

# The Friends of Ely Cathedral

## Newsletter

January 2017



### **SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER**

Many thanks to those who have already paid their 2017 subscriptions, whether by Standing Order or cheque/cash.

If you do not have a Standing Order and have not yet paid the **correct subscription for 2017** please do so asap - the blue Friend's Passes mean that we do not issue new Passes each year. If correct subs are not paid then Passes can be cancelled electronically and Friends 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.

There is a Standing Order Form on Page 11.

### **Annual minimum subscriptions for 2017:**

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

There is also 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](mailto:sue.hunting@elycathedral.org) ☎ 01353 660348*

*[www.elycathedral.org/support-ely-cathedral/friends-of-ely-cathedral](http://www.elycathedral.org/support-ely-cathedral/friends-of-ely-cathedral)*

**Thank you**

# THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

## *From the Friends' Officer - - - -*

Hello and welcome to our January 2017 Newsletter which contains information about our forthcoming events and activities and accompanies the 2016 Yearbook. We have not given up electronic mailings but it is easier to post/deliver the Yearbook and Newsletter together. The next Newsletter will be in Summer 2017 and will be sent electronically where possible - if we do not have your **correct/latest 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](http://www.elycathedral.org/support-ely-cathedral/friends-of-ely-cathedral) and, if applicable, on our noticeboard in the Cathedral.

We hope to see you soon! Do please say hello if you are visiting and see me around the Cathedral!

Best wishes,

***Sue***

Sue Hunting

### **FRIENDS' DATES 2017**

Thurs 16 March: Friends' 3 in 1 Social, with exhibition, talk & tour  
(Page 3, 6 & 7)

Tues 20 June: Friends' Outing to St Alban's Abbey (Page 4 & 5)

Weds 28 June: New Friends' Evening - invitations to follow

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

Sat 23 Sept: Friends' Festival Day & AGM

Fri 27 - Sun 29 Oct: National Conference of Friends of Cathedrals etc

Thurs 16, Fri 17 & Sat 18 November: Cathedral Christmas Fair

TBC: Friends' Social with Quiz

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

# **FRIENDS' EVENT**

## **'Three-in-One' Social Evening**

**featuring**

**English Cathedral Exhibition:** Private View

**'Behind the Scenes at Ely Cathedral'**

Talk by Chris Flatman, Director of Operations

**Unique Evening Tour of the Cathedral**  
(optional)

**Thursday, 16 March**

**7.00pm in the Lady Chapel**

with Drinks and Nibbles

We are delighted to be hosting such an interesting evening and look forward to welcoming many Friends.

Evensong will be sung, as usual, at 5.30pm, all are welcome.

Tickets: £10 Friends, £13 Guests

This event is bound to be popular and we suggest you buy your tickets asap since numbers are limited!

Tickets are available from the Friends' Office (form on Page 7) or the Cathedral Box Office. Please let us know if you wish to take part in the Evening Tour.

*Please copy or download forms if you don't want to cut the pages.*

## **OUTING: Tuesday, 20 June 2017**

### **TO: The Cathedral & Abbey Church of St Alban**

**8.40am** Leave Barton Rd Car Park, Ely (NB long term parking after 8.30)

**10.45** Arrive St Albans Cathedral Coffee/Tea & Biscuits

**11.30 - 12.45** Guided Tour of Cathedral

**12.45** Free time

**4.00** Leave St Albans

**6.00ish** Arrive back in Ely

Following the success of last year's Outing we have again left the afternoon free for people to choose their own activities.

#### **Lunch:**

There is a Cafe/Restaurant at the Cathedral which serves light lunches and afternoon teas etc. It is the Abbot's Kitchen and is situated in the Chapter House. Both Verulamium Park and Vintry Gardens are next to the Cathedral and are suitable for picnics. There are also plenty of other cafes, pubs and restaurants nearby.

#### **Afternoon options:**

Verulamium Roman Ruins and Roman Museum are about a half-hour walk from the Cathedral, through Verulamium Park (but the return walk is uphill!) Verulamium is a fantastic place to find out about everyday Roman life and is built on the site of one of the largest Roman settlements in Britain.

See <http://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk/verulamium/>

Verulamium Park (over 100 acres) has a lake and good walks.

The Vintry Gardens are in the Cathedral grounds and these walled gardens were originally tended by medieval monks. They were reopened in 2005 following a £450,000 restoration and are a lovely place to sit on a fine day.

The City Centre shops are about a five minute walk from the Cathedral.

**The cost of the day is £26 Friends / £29 Guests to include coach, coffee and guided tour of the Cathedral.**

The application form is on Page 5 and a ballot for places will be held on Thursday, 6 April (if necessary).

# FRIENDS' OUTING to St Albans: Tuesday, 20 June

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Friend places at **£26**

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest places at **£29**

I enclose a cheque for \_\_\_\_\_ payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' and **an SAE** (for confirmation of place or return of cheque following a ballot on 6 April, if necessary)

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*

# **The English Cathedral by Peter Marlow**

The Lady Chapel, 10 Feb - 5 Apr 2017

42 photographs representing all 42 cathedrals of the Church of England are to be exhibited in The Lady Chapel at Ely Cathedral. This is only the second time this work has been displayed in one of the spaces featured in the series and the first time the project has been exhibited within the region.

