

FRIENDS' FESTIVAL DAY LUNCH 25 September

I wish to order _____ lunch tickets at **£16** each

I enclose a cheque for _____ payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' and an SAE

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

☎ Tel no. (in case of query) _____

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Tickets can be ordered by telephone via the Box Office see Page 11

FRIENDS' EVENING 16 September

I wish to order _____ Friend tickets at **£5** each
and _____ Guest tickets at **£6** each

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The Friends of Ely Cathedral

Newsletter

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25 Sept	Friends' Festival Day and AGM
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May 2011	Outing to Brixworth & Deene Park

NEW FRIENDS' EVENING

The 2010 New Friends' Evening will be held on **Wednesday, 25 August**. All Friends who have joined in the last twelve months should already have received an invitation but if, for any reason, yours has gone astray please contact the Friends Office asap.

CHOIR PRE-TOUR CONCERT

The Choir will be giving a pre-tour Concert on **Saturday, 16 October** at 7.30pm in the Cathedral before their tour in Spain. All Friends are welcome to attend — admission is free but there will be a retiring collection.

FRIENDS' OUTINGS

Unfortunately it has not been possible to arrange Friends' outings this year — nor to rearrange the trip to Thursford which unfortunately had to be cancelled because of the snow.

However we shall restart outings in 2011 with a visit to Northamptonshire. Gill Hodge and Sue Hunting are putting together a trip which will include a visit to Brixworth Church and Deene Park. Brixworth is a Saxon building, still in everyday use, and Deene Park is a historic house, owned by the same family since 1514.

Details of the day will follow in the January mailing and be publicised on the Friends' board in the Cathedral, and on the website.

STOP-PRESS Date for this trip is provisionally 12 May!

BRUSH WITH THE VICAR

John Sansom has kindly offered to give a watercolour demonstration for The Friends and we hope to arrange an evening at the Cathedral Centre in **early Spring**. Further details will follow in the January mailing and the date will be publicised (notice-board and website) as soon as possible.

GIFT AID DECLARATION THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

I wish The Friends of Ely Cathedral to treat my regular subscription and any donations which I may make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid Donation(s).

Signed _____ Date: __ / __ / ____

Full Name (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Address _____

Post Code _____  _____

This completed form should be sent to The Friends' Officer, The Chapter House, The College, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4DL and NOT to your bank.

STANDING ORDER beginning in January 2011

Please return this form to The Friends' Office by 1 December 2010

To _____ Bank Sort Code __ - __ - ____

Branch Address _____

Please pay to **Lloyds TSB Bank Plc, Minster Place, Ely (30-93-05)** for the credit of The Friends of Ely Cathedral, Account No. 00080253, **quoting reference*** _____ (*To be completed by the Friends' Officer)

the sum of £ _____ in words _____

on **01/01/2011** and every year on the same date until further notice

Signature _____ Date _____

Account No _____

Account Holder's Name: _____

Please note: This order CANCELS any current order given by me in favour of The Friends of Ely Cathedral.

From the Friends' Officer - - - -

Hello and welcome to the first of our new style newsletters. There is a lot of information to send out and I hope you like this way of presenting it. Many of you will know that I only took up this position earlier this year and so have been busy learning the ropes. Please let me know if you think of anything I have missed!

One major change is that we are trying to send some mailings electronically — if you have received this by post and are happy to receive routine correspondence by e-mail **please send me your e-address**. This will save on postage and enable us to send easy reminders, receipts etc. although the Yearbook and admission passes will continue to be posted.

This newsletter is being sent to everyone on our database. We apologise that there have been anomalies, with some people on the mailing list but not paying subs and some paying subs but not being on the mailing list! We are trying to rectify this so please contact the office if there has been an error with your membership and especially if you require a 2010 admission pass. E-mail and telephone numbers make it easier for us to contact you!

On the following pages you will find information about subscriptions for 2011, the AGM and other events, and future plans. We are endeavouring to keep the Friends' web-page and Cathedral notice-board up to date too! The next mailing will be in January 2011 and will include the 2010 Yearbook and 2011 passes.

Thinking ahead and you will see that there is to be a Friends' Christmas Card this year. It will be sold solely in aid of The Friends (at £4 for 10). Cards will be available at Friends' events in the autumn or by mail order from the Cathedral. Cards can also be ordered and collected from the Friends' Office.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the forthcoming Friends' events and in the meantime thank you for your support of this organisation and our amazing Cathedral.

Best wishes,

Sue

Sue Hunting

SUBSCRIPTIONS and Annual Passes 2011

The minimum annual membership fee has not been changed for some years and the Friends' Council felt it should be raised. At the June Council meeting it was decided that 2011 fees should be:

Annual Membership (Single)	£15.00
Annual Membership (Joint)	£25.00
Life Membership (Single)	£200.00
Life Membership (Joint)	£350.00
Corporate Membership (eg PCC)	£20.00

Life membership fees have not changed.

It was also decided to move to a more efficient system whereby annual passes will not be sent out until the subscription for that year has been received. **We hope all subscriptions can be paid on 1st January each year and Yearbooks and passes will be sent out in late January rather than December.** This will save postage and reduce administration costs. The 2010 Yearbook will be sent out in Jan. 2011.

