

# The Friends of Coleridge

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## THE FRIENDS OF COLERIDGE: Report, Spring 2015

The objectives of the Friends of Coleridge are to advance knowledge about the life, work and times of Samuel Taylor Coleridge and his circle, and to support Coleridge Cottage as a centre of Coleridge interest in co-operation with the National Trust.

Twice a year the Friends produce the Coleridge Bulletin, which maintains a very high standard of scholarship and production thanks to Graham Davidson, the editor, and David Worthy, the designer. Last winter's issue included a CD of Wordsworth's Lucy poems set to music by Nigel Dodd and sung by Tom Mayberry (our former chairman), accompanied on the piano by the composer.

*Coleridge's Father* by J C C Mays, a ground-breaking work of scholarship, was distributed to subscribers and libraries last year. Graham Davidson, a long-standing committee member, saw this arduous publishing project through to a successful conclusion.

Our Chairman, Justin Shepherd, has given talks to the volunteers at Coleridge Cottage; has represented the Friends at the opening of the extension to the Coleridge Way; and has led groups of students from Wellington College on trips to Coleridge Cottage and the Quantocks.

A marble tablet commemorating Coleridge's time in Malta has been unveiled in Valetta; the Friends made a donation towards this project.

The Friends awarded two bursaries of £200 each to enable young British scholars to attend the Coleridge and Contemplation conference in Kyoto this year.

At the end of July last year the Coleridge Conference took place in Cannington under the academic leadership of Professor Tim Fulford. More than 50 papers were given by scholars and academics from around the world, including North America, Europe, Asia, Australasia and Africa; plenary papers were given by some of the most distinguished scholars in the field. Tours and visits were arranged to places associated with Coleridge and his circle. The next Coleridge Conference will take place in summer 2016.

In autumn this year the Friends, in partnership with the Lamb Society, are organising a day of talks and outings in Highgate to celebrate Coleridge's time there. For more details, please check our website, [www.friendsofcoleridge.com](http://www.friendsofcoleridge.com)

Last October the 22<sup>nd</sup> autumn Study Weekend was held at Halsway Manor. The theme was 'Coleridge the Shakespearian'; talks from five speakers were much enjoyed during this convivial weekend. The next Study Weekend will take place at Halsway on 11-13 September 2015 – everybody welcome! Please contact Maggie Roberts, email [quadrifoglia1772@btinternet.com](mailto:quadrifoglia1772@btinternet.com), telephone 01278 734789.

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