

Dear Friends,

We have been very pleased to see so many new faces at our recent events and we hope you have enjoyed them as much as we have. Our event with Alex Kingston sold out quickly, but we were sorry that quite a few ticket holders didn't attend on the day. Whilst we understand that things sometimes crop up at the last minute, if you do know in advance that you won't be able to make it, please let Penny or Valerie know. In the case of our March event, we had a waiting list and would have been able to accommodate everyone on it had we known that there would be so many absences.

Upcoming Friends events



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Peter de Jersey

Stratford Methodist Church
Friday 26 May, 4pm

Peter de Jersey has been in RSC productions many times, and although he raised the flag for us one Birthday Weekend, we have never had him to speak to us. We are putting this right in May. Peter was most recently in the Company, playing Alonso in *The Tempest*, but is now back to play the title role in Greg Doran's production of *Cymbeline*.

Peter is also a familiar face on our TV screens, appearing in *Midsomer Murders*, *Broadchurch* and *Line of Duty* among others.

Tickets £6 for Friends/Patrons, £7 for Guests, £3 for under 18s

Booking opens on 24 April and closes on Wednesday 24 May

Peter Wight

**Stratford Methodist Church
Saturday 10 June, 10:30 am**

Peter Wight is also making a welcome return to the Company, this time playing John in the hugely popular production of Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet*. Many years ago, Peter was a most entertaining speaker at a Friends' event, so we were keen for him to pay a return visit.

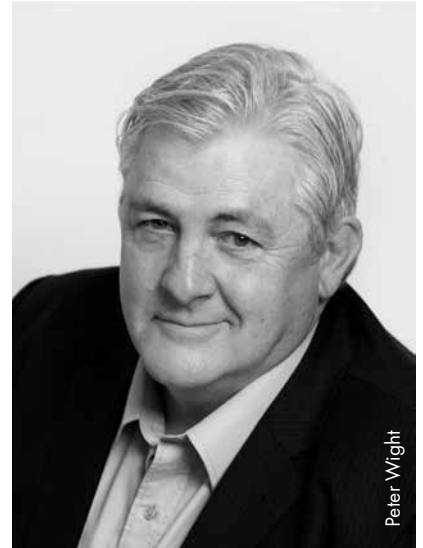
Peter has had a long career on stage and screen, and you will doubtless recognise him from his many TV appearances.

Please note the earlier start time for this event.

Tickets £6 for Friends/Patrons, £7 for Guests, £3 for under 18s

Booking opens on 24 April and closes on Thursday 8 June

Tickets for the above can be booked online or by contacting the RSC Box Office on 01789 331111



Coffee Afternoon

**Riverside Cafe, Royal Shakespeare Theatre
Wednesday 5 July, 2:30-4pm**

Valerie and Penny will be at the Riverside Café, so do come along for an informal chat and introduce yourself to us if you are new. No need to book – just get a drink and join the group of Friends who will be there.

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