

The Friends of Ely Cathedral

Newsletter

January 2015



SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Many thanks to those who have already paid their 2015 subscriptions, whether by Standing Order, cheque or cash.

If you have not yet paid the **correct subscription for 2015** please do so asap - the blue Friend's Passes mean that annual Passes are no longer 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 you are paid up to date, with the correct amount, and send a cheque/SO form as necessary.

Annual minimum subscriptions for 2015:

£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 2015 Newsletter which contains information about exciting forthcoming events and activities and accompanies the 2014 Yearbook. We have not given up electronic mailings but it is easier to post/deliver the Yearbook and Newsletter together. The Summer 2015 Newsletter will be sent electronically where possible so if we do not have your **email address please send it!** Email is also useful as a way to remind Friends of events.

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.

2015 looks like being another busy time for The Friends, we are starting with two events in April and look forward to meeting you during the year. Meanwhile thank you for your continuing support of this organisation and our amazing and very special Cathedral.

Next year (2016) we shall be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of The Friends - special events are being planned, in particular a Banquet, probably on Friday, 27 May - and Friends' Day on Saturday, 24 September. More details to follow but you may like to note the dates!

Best wishes,

Sue

Sue Hunting

LOOKING AHEAD:

Friends' Day 2015 is on Sat. 19 September, full details will be in the Summer Newsletter. *Stop Press: Guest Speaker to be Hon James Runcie, author of 'The Grantchester Mysteries'.*

If you have any **ideas for activities**, for Friends' Day or other occasions, then please let us know. Is there a particular aspect of Cathedral life that you would like to know more about? The Social Committee welcome ideas, new, old or repeated, and are keen to organise what members want.

In 2016 The Friends will celebrate 80 years - see above. We hope to make this a special year - all ideas welcome!

FRIENDS' EVENING

Wine-Tasting by Waitrose

with their local wine and cheese specialists

Friday, 24 April

7.30pm at Bishop Woodford House

We are delighted to be hosting another wine-tasting event—this time by Waitrose. There will be chats about various wines and cheeses and of course plenty to sample! The venue is the Garden Room at Bishop Woodford House, a lovely situation with easy parking! **Why not bring some friends and make up a group? Guests and potential new Friends very welcome!**

Tickets: £12 Friends, £15 Guests

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

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

Diary Dates at a glance

Tuesday, 14 April: Trip to Fitzwilliam Museum (see Page 10 & 11)
joint event with The Order of St Etheldreda

Friday, 24 April: Friends' Wine-Tasting Evening (see Page 3 & 7)

Wednesday, 10 June: New Friends' Evening, invitations to follow

Thursday, 2 July: Friends' Outing to Norfolk (see Page 4 & 5)
Binham Priory & Houghton Hall

Saturday, 19 September: Friends' Festival Day & AGM

Fri 13 & Sat 14 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.

FRIENDS OUTING: NORFOLK Thursday, 2 July

Summer Outing 2015 to Binham Priory & Houghton Hall

- 8.50am** Meet at Barton Road Car Park, Ely
- 10.30** Arrive Binham Priory: Coffee and Tour
- 11.45** Leave for Houghton Hall
- 12.30** Arrive Houghton Hall
- 1.00** Set Lunch (in private marquee) or picnic if preferred

Lunch (£10.00) consists of a main course and a bottle of water (still or sparkling) and tea or coffee. Main course options are:

- a) *Warm Vegetarian Quiche, Seasonal Salad, Coleslaw & Buttered New Potatoes*
- b) *Trio of Houghton Reared Pork Sausages, Creamy Mash & Roasted Root Veggies*
- c) *North Norfolk Coastal Fish Pie with Cheesy Mash & Coleslaw*

After lunch: time to visit gardens, church, soldier museum, house and grounds at leisure. The house is free flow with guides in the rooms who are happy to answer any questions and guides books are on sale. There is a special James Turrell light exhibition this year and some of the displays will be visible in the house during daytime.

4.45 Leave Houghton Hall

6.00ish Arrive back in Ely

The cost is £30 Friends / £34 Guests to include coach, tour of Binham Priory with coffee, and admission to Houghton Hall and all its attractions. Lunch is an additional £10.00. The application form is on Page 5 and a ballot for places (if necessary) will be held on Monday, 13 April. Payment is by cheque & SAE only, not the Box Office.

Binham Priory: Among the most complete and impressive monastic ruins in Norfolk of a Benedictine priory with a well-documented history. The nave, with its splendid C13th west front and great bricked-up window, is now the parish church, displaying a screen with medieval saints over painted with Protestant texts.

