

Become a Friend of Monkton Wyld Court 2010



Lin, Margaret, Wendy courtesy of John Cole

Welcome, Friend

In the coming year, Monkton Wyld Court will continue to provide an ever-growing and varied programme of courses, events and themed family holidays, as well as guest accommodation and our popular volunteer scheme. The Steiner-focused kindergarten will develop in exciting directions as well, and plans are in the works to reintroduce a dairy cow, that symbol of Court life for so many, as well as a new polytunnel and land management regime. Essential to all this is a sturdy foundation: we plan to combine property regeneration with energy efficiency, so that our house is strong and our lifestyle as sustainable as possible.

We hope you will join us in sharing the spirit of rejuvenation and possibility of this exciting time in our history.

Our Heritage

Designed by celebrated neo-gothic architect Richard Cromwell Carpenter, the Court was built in 1848 as vicarage and architectural complement to nearby St Andrews Church. In 1940, after a brief stint as a hotel, it was bought by Carl and Eleanor Urban, who relocated from London to establish a new school promoting cooperative living and learning.

Our aim for all children, regardless of ability, is to create a situation in which both they and we are free to discover where their interests lie so that they are able to develop the talents they possess, seek out a suitable career and perhaps most important of all learn to be happy, fulfilled people.

Monkton Wyld School Prospectus c1970

While the original School closed in 1982, the importance of discovery, developing practical skills and a focus on what's now called sustainability have remained central to Monkton's ethos.

Many visitors and guests from the School days and past generations of the community feel a profound connection to this beautiful place, a devotion we all share.

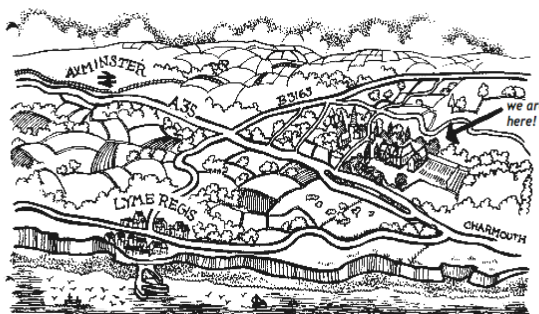
The house has retained almost all of its original decorative features, including doors, fireplaces and its kitchen court, and therefore is invaluable to posterity as a record of Carpenter's skill, as well as being an elegiac indication of what Carpenter might have gone on to do had he lived longer.

Tim Brittain-Catlin, architect
(and B&B guest, 2002)

How you can help

It does still surprise us the time that giving attention to detail in and trying to do a thorough job does take. An improvement in one direction (refacing the stonework in the entrance hall, for example) causes a whole series of things to suddenly jump into focus as in need of upgrading.

Monkton Wyld Court newsletter, 1982



We invite you to become a Friend of Monkton Wyld Court. Your annual donation from £20 or £100 a year, combined with the various funding sources we are actively pursuing, will greatly advance our efforts. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring this beautiful place remains a haven for generations still to come.

The work of restoring, repairing and renovating the Grade II listed house and buildings has been ongoing at least since the inception of Monkton Wyld School in 1940. With your help now, we hope to revitalise those efforts.

Our first priorities:

- * Roof and stone repair for house and stable block,
- * Bay window repair, and
- * Steps to improve energy efficiency (reglazing windows, etc.).

We're happy to offer new Friends some tokens of our sincerest thanks.

£20 level

- * 2010 Calendar, * two-for-one B&B,
- * £15 gift certificate for any course,
- * Victorian garden seeds pack

£100 level

- * 2010 Calendar, * B&B for two,
- * £50 gift certificate for any course,
- * Victorian garden seeds pack,
- * Free admission to Garden Week and Local Lunch events all year,
- * A handcrafted Monkton memento

Regular updates on our progress will be sent out to any Friends who request them, as well as included in our quarterly e-mail newsletter and on our website. Redemption of B&B, course places and other gifts is on a space-available basis, so we do ask for notice as early as possible.

To join, you can use the PayPal Friends Scheme button on the website or post a cheque made out to Monkton Wyld Court along with the following information:

- * Your name
- * Your postal address
- * Your email address
- * Your connection to Monkton Wyld Court (optional)

If you don't hear from us within a week of posting, do please get in touch. We're also more than happy to arrange for annual standing order payments!

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