

FRIENDS' AFTERNOON 16 February (see Page 3)

I wish to order _____ Friend tickets at **£4** each
and _____ Guest tickets at **£5** 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) _____

Please return this form to: Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer,
The Chapter House, The College,
ELY, Cambs CB7 4DL

Tickets can be ordered by telephone via the Box Office see Page 4

FRIENDS' EVENING 9 April (see Page 4)

I wish to order _____ Friend tickets at **£6** each
and _____ Guest tickets at **£7** each

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The Friends of Ely Cathedral

Newsletter



January 2011

Dear Friends,

As you may recall from the Summer 2010 Newsletter the annual subscriptions for 2011 have been increased to £15 single, £25 joint and £20 corporate; all due on 1st January.

If you have already paid this year's subs, updated your standing order to 1st January or previously had a standing order that exceeded the new rate of subs then this Newsletter should be accompanied by the 2010 Yearbook and your Pass(es) — 2011 Passes for Annual Members and new Life Passes for Life Members.

If we have not heard from you regarding 2011 subs then there should be a coloured slip which explains the situation and advises what to do in order to receive Friends' Passes for 2011 and future mailings.

We are very grateful for your support.

In case of query please contact the Friends' Office:

☎ 01353 660348 (answerphone)

email sue.hunting@cathedral.ely.anglican.org

Thank you

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From the Friends' Officer - - - -

Hello and welcome to our second newsletter. There is a lot 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 with Passes, Yearbook and Newsletter it was easiest to put it all in envelopes. The Summer 2011 Newsletter will be sent electronically to all those whose e-addresses we have — and of course all our documents can also be found on the Friends' page of the website and, where applicable, on our noticeboard in the Cathedral.

Many thanks for all the help and support that Friends' have given during the last few months — I look forward to meeting more of you at forthcoming Friends' events and in the meantime thank you, once again, for your continuing support of this organisation and our amazing and very special Cathedral.

Best wishes,

Sue

Sue Hunting

Diary Dates at a glance

16 Feb	Friends' Afternoon — Watercolour Demo.
9 April	Friends' Evening — Concert & Artefacts
12 May	Outing to Brixworth & Deene Park

Details and Booking Forms are on the following pages. Please photocopy the forms if you prefer not to cut this booklet.

Advance notice

20 Aug	New Friends' Evening
24 Sept	Friends' Festival Day & AGM

Many thanks to Jo Slogrove, and helpers, who organised Bring and Buy Produce Stalls at the Cathedral in Oct. and Dec. and raised nearly £400 for The Friends. We hope to continue the idea in the Spring so, if you live nearby, how about making some marmalade?

FRIENDS' OUTING Thursday, 12 May (see Page 5)

I wish to order _____ Friend places at **£29** each
and _____ Guest places at **£33** each

I enclose a cheque for _____ payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' and an SAE (for confirmation or place or return of cheque after the ballot on 1st March)

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

☎ Tel no. (in case of query) _____

Names of people requesting places:

If you wish to accompany another Friend please give their name:

IMPORTANT

Please provide the telephone no of a home contact who can be rung in an emergency. Do you have any health problems that the organizers should be aware of? (in confidence)

Name of home contact: _____

Phone no of home contact: _____

Medical info.: _____

Please return this form, cheque and SAE to:

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Places for this event cannot be reserved via the Box Office

In the Steps of the Plantagenets

Canon Peter Sills is leading a pilgrimage tour from 5 – 19 September 2011 following the route taken by the Plantagenet Kings through western France. From Mt-St-Michel to Bordeaux, the route passes through places intertwined in French and English history and sanctified by the prayers of countless pilgrims.

Highlights include the dramatic island sanctuary of Mont-Saint-Michel; the Castle at Angers which houses the monumental Tapestry of the Apocalypse; the royal Abbey of Fontevraud, burial place of the early Plantagenets; the magnificent Romanesque Church of Ste-Marie-La-Grande in Poitiers; St-Savin-sur-Gartempe, housing the largest collection of medieval wall paintings in France; St-Pierre in Aulnay and St-Eutrope in Saintes, two of the most important Romanesque churches in France; and the great city of Bordeaux with its cathedral and the Basilica of St-Seurin, one of the earliest Christian sites in south-west France. The itinerary allows a good amount of time for exploration, and there will also be some fun times: a night tour of Angers and a visit to one of the Graves vineyards.