Subscriptions for 2011 can be paid anytime from now onwards — by post or in person at any of the forthcoming events. **We are happy to receive post-dated cheques for 1st January 2011.** All those whose subs have been received by mid-January will receive their 2011 passes with the 2010 Yearbook. Those who have not paid their 2011 subs by then will receive a reminder with the Yearbook and be asked to send an SAE with their subscription in order to receive their pass for 2011.

Standing Orders

It would be helpful if those with Standing Orders would change the payment date to 1st January and advise the Friends' Office accordingly. **Many already pay more than the minimum subscription but we ask everyone to check their Standing Order, change the payment date and increase the amount if necessary.** Some Friends still have Orders for previous figures of £5 or £6 and may not have been receiving regular mailings. Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are on Page 14.

PLEASE RETAIN YOUR 2010 PASS FOR USE IN JANUARY 2011

FRIENDS' EVENING

Thursday 16 September

7.15pm for 7.30pm in the Cathedral



Drinks Reception

in the South Transept

Short Recital 'Window Scenes'

Victoria Edge, mezzo-soprano

Andrew Robinson, piano

We are very grateful to Victoria and Andrew (who is Professor of Vocal Repertoire at the Royal College of Music) for offering this event. They have worked together for some time — find out more at www.victoriaedge.com

Guided Tours of the Stained Glass Museum

Sarah Robertson, the new Curator

Here is a chance to hear the expert and see things you haven't noticed before!

Tickets: £5 for Friends, £6 for Guests

To order tickets: Please send the slip on Page 16 to the Friends' Office, with a cheque, payable to Ely Cathedral, and an SAE — or pay by credit/debit card by phoning the Cathedral Box Office ☎ 01353 660359. The Box Office is open Mon-Sat, 10am-4pm and there is an additional charge of £1 for the use of credit card and postage.

Tickets may be available at the door, depending on demand.

Christmas Cards 2010

The Friends' Christmas Card for 2010 is a photograph of the Cathedral in the snow, taken by Andrew Martin. Cards are A6 size (approx. 15 cms x 10.5 cms) and will be sold in packs of 10 for £4.00. It can be viewed on the Friends page of the Cathedral web-site (Ely Cathedral/How to help/Friends) and will be displayed on the Friends' board in the Cathedral.

Cards will be available at Friends' events in the autumn, in person from the Friends Office/Chapter House and by mail order.

The mail order leaflet showing the Friends' card and another three produced by the Cathedral will soon be available on the website and in the Cathedral and can be mailed on request. It will have details of postage costs.

LIFE MEMBERS

We apologise that annual passes were sent to Life Members by mistake last year. New style life passes will be sent out with the Yearbook in January 2011. These can be scanned when you visit the Cathedral and provide valuable information on visitor numbers etc.

If anyone would like to convert their annual membership to life membership please contact Sue Hunting, Friends' Officer.

OVERSEAS MEMBERS

We are very grateful for the support of our Overseas Members. However it would be very helpful to have e-mail addresses and these would help to reduce our overseas postage costs. Please contact Sue Hunting at

friends.officer@cathedral.ely.anglican.org
if you are happy to receive letters electronically.

OVERDUE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Unfortunately due to staff changes it has not been possible to send out subscription reminders during the last twelve months —and there are now quite a lot of Friends whose 2009 and 2010 subs are overdue. In view of the wish to change payment dates to 1st January (see Page 4) we leave it to you as to whether you send this year's subscription late or simply send a cheque (dated 1st January 2011) for the 2011 subs

The January 2011 mailing and 2010 Yearbook will not be sent to anyone whose subscription is more than a year overdue. If you are unsure of when you last paid please contact the Friends' Office.

GIFT AID Gift Aid enables us to reclaim tax on subscriptions and donations. A Gift Aid form is on Page 14.

JOINT MEMBERS Please make sure we have the full names of both Joint Members when you renew your subscription. We can then ensure that all admission passes have the correct names and initials.

Ely Cathedral Shop

10% DISCOUNT

FOR FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

at Friends' Festival Day, Sat 25 Sept 2010

on presentation of this voucher

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Saturday, 25 September 2010

11.00 Sung Eucharist in the Presbytery

Celebrant: The Very Reverend Dr Michael Chandler, Dean of Ely

Preacher: The Reverend Canon David Pritchard, Vice Dean

12.15 Lunch in The Almonry Restaurant
for those who book in advance (see Page 11)

1.45 Concert in the Lady Chapel (free for Friends, see Page 7)

2.45 Annual General Meeting in the South Transept

Guest Speaker: Mrs Jane Kennedy, Surveyor to the Fabric

4.00 Tea & biscuits in the Lady Chapel

4.30 Talk: The Octagon by Michael White, in the Lady Chapel
or alternatively

4.45 Choir Rehearsal for Evensong – open to Friends

5.30 Friends' Festal Evensong with Presentations of

i) **The Dean Hankey Memorial Prize:** presented by the Dean to a chorister chosen by the Director of Music

ii) **The Friends of Ely Cathedral Medallion:** presented by the Dean to a chorister chosen by the Chapter, on the recommendation of the Director of Music

