

The Philomena Kennedy Memorial

AN UPDATE By Jeremy Cope

In the last newsletter it was suggested that the most appropriate memorial would be based on a work created by Philomena. Members were asked for ideas on the whereabouts and availability of any such works of art.

We received three responses. Gordon King very generously offered two original items, the first a landscape of Tuscany and the second a collage based upon violins. The collage was presented to Gordon's late wife, Elsa, on the occasion of her retirement as Deputy Head of the Girls' Grammar School. It seems particularly fitting that the collage should form part of the memorial; something of a return journey.

The school has now seen the pictures and is very happy with them. We are in the course of discussions with Mrs Thompson and the Art Department to finalise the remaining details in time

for the first award of the 'Philomena Kennedy Prize' in June 2002. Members will be kept informed of progress.

I would also like to thank our members Mrs Sheila J Cope of East Cliff and Jack Woolford who also made generous offers of pictures.



Gordon King with the two pictures

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Members are no doubt aware that when sending money to charity we are now asked to sign a declaration confirming that we are taxpayers. Then the charity may claim back 28% of our contribution which we have already paid in tax. The Society hopes to take advantage of this concession and has now received permission from the Inland Revenue. This Newsletter includes a letter to all members asking them to sign a statement if it is relevant to them. This means that all subscriptions and donations paid since April 2000 are eligible for the tax to be paid into the Society's funds. Doing so will not involve members in any cost, it is the Chancellor of the Exchequer handing back tax that is already lost to them. We have now adapted our application forms. Of course there is no obligation to participate but if all members who are taxpayers do so then it will make a significant contribution towards the production costs of one newsletter each year.

With subscription payments for the year virtually complete we number 415. Among our latest batch of new members are some who came first as visitors on an outing and then wished to continue. We welcome - Mrs P Crawley, Mrs P Allen, Mrs M Carney, Mrs M Porter, Revd. J Lines M.B.E., Miss B Jones, Mrs M Griffin, Mrs P Hooper, Mr and Mrs J. Watson, Ms. J. Whiteley.

Sheila Cope