

PRESS RELEASE

**You are invited to a Champagne Reception
on Friday 20 October
at 2.30pm
to celebrate the publication of
“*The Old Bird remembers.....*”
in the Great Hall at Chawton House**

Local author and poet, Mavis Coulson, has written a fascinating and amusing account of her extraordinary and varied life - a volume with the endearing title “The Old Bird remembers....” - it is full of interesting stories and splendid photographs.

Since 1958, Lady Coulson has lived in Selborne where she was governor of the school and has been a Trustee of the Wakes Museum (Gilbert White’s House) and Jane Austen’s House. She has published several books and a collection of poems centred on the village of Selborne. Her story was written partly at Chawton House Library where she was the first ‘Writer in Residence’ so she has decided that the publication party should be held here.

Following an idyllic childhood at Ashdown Forest in Sussex, Mavis Coulson spent the war working in East Grinstead Hospital with Archibald McIndoe in the special burns unit, later moving to London where she met her future husband, John, who was a senior diplomat. Her book recounts the great adventures of their life together and the fascinating people they met - his postings taking him to Paris, Venice, New York and Washington where he was Chargé d’Affaires.

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