FRIENDS' FESTIVAL LUNCH 2010

Saturday, 25 September

12.15pm - 1.45pm at The Almonry Restaurant

MENU

Carved Honey Roast Ham

or

Warm Smoked Salmon Cherry Tomato Tart

or

Warm Asparagus and Brie Tart

Garlic Roast Potatoes, Assorted Salads & Crusty Bread



Chocolate Cheesecake

or

Tipsy Fresh Berry Trifle



Tea or Coffee

Price £16/head to include a glass of red/white wine or fruit juice



Lunch tickets should be ordered and paid for in advance, payment can be by cheque or credit/debit card. Numbers for Lunch are limited and tickets will be issued on a 'first come, first served' basis.

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TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

The total income of the Friends was down from over £76,000 in 2008 to over £42,000:

- ◆ Legacy income fell by £22,000.
- ◆ Income from subscriptions & donations fell by £4,000
- ◆ Interest & investment income fell by £7,000.

Legacy income is of an irregular nature, and interest and investment income is somewhat out of our control and fell because of the general drop in interest rates. More worrying is the fall in subscription income and we are now taking steps to address this.

On a brighter note, governance costs were reduced by just over £4,000 due mainly to us being without a paid secretary for part of the year, and the value of the investments increased by over £2,000 compared to a fall of nearly £12,000 in 2008.

Gifts to Ely Cathedral were £6,404 in 2009 (2008 - £22,317).

The net income (including the increase in value of the investments) of the charity was £27,374 in the year and at 31 December 2009 the net funds were £241,042 compared to £213,668 at the end of 2008.

The accounts were approved by the Council on 19 April 2010 and they will be presented to members for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

Richard O Setchell
Honorary Treasurer
7 July 2010

Friends' Badges

We have some enamelled pin badges, featuring the Friends' logo. They will be on sale at the forthcoming Friends' events at £2 each or can be ordered from the Friends' Office.

FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The programme is more diverse than in recent years and it is hoped that Friends will choose to come to all, or part, of the day – if you have any special requirements please contact Sue Hunting, Friends' Officer.

The only charge will be for Lunch, which needs to be booked in advance. However there will be a retiring collection at the Lunchtime Concert, in aid of The Friends, and an opportunity for voluntary donations throughout the day.

Any Friends who prefer to have a Cream Tea in the Almonry are welcome to make their own arrangements.

Maxim Kosinov (Violin)

from St Petersburg

BACH SERIES 2010-2012

Programme

BACH Violin Sonata No.1 in G minor

BACH Violin Sonata No.2 in A minor

BACH Partita No.1 in B minor

Sat. 25 September 1.45pm Lady Chapel

Free entrance for Friends of Ely Cathedral on showing a Friends' Pass. Tickets £8 / £5 concs.

Retiring Collection in aid of The Friends

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

2.45pm, Saturday 25th September 2010

AGENDA

1. a) Prayer
b) Apologies
2. **To confirm the Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 26th September 2009 (circulated to all Friends in the 2009 Yearbook)
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
4. **Chairman's Report: The Dean**
5. **Treasurer's Report** and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2009 (see Page10 & insert)
6. **Proposed amendment to Constitution**

At the Council meeting of 26th June 2010 the Council proposed that Clause 5 (b) of the Friends Constitution

'The Very Reverend the Dean of Ely for the time being shall be Chairman of the Council by virtue of his office.'

should be replaced by:

'The Very Reverend the Dean of Ely for the time being shall be Chairman of the Friends by virtue of his office. He shall chair the Annual General Meeting and the Friends' Council. If he so wishes he may nominate, for endorsement by the Council, a member of the Council to chair Council meetings. The said person shall be known as 'Chair of Council' and shall be responsible for the management of the Friends, its officers and its day to day affairs between Council meetings.'

7. Election of 5 Council Members to serve for three years

Under Rule 9 of the Constitution the Council shall have power to nominate up to six persons to the Annual General Meeting and in addition any individual member of the Society shall be entitled to give notice of nomination of a person to the AGM to fill the vacancies on the Council.

a) The Council recommends the re-election of :

Miss Susan Holgate and Mrs Anna Jones

and the election of

Mrs Coralie Green, Mrs Helen Merrick and Mr Michael White

Miss Pamela Blakeman is due for re-election in 2011.

b) Individual Member nomination: The names of any further nominees, together with those of their proposers and seconders, countersigned by the person nominated, must be received by the Friends' Officer not less than fourteen days before the AGM i.e. on or before Friday, 3rd September 2010.

7. Requests from the Dean & Chapter

The Council proposes the following expenditure:

- i) To finance the replacement of organ leatherwork at an estimated cost of £15,000.
- ii) To finance the provision of clips to the window guards at an estimated cost of £25,000. These should prevent the guards hitting the windows in the event of damage.
- iii) To finance the first stage of work on restoring the Cathedral monuments at an estimated cost of £35,000.

8. Any other business

Any motion to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting must be given to the Friends' Officer in writing by no later than Friday, 3rd September 2010.

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