In 2008, the British photographer, Peter Marlow, was commissioned by the Royal Mail on the occasion of the 300th Anniversary of the completion of St Paul's Cathedral, to photograph 6 cathedrals and it was this that inspired him to continue the project. In the following 4 years he shot all 42 cathedrals.

Sadly, Peter died in February 2016 following complications from an illness. We are grateful to his widow, Fiona and the team at Magnum Photos for allowing us to have the collection at Ely.

\*The Friends' Evening on 16 March provides the chance to join a Private View of this exhibition — see Pages 3 and 7.

# FRIENDS' 'Three-in One Social Evening'

(see Pages 3 & 6)

## English Cathedral Exhibition, 'Behind the Scenes' talk by Chris Flatman & Unique Evening Tour

**Thursday, 16 March at 7.00pm in The Lady Chapel**  
with Drinks and Nibbles

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Friend tickets at **£10** each  
and \_\_\_\_\_ Guest tickets at **£13** each

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

Names of attendees:

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Unique Evening Tour:      Yes   /   No

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  Tel no: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer,  
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(don't forget the SAE!)

*Tickets can be ordered from the Cathedral Box Office (after 1 Feb)*  
*(01353 660349) Mon-Sat 10am - 4pm*

# **Ely Cathedral Science Festival**

**19 May – 18 June 2017**

A month long event of interactive fun and discovery exploring science and the natural world through art, music, exhibitions and fun activities for all ages.

This extraordinary festival will involve science shows, live experiments, prehistoric creatures and fascinating talks by leading experts. Highlights include a lecture by Prof Robert Winston, a dinosaur dig with a life size T REX and a Sci-Fi Prom featuring music from favourite composers and movies.

For the duration of the Festival a specialist exhibition will be on display in the Lady Chapel exploring the world of science from 'Dinosaurs to DNA'. This will provide a rare opportunity to see many national and local artefacts of great scientific significance - including an original copy of Darwin's Origin of Species and over 2 metres of remains of a Late Jurassic Pliosaur discovered in the Cambridgeshire Fens in the 1950s.

The Cathedral will also be adorned with science themed art work from over 500 local children and a specialist suspended installation by award winning contemporary artist, Alex Carr. The Cambridge Science Centre's Pop Up 'Science Laboratory' will be a permanent feature of the event.



***New***

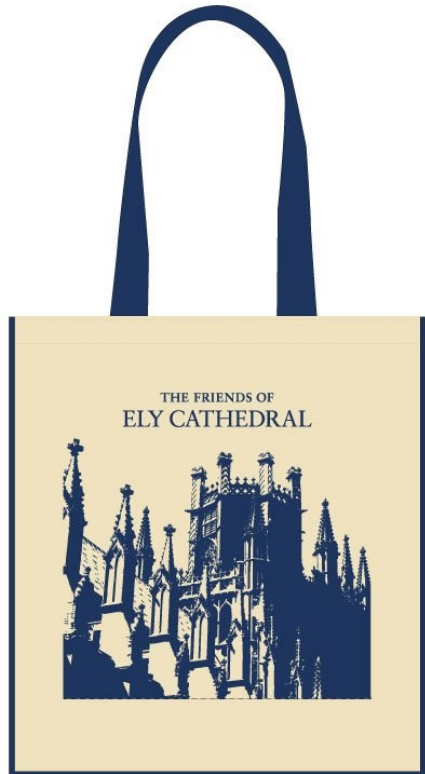
# FRIENDS' BAGS

We produced these unique bags in time to launch them at Friends' Day last September and are now pleased to be able to show you the design and offer them by mail order.

They are smart heavy duty canvas bags featuring the Octagon in navy and with a navy gusset and long handles. They measure 42cm(h) x 38cm (w) (without the handles) and are designed to be worn over the shoulder.

The price is just **£6** each with post and packing £2.50. Please send cheques, payable to The Friends of Ely Cathedral, to the Friends' Office (address on front cover).

If you wish to send them as a present we shall be pleased to send them to whichever address you choose!



They are also available in person from The Friends' Office and at Friends' events but not currently from The Cathedral Shop.

# VOLUNTEER GARDENERS

Do you have green fingers – or perhaps you would like to develop green fingers? The Cathedral is always grateful for offers of help to maintain the Cathedral gardens, which include the Almonry, Cathedral properties and general open spaces.

If you would like to join the small band of volunteers who help the Cathedral workforce then please get in touch with Sue Hunting who will pass your offer on to the Director of Works.



# STANDING ORDER THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

Please return to The Friends' Office: The Chapter House, Ely, CB7 4DL

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 \_\_\_\_\_

immediately and then on 1 January each year until further notice

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Account No \_\_\_\_\_

Account Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (office use)

**Please note – this order CANCELS any current order given by me in favour of The Friends of Ely Cathedral**

## GIFT AID DECLARATION *(only needed for new declarations)*

I wish to Gift Aid my regular subscription & all donations I make to The Friends of Ely Cathedral from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Full Name (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to The Friends' Office:**

The Chapter House, The College, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4DL

*I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference*