

The Friends of Ely Cathedral

Newsletter

January 2016



80th Anniversary Year 1936 - 2016

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Many thanks to those who have already paid their 2016 subscriptions, whether by Standing Order or cheque/cash.

If you have not yet paid the **correct subscription for 2016** please do so asap - the blue Friend's Passes mean that annual Passes are not issued each year. Passes can be cancelled electronically if correct subs are not paid and Friends are removed from the mailing list. We do not like doing this but you will appreciate that it is expensive and time consuming to send out reminders.

Please check that your correct subs are paid up to date, and send a cheque/SO form as necessary.

Annual minimum subscriptions for 2016:

£15 single, £25 joint, £20 corporate, all due on 1st Jan.

There is a £5 fee for replacement Passes.

Thank you for your support of The Friends - we are very grateful and hope you will enjoy reading both the Yearbook and this Newsletter and that we shall see you at some of our events this year.

In case of query please contact the Friends' Office:

The Chapter House, The College, ELY, Cambridgeshire CB7 4DL
e-mail: sue.hunting@elycathedral.org ☎ 01353 660348

Thank you

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

From the Friends' Officer - - - -

Hello and welcome to our January 2016 Newsletter which contains information about exciting forthcoming events and activities and accompanies the 2015 Yearbook. We have not given up electronic mailings but it is easier to post/deliver the Yearbook and Newsletter together. The Summer 2016 Newsletter will be sent electronically where possible so if we do not have your **correct email address please send it!** Email is also useful to remind Friends of events or draw your attention to things at short notice.

All our documents and information can also be found on the Friends' page of the Cathedral website:

www.elycathedral.org/support-ely-cathedral/friends-of-ely-cathedral and, if applicable, on our noticeboard in the Cathedral.

You will see that there is a separate sheet in this mailing relating to the **80th Anniversary Dinner**, to be held on Friday, 27 May in the Monastic Barn. We are fortunate to have the use of the Barn that evening and it should be a very special and memorable occasion. We hope for your support as we have managed to get a very good deal and the ticket price is way below what we had originally envisaged.

Our Autumn programme is also finalized (see Page 3). Full details of September - November events will be in the Summer Newsletter but please note the dates now!

Many thanks to members of the Friends' Social Committee for making all these things happen. More volunteers are always welcome and we should be especially pleased to hear from anyone who has anything they could loan for the photograph and artefact display for the Anniversary Dinner. Volunteers to assemble it are also very welcome!

Best wishes, hope to see you soon!

Sue

Sue Hunting

FRIENDS' Son et Lumière

with Cathedral Boys' Choir and the Dean & Mrs Bonney

Friday, 4 March

7.00pm in the Cathedral

followed by Drinks in the Lady Chapel

We are delighted to be hosting a Friends' Son et Lumière which promises to be a memorable evening.

The combination of words, music and lighting creates a unique atmosphere and a special occasion not to be missed!

Tickets: £15 Friends, £18 Guests

This event is bound to be popular and we suggest you buy your tickets asap since numbers are limited! **Tickets available from the Friends' Office (see Page 7) or the Cathedral Box Office.**

Please copy or download forms if you don't want to cut the pages — although the blank pages are to make it easier!

FRIENDS' DATES 2016 - an exciting Anniversary year!

Friday, 4 March: Friends' Cathedral Son et Lumière (above & Page 7)

Friday, 27 May: 80th Anniversary Dinner in Monastic Barn (**sep sheet**)

Wednesday, 8 June: New Friends' Evening - invitations to follow

Thursday, 14 July: Friends' Outing to Leicester (Page 4 & 5)

Advance Notice: *(full details in Summer Newsletter)*

Sat 24 Sept: Friends' Festival Day & AGM - Speaker Rev Richard Coles

Wednesday, 12 October: Antiques Afternoon with David Palmer

Wednesday, 9 November: Friends' Social with Quiz

Thurs 17, Fri 18 & Sat 19 November: Cathedral Christmas Fair

The Friends Council meets in Jan, April, June & Oct, please let Council members (or Sue Hunting) know of any items you would like discussed.

OUTING to LEICESTER & CATHEDRAL

Thursday, 14 July

- 8.40am** Leave Barton Rd Car Park, Ely (NB long term parking after 8.30)
- 11.00** Arrive Leicester Cathedral Coffee/Tea & Biscuits
- 11.30 -12.30** Guided Tour of Cathedral (incl Richard III's tomb)
- 12.30** Free time
- 4.00** Leave Leicester
- 6.00ish** Arrive back in Ely

In order to keep costs down we have not included a group lunch this year, and have left the afternoon free for people to choose their own activities.

Lunch: There is a Cafe at the Cathedral and both the Cathedral Grounds and Castle Gardens (5 mins walk) are suitable for picnics. There are also plenty of cafes, pubs and restaurants near to the Cathedral.

Afternoon options:

King Richard III Visitor Centre: opposite the Cathedral. Admission is £7.95/£7 and tours take about 90 minutes. Timed tickets can be booked in advance or you can take 'pot luck' on the day.

Within easy walking distance of the Cathedral, & with free admission, are:

The Guildhall: timber framed and dates from 1390

Jewry Wall Museum: Grade II listed, faces the Jewry Wall ruins, and houses artefacts from Iron Age, Roman, and medieval Leicester including Roman baths.

Newarke Houses Museum & Gardens: tells the story of contemporary Leicester & the history of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, displays also include toys (Tudor to present day) and 1950s street scene.

Also nearby, over a bridge with escalators, is the **main shopping centre** (including John Lewis).

The Tourist Information Office will send City Centre leaflets after Easter.

The cost of the day is £25 Friends / £28 Guests to include coach, coffee, Cathedral guided tour and guidebook.

The application form is on Page 5 and a ballot for places (if necessary) will be held on Tuesday, 19 April.

Payment is by cheque & SAE only, not via the Cathedral Box Office.

FRIENDS' OUTING to Leicester: Thursday, 14 July

I wish to order _____ Friend places at **£25**

_____ Guest places at **£28**

I enclose a cheque for _____ payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' and **an SAE** (for confirmation of place or return of cheque following 19 April ballot)

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

E-mail: _____  Tel no: _____

Names of attendees:

IMPORTANT

Please provide details of a contact who should be rung in the event of an emergency. Do you have any health or mobility problems that the organizers should know about? (in confidence)

Name of contact: _____

Phone no of contact: _____

Medical info: _____

Please return this **form, cheque and SAE** to:

Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer,
The Chapter House, The College, ELY, Cambs CB7 4DL

Places for this event cannot be reserved via the Box Office

Reverse of form blank for any additional information
— and to avoid cutting pages.

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(don't forget the SAE!)

*Tickets can also be ordered from the Cathedral Box Office
(01353 660349) Mon-Sat 10am - 4pm*