Houghton Hall: Built in the 1720's by GB's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole, Houghton is one of England's finest Palladian houses and remains the family home of the present 7th Marquess of Cholmondeley. Little has changed since Walpole's time with much of the original furniture and fabrics still in place as well as the considerable art collection. Houghton's unique history and interior, award winning walled five acre garden, contemporary sculpture park, model soldier museum, church and grounds offer something of interest to everyone, and for 2015 there is also the James Turrell exhibition.

FRIENDS' OUTING to Norfolk: Thursday, 2 July

I wish to order _____ Friend places at **£30 / £40** incl lunch

_____ Guest places at **£34 / £44** incl lunch

Lunch Main Course Choice (if required) _____

I enclose a cheque for _____ payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' and **an SAE** (for confirmation of place or return of cheque following 13th 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

FRIENDS' EVENING 24 April (see Page 3)

Wine-Tasting by Waitrose

at Bishop Woodford House

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and _____ Guest tickets at **£15** each

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Names of attendees:

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

 Tel no. (in case of query) _____

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(please don't forget the SAE)

Friends have priority postal booking but from Monday, 9 March tickets can also be ordered from the Cathedral Box Office (01353 660349) Mon-Sat 10am - 4pm.

Gifts to the Cathedral

Since our 2014 AGM the Friends' Council have approved gifts to the Cathedral of:

- ◆ up to £17,000 for three visitor mobile phone apps – a) Pilgrim Trail (outside the Cathedral), b) Etheldreda, c) Children's Safari
- ◆ up to £2,000 for scapulars (or similar) for the Cathedral Guides
- ◆ £1,000 for choir folders for the Boys, Girls and Men
- ◆ up to £25,000 for a new Cathedral kitchen
- ◆ up to £10,000 for extra scaffold costs for North Transept project
- ◆ £7,500 - £10,000 for conservation of N Transept wall paintings
- ◆ up to £5,000 for purpose built storage facilities in the Cathedral for the Education Department
- ◆ up to £10,000 for a stone disability ramp near the Lady Chapel (to replace the present noisy and insubstantial ramp)

'FOR WORSHIP AND GLORY'

From 4 - 28 February the Cathedral will be hosting a unique exhibition of Ecclesiastical Embroidery in partnership with the Royal School of Needlework. It will include over 60 significant pieces of needlework which have been worked on by the Royal School and which form part of their own collection housed at Hampton Court Palace.

One highlight is six of twelve Litany of Loreto panels which were bequeathed to the RSN by a convent in Sussex and are rarely on public display. Other pieces include items from Ely Cathedral's own collection including the mediaeval cope, the C18th gold vestment set and the recently restored white altar frontal. Thanks to the Society of Antiquaries, we are able to exhibit an C11th gilded bronze chasuble pin, originally from the tomb of Archbishop Wulfstan at Ely, and gifted to the Society in 1771.

The event will also include a series of lectures by Susan Kay-Williams, CEO of the Royal School, and embroidery workshops led by RSN experts. Lectures and workshops must be booked in advance. See Ely Cathedral website or contact the Box Office (01353 660349) for dates and availability.

Friends can access the exhibition for a reduced fee of £5.00 on presentation of their Friends' Passes.

FRIENDS' TRIP

Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge

Tuesday, 14 April 2015

a joint activity with The Order of St Etheldreda

We are delighted to offer a combined trip to see the exhibition 'Treasured Possessions from the Renaissance to the Enlightenment' with a special introductory talk by Dr Victoria Avery, who is both Curator of the Exhibition and a Friend!

- 9.30am Coach leaves Barton Road Car Park, Ely
- 10.15 Arrive Fitzwilliam Museum
- 10.30 Coffee/tea & cake in private room
Illustrated introductory talk by Dr Avery
- 11.15 Visits (in groups) to gallery, where Dr Avery will be willing to answer questions.

Free time in Museum or Cambridge
- 3.30 Coach leaves Fitzwilliam Museum
- 4.15 Arrive Barton Road Car Park, Ely

The cost of this trip is £15 Friends/Order Members or £18 Guests (more than originally suggested due to improved catering).

There will be a small number of places (£10 or £13 guest) for people who don't live in the Ely area and who wish to use their own transport.

This is an exciting, and very special, opportunity, to hear about and see this wonderful exhibition which has a section on spiritual belongings and religious textiles. We are extremely grateful to Dr Avery for making it possible and giving us her time.

If you wish to come please return the form on Page 11 with an SAE to Sue Hunting by Friday, 13 March. We expect demand to be high! Tickets will be sent out after 16 March.

FRIENDS & ORDER TRIP (Cambridge): Tues. 14 April

I wish to order _____ Friend places at **£15** (to include coach)

_____ Guest places at **£18** (to include coach)

There may be some non-coach places for people who live out of the Ely area:

_____ *Friend places at **£10** (if possible, no coach)*

_____ *Guest places at **£13** (if possible, no coach)*

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

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