

The Friends of Ely Cathedral

Newsletter



January 2013

Dear Friends,

Many thanks to those who have paid their subscriptions by Standing Order - especially those that are paid on January 1st. Thanks also to those annual Friends who have already sent cheques for their 2013 subscriptions.

Since the introduction of the blue annual Friend's Passes we no longer issue replacement Passes each year and the cards are cancelled electronically if subs are not paid! It is expensive to keep sending out reminders so please check that you have paid the right amount and if necessary please send a cheque asap. Unfortunately we can no longer continue mailing Friends who do not pay the correct subscription.

Annual subscriptions are:

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

There is also a fee of £5 for replacement Passes.

Thank you for your support of The Friends - we are very grateful and hope that you will enjoy reading 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:

e-mail sue.hunting@cathedral.ely.anglican.org

☎ 01353 660348 (answerphone)

Thank you

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From the Friends' Officer - - - -

Hello and welcome to our January 2013 newsletter. There is plenty of information to send out re Friends' activities and we hope that this will complement the Yearbook.

We have not given up on electronic mailings but it is easier to post the Yearbook and Newsletter together. The Summer 2012 Newsletter was sent electronically to those whose e-mail we had — and the Summer 2013 Newsletter will be sent electronically where possible. Email is also proving useful as a way to remind Friends of events - thanks to everyone who replied to the 'sounding out' message re this year's Outing. The response was generally enthusiastic so we are going ahead with a trip to The Henry Moore Foundation although unfortunately the original idea of combining this with a visit St Alban's Abbey was just not practical. We hope that our Outing next year will be to Euston Hall, which is still undergoing renovation but should be open again later this year.

If you ever need to check things then all our documents can be found on the Friends' page of the website and, where applicable, on our noticeboard in the Cathedral.

2013 looks like being another busy year for The Friends and I look forward to meeting more of you at events, especially the Flower Festival. In the meantime thank you again for your continuing support of this organisation and our amazing and very special Cathedral.

Best wishes,

Sue

Sue Hunting

PS There are three application forms in this Newsletter - please photocopy the pages if you need both sides or don't want to cut the paper.

FRIENDS' EVENING

Desert Island Discs

Friday, 19 April, 7.30pm in the Cathedral

We are delighted that our new Dean, The Very Rev'd Mark Bonney has agreed to be our Castaway for this special evening! Not only that but our Director of Music, Paul Trepte, has agreed to be the interviewer so we are looking forward to a very entertaining time. The weather outside might not be tropical but we shall do our best to make you dream of sunny days and island pursuits!

Tickets: £6 Friends, £8 Guests, under 16s free

This evening is bound to be popular and we suggest that you buy your tickets early! **There is priority postal booking for Friends — see the Order Form on Page 7.**

Diary Dates at a glance

19 April	Friends' Evening, Desert Island Discs
16 May	Friends' Outing to Hertfordshire Please photocopy the forms if you prefer not to cut this booklet.
20-23 June	Ely Cathedral Flower Festival (see page 6)
11 July	New Friends' Evening
21 Sept	Friends' Festival Day & AGM with dedication of restored altar frontal

The Friends Council meets in January, April, June and October — please let Council members (or Sue Hunting) know of any items you would like discussed.

FRIENDS OUTING: HERTFORDSHIRE Thurs 16 May

Our Summer Outing is to Hertfordshire on Thursday, 16 May and we shall be visiting St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham and The Henry Moore Foundation at nearby Perry Green.

- 8.50am** Meet at Barton Road Car Park, Ely
10.30 Arrive Much Hadham Church
Coffee and Talk/Tour
11.30-11.45 Leave Much Hadham
12.00 Arrive at Henry Moore Foundation
12.15 Lunch at The Hoops or Picnic if preferred

NB It may be possible to arrange a coach pick up S of Cambridge, Please indicate if this would interest you.

Lunch (£12.50) consists of a main course and a drink. Desserts are also available. If you prefer to take your own picnic there is a picnic area at The Henry Moore Foundation.

