Peter theorised that if Lesser
White-fronted Geese were to be
found in Britain, it was most likely
that they would occur within large
cohorts of White-fronted Geese,
the major flocks of which wintered
on the New Grounds at Slimbridge,
twelve miles south of Gloucester
aside the Severn Estuary. The
Berkeley family owned these
Severn lands.

Peter had been to the Severn
Vale twice previously, in
September 1928, too early to
see geese, and again in 1937 at
the invitation of the then owner
of the Berkeley Estate, Captain
R.G. Berkeley. The Berkeley Estate
once covered a huge area, some
44,500 acres. The family held
manorial rights over the foreshore
and to the centre of the Severn.
They preserved this site for goose
shooting parties, organised
annually. However, numbers of
birds shot were relatively small
and disturbance was kept to a
minimum. These lands included
two cottages and the remains of
a duck decoy, which historically
had kept the Castle of Berkeley
supplied with ducks for feasting,
the surplus being sent to London
markets for sale.

Peter had the opportunity to put his theory to the test on a December day in 1945. He and several friends, John Winter, Clive Wilson and Howard Davis, headed toward the River Severn from the village of Slimbridge, went over the Gloucester-Sharpness canal, down a muddy track and arrived at a wartime pillbox overlooking the river. On scanning the flocks of geese congregated on lush grasslands bordering the Severn, known as the 'Dumbles', they spotted first a young Bean Goose, then a Barnacle, a Brent, and a Greylag. There were also Pinkfeet, all of them mixed in with the flock of two thousand wild Russian White-fronted Geese. Alas, no sign of the Lesser Whitefront. The following day they returned to the same pillbox and within 30 minutes had found a Lesser Whitefront, distinguished from the European Whitefront by the small pink bill and yellow eye ring, smaller size and quicker feeding pattern. Peter noted in his autobiography 'The Eye of the Wind' this special moment, "My spine tingled delightfully as it does in the slow movement of Sibelius's Violin Concerto. Here almost too easily was a vindication of my far-fetched theory. It was, no doubt, a small recondite discovery, a minor ornithological technicality, yet for me it was a moment of unforgettable exultation - a major triumph, an epoch-making occurrence, a turning point; or is it only in looking back on it that I
have invested it with so much significance because, in the event, it changed the course of my life?" Later in the afternoon they moved further down the marsh and found yet another Lesser White-fronted. Peter had noted that the black bars on the bellies of the geese were all different and so easily told apart. On that momentous day they had recorded the third and fourth sightings in Britain of the Lesser White-fronted Goose. This was surely the place for his planned organisation.

Discussions followed and arrangements were made to lease an area from Captain R. G. Berkeley. Pens were built for the wildfowl. Along with the four wartime pillboxes, which were ideal for watching geese from, a new hide was erected in the summer of 1946. On Sunday 10th November 1946 at the Patch Guest House (now apartments) by the aforementioned canal bridge a resolution was signed bringing the Severn Wildfowl Trust into being. Later Severn was dropped from the title and in 1989, in recognition of the increasing involvement in wetland habitats it became The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust.

The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust has truly become an international force in the field of conservation, particularly in the breeding of rare and threatened wildfowl species. It has an international reputation in the scientific study of waterfowl and wetlands and is an educator for people from all walks of life, young and old. Recreation is also an important part of the Trust's ethos, with thousands of visitors every year to its centres. It now has nine centres of excellence at various sites across the United Kingdom. These centres are based at Arundel in West Sussex, Caerlaverock in Dumfriesshire, Castle Espie in Northern Ireland, Llanelli in South Wales, Martin Mere in Lancashire, Slimbridge in Gloucestershire, Washington in Tyne and Wear, Welney in Cambridgeshire and the Wetland Centre in London. Most contain collections of wildfowl from all over the world and all centres offer fine bird watching facilities. Some in fact offer unrivalled viewing of one of the great wildlife spectacles in Britain, a skein of geese in flight. To see geese in their thousands is something that is hard to express with mere words, but their movements are poetry in motion and the noise never fails to stir excitement beyond description. The Trust can offer this experience with European White-fronted Geese at Slimbridge, Brent Geese at Strangford Lough, Northern Ireland, Pink-footed Geese at Martin Mere, Lancashire and the Barnacle Geese on the Solway Firth, Scotland.

The Bristol Mercury
On Wednesday next (tomorrow) will be launched from the yard of Mr. William Morgan, shipbuilder, at Pill, a pleasure yacht of 60 tons, of beautiful construction and arrangements, built for Col. Berkeley, of Berkeley Castle.

The Bristol Mercury (Bristol, England), Tuesday, April 12, 1831; Issue 2137
DO YOU HAVE GREEN FINGERS?

As mentioned in the article on page 5, one of the plans for the Walled Garden is to recreate a traditional productive flower, fruit and vegetable garden. It will be attractive for visitors and will produce flowers for volunteer flower arrangers in the Castle and vegetables for use. Any surplus can be sold to visitors.

If you enjoy gardening and would like to join the team, please contact David in the Castle Office. Volunteers with differing talents will be required: people to propagate seeds, plant the seedlings, weed and tend the beds and to pick the produce.

All offers of help will be greatly appreciated.

TREE DAHLIA

One of the glories of the terraced gardens last autumn was the Tree Dahlia (Dahlia imperialis) flowering profusely, despite a couple of frosty nights. This plant flowered for the first time two years ago and was once again covered in fragile pink flowers during November and December 2011.