For full details contact Canon Sills on 01273 842760 or sills824@btinternet.com

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Canon Alan Hargrave writes - - - -

Lady Chapel Reredos:

This exciting new project (kindly funded by The Friends) is the work of John Maddison, local Artist and Art Historian. There have been a number of delays in its installation, due both to the lengthy process of gaining approval from the appropriate bodies and also because of technical difficulties in its manufacture.

The work will include a wrought iron framework behind the altar. The current altar will be replaced by one made from steel, with the inscription 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth' cut into the face.

In this way we hope to make the whole East end of the Lady Chapel more integrated artistically & architecturally, but also theologically, by reminding us that Mary always points us to Christ and by unifying word and sacrament.

We hope that the new work will be dedicated by Bishop Stephen later in the year and details will be put on the noticeboard and website as soon as possible.

BRUSH WITH THE VICAR — Weds. 16 February

This **Friends' Afternoon** will start at **2.30pm** in The Cathedral Centre. We shall be upstairs in the Etheldreda Room but there is a lift! A watercolour demonstration will be given by Rev'd John Sansom and will be followed by tea and cake.

John has also very kindly donated a watercolour of St Etheldreda's Fair to The Friends and there will be a silent auction for this after the demonstration. John's paintings often sell for large sums so, understandably, there will be a reserve price. If anyone would like to see the painting in advance please contact Sue at the Friends Office to arrange a suitable time.

Tickets £4 Friends, £5 Guests - see Application Form on back cover. Tickets may also be available at the door, depending on demand.

FRIENDS' EVENING

Saturday, 9 April, 7.30pm in the Cathedral

Following the success of the Friends' Evening last September we have arranged another varied evening:

Concert *Cadenza*

Programme :

- Anon - Alta Trinita
- Farrant - Lord for thy tender mercy's sake
- Byrd - Civitas sancti tui
- Vittoria - O quam gloriosum
- Byrd - four part Mass (all movements except the Credo)

Cadenza is a group of 12 local singers, directed by Martin Gent, who have been giving concerts in the area over the last 20 years, usually in churches, and raising many thousands of pounds for local appeals. For this Friends' evening a programme of unaccompanied music, mainly from the Renaissance, has been chosen that should suit the acoustics of the Presbytery

Interval

Cathedral Artefacts

A chance to see, and hear about, some of the Cathedral artefacts that are not usually on public view.

Tickets: £6 Friends, £7 Guests

To order tickets: Please return the slip on the back cover to the Friends' Office, with a cheque, payable to Ely Cathedral and an SAE, or pay by card at the Cathedral Box Office (01353 660349) 10am — 4pm Mon-Sat. There is £1 charge for the cards/postage.

We were sorry to hear of the recent death of the Rt. Rev'd Peter Walker who was Bishop of Ely from 1977—1989. Bp Peter will be well remembered by many Friends and we send our prayers and sympathy to his widow, Jean. A Memorial Service will be held in the Cathedral in the early Spring.

FRIENDS OUTING TO NORTHANTS Thurs 12 May

Friends will be glad to hear that Gill Hodge has kindly organised a Friends' Outing to Brixworth Church & Deene Park on Thursday, 12 May.

Details

- 9.00am Leave Barton Road Car Park, Ely
- 10.30am Arrive Brixworth Church — Coffee & biscuits and Guided Tour
- 12.15pm Leave for Deene Park
- 12.45pm Arrive Deene Park
- 1.00pm Lunch — Jacket Potato with choice of filling and side salad
Tea or Coffee
- After Lunch Guided Tour of Deene Park House (NB The house will not be open to the public on the day of our visit)
- 3.30 — 4.00pm Time to explore Gardens and/or Church
- 4.30pm Coach leaves Deene Park
- 6.00pm Arrive Ely

The total cost for the day is £29 Friends and £32 Guests. The application form is on Page 7 and if necessary there will be a ballot for places on Tuesday, 1 March. Payment is by cheque and SAE only (rather than the Box Office) so that they can be returned if necessary.

All Saints' Church, Brixworth is Anglo-Saxon and "*perhaps the most imposing architectural monument of the 7th century yet surviving north of the Alps*" Sir Alfred Clapham

Deene Park is an interesting house, occupied by the Brudenell family since 1514 and developed from a mediaeval manor around a courtyard into a Tudor and Georgian mansion. Visitors see rooms of different periods, providing an impressive view of the family home of many generations. The most flamboyant member of the family was 7th Earl of Cardigan, who led the charge of the Light Brigade. Edmund Brudenell, the current owner, has restored the house after the Second World War. The gardens have also been improved with long, mixed borders of shrubs, old-fashioned roses and flowers.