Main course options:

Cumberland sausage & mash with rich sticky onion gravy

Hoops homemade burger with proper chips

Beer battered haddock fillet, fat chips, peas & homemade tartare sauce

Char grilled chicken Caesar salad, croutons & parmesan shavings

Hot smoked salmon salad with green leaves & vinaigrette

Wild mushroom risotto with parmesan shavings

Includes one drink: Red or white wine, ½ pint beer or lager or soft drink

- 1.30** Guided Tours of Henry Moore Foundation (groups of 10)
Tours usually take 1½ - 2 hours - and will be followed by free time

- 4.30** Leave Perry Green

- 5.45 - 6.00** Arrive back in Ely

The cost is £26 Friends / £30 Guests to include coach, admissions & morning coffee. Lunch is an additional £12.50. The application form is on Page 5 and a ballot for places (if necessary) will be held on Monday, 4 March. Payment is by cheque and SAE only, not via the Box Office.

St Andrew's Church: This interesting church (from c.1220) is known for its kneelers and Moore window. See www.standrewsmuchhadham.org.uk

Henry Moore Foundation: This charity (one of the UK's finest art destinations) was founded by Moore (1898 - 1986) to promote sculpture. 2013 is the first time that his works are being shown at Perry Green with another sculptor, Auguste Rodin. See www.henry-moore.org

FRIENDS' OUTING Thursday, 16 May


I wish to order _____ Friend places at **£26 / £38.50** incl Lunch
and _____ Guest places at **£30 / £42.50** incl Lunch

I enclose a cheque for _____ payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' and an SAE (for confirmation of place or return of cheque following 4th March ballot)

Lunch Main Course Choice (if required) _____

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

E-mail: _____  Tel no: _____

Names of attendees:

The day will involve quite a lot of walking - wheelchairs/scooters are available - please ask.

IMPORTANT

Please provide details of a contact who should be rung in 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

ELY CATHEDRAL FLOWER FESTIVAL 20 - 23rd June 2013

This fantastic event promises to be one of the largest and most spectacular in East Anglia and will be a wonderful day out. Tickets £10 with discounts for groups and under-16s free. Further details at www.elycathedral.org

Hospitality for Friends

The hospitality in the Bishop's Garden will be in The Friends of Ely Cathedral Marquee and will have a Friends' noticeboard and display. There is also a special hospitality opportunity on **Friday, 21st June** when we shall have sole use of the marquee from 10.00 - 11.30am for Friends visiting the Flower Festival. Coffee and cakes will be on sale and Friends' Council members will be present to chat and introduce themselves. So - if you are coming a long way to the Festival why not come on 21st and meet other Friends!

In addition there is a **Preview Evening** on Weds 19th with Flower Festival Private View from 6.30 - 7.30pm and Drinks and Canapes from 7.30 - 8.30pm. Tickets are £35 each and 'The Friends' has the option of 50 places - please let Sue Hunting know if you would like to attend (see below).

Volunteering Opportunities

This is the first Flower Festival to be held at Ely in 18 years and is expected to attract over 10,000 visitors during its 4 days. It will be one of the largest events we have ever undertaken, so we are looking for a large team of friendly, energetic and enthusiastic volunteers to help with all aspects of running the Festival. There are a variety of different roles for volunteers and definitely something to suit everyone! If you are interested in volunteering or would like further information please contact Linda Joel on 01353 660310 or email l.joel@cathedral.ely.anglican.org

Sponsorship Opportunities

There are many ways to support Ely Cathedral's Flower Festival including sponsorship of the floral arrangements. Why not celebrate an anniversary or commemorate someone special by sponsoring a floral display? Or perhaps you belong to an organisation that would like to help in this way? There are plenty of different themed displays to choose from and sponsorship starts at £250. Please contact Coralie Green for more information on 01353 660363 or email c.green@cathedral.ely.anglican

PREVIEW EVENING 19 June 2013

I should like - - - - tickets for the Flower Festival Preview Evening & enclose a cheque for £35 per Friend and an SAE.

Name: _____

Email / phone no: _____

*Please return this
to Sue Hunting
(address on p2)*

FRIENDS' EVENING 19 April (see Page 3)

Desert Island Discs

Castaway: The Dean

Interviewer: Paul Trepte, Director of Music

I wish to order _____ Friend tickets at **£6** each
and _____ Guest tickets at **£8** each

NB Under 16s are welcome free of charge! _____

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

Names of attendees:

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

 Tel no. (in case of query) _____

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

Friends have priority postal booking but from Monday, 4 March tickets can also be ordered from the Cathedral Box Office (01353 660349) Mon-Sat, 10am - 4pm.