The South American plant grows to about 20' and is a prominent foliage feature of the terrace below the Castle during the summer. It has bright green leaves and thick bamboo-like stems. It flowers after the visitor season has ended, so only regular staff and volunteers were able to see its 6'' tissue-paper blooms.

The Berkeley specimen has not only flowered twice, but has also seeded itself in the border. Now it is featured on the internet!

http://www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/News/Dahlia-imperialis-flowers

CORRECTIONS

In the last issue three errors crept in. Henry Phythian-Adams did not say that the General Manager's office had been the Steward's chamber (that was possibly in the present Caretaker's flat).

The Beer Cellar should have been described as being of 'higher' status than at present, not 'high' status; it may have once been the Steward's storeroom.

Also, Sir Ninian Comper, not G F Bodley, designed the pulpit in St Mary's parish church.

The editor apologises for these mistakes.
The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Berkeley Castle will be held in the Great Hall, Berkeley Castle at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th April 2012. All paid-up members of the Friends are entitled to attend and to vote at this meeting, which is an opportunity to hear about the work of FoBC during the past year and to examine the finances.

It is also the meeting at which the FoBC Committee is elected. Current members are as follows:

Officers:
Chairman, David Bowd-Exworth
Deputy Chairman, Paul Walkden
Treasurer, Kalpna Shah
Secretary, Jane Handoll

Committee members:
Eleanor Garratt-Taylor,
Derek Burgess*, Diana Merrett,
Valerie Moores, Alison Thompson & Val Watts

Committee members consider and plan FoBC events, talks and visits throughout the year. There are many projects in the Castle and gardens which could benefit from FoBC support and finance; the Committee discuss these and agree which will be supported. Further opportunities to support and to promote the Castle and FoBC arise from time to time.

Note*
Derek Burgess' term of office ends at the conclusion of this year's AGM.

There are up to two places on the Committee to be filled at this AGM. Terms are for three years and the Committee usually meets on the first Monday of each month. Nomination papers are available from the Castle office (contact details on back page).

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The Bristol Mercury

BERKELEY. — Great preparations are being made at Berkeley Castle for a grand fancy bazaar, which is to take place there on 24th of September. The bazaar will be held in the great hall of the castle, and the stalls will be taken by the Duchess of Beaufort, the Lady Fitzhardinge, the Countess of Westmorland, the Lady Emily Kingscote, and Miss W. and B. Sumner. The beautiful grounds and terraces of the castle, so well known to many of our readers for the strikingly picturesque effect produced by the combination of the venerable gray (sic.) walls of the castle with the stately old cedars and the rich masses of gay flowers in the riband borders will be thrown open to ticket-holders. The objects for which the bazaar is to be held cannot fail to commend themselves to all. They are - 1. To complete the funds for the Jenner memorial window in Berkeley Church; 2 (and chiefly). To erect a district church at Purton. Purton contains a large number of inhabitants, who cannot possibly attend the services of the parish church, which is no less than four miles distant.

The Bristol Mercury (Bristol, England), Saturday, September 6, 1873; Issue 4352
**THE BERKELEYS OF BERKELEY CASTLE**

A new book by FoBC member, Anton Bantock MBE.

FoBC member, Anton Bantock, has just finished writing a book on the mediaeval Berkeleys. It is called *The Berkeleys of Berkeley Castle; the Heroic Age*. It covers the period from 1154 to 1491 and is largely based on John Smyth’s famous ‘Lives’, but placed in the national and international context, making use of archives not available to Smyth.

The book is illustrated with 95 line drawings; some are based on surviving sources and some are purely imaginary.

Anton has not yet approached any publisher, but hopes it will soon be published.

Anton Bantock is also the author of *The Smyths of Ashton Court* in five volumes, published by the Malago Society and *Not All Came Back*, about a Somerset farmer’s son at Gallipoli, published by the Redcliffe Press.

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**VICKY PARR**

During her time as the General Manager of Berkeley Castle, Vicky Parr was a keen supporter of the Friends. She appreciated the work funded by the Friends and the voluntary work undertaken by members to support the Castle.

At a party held to mark Vicky’s departure from the Castle, the Chairman presented a print of the FoBC logo as a ‘thank-you’ for her support and a memento of her time at Berkeley. We wish her well.

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**CASTLE 2012 OPENING DATES**

The Castle will be open to Friends of Berkeley Castle and the general public on selected dates from

- **Sunday 1st April**
- **to Thursday 4th November**
SPOT THE FоBC SPOTS

As visitors go round the Castle this summer, they will see small blue circles, featuring the FоBC logo, placed near items that have been cleaned or restored with funding by the FоBC or which have been supported by FоBC in some way.

The list of items FоBC has funded is varied and impressive, as you will see on your next visit to the Castle. See how many spots you can spot.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Please let the Committee know if you can help at the following:

- Easter Weekend
  6th - 9th April
- Berkeley Show
  Monday 27th August
- Frampton Country Fair
  Sunday 9th September
- Castle at Christmas
  14th - 16th December

DON’T FORGET TO SIGN IN

One of the benefits of membership is free admission to the Castle, the Gardens and the Butterfly House. On a normal Castle open day your FоBC membership card enables you to by-pass the queue at the Ticket Office. Instead, you must show your membership card and sign in, using the FоBC Members’ Form on the counter.

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST

Please return your membership application and payment as soon as possible and complete a new Gift Aid form if you pay income tax.

If you became a Friend after 31 August 2011, your tickets for complimentary admission to Dr Jenner’s House and Spetchley Park Gardens are enclosed with this issue of the Buttress.

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