

The Friends of Ely Cathedral

Newsletter

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Friends' Dates to remember

Sat 22 September: Friends' Festival Day including

11.00am Installation of Canon Mark Bonney as Dean

2.30pm Friends' Guest Speaker: Frank Field MP

3.30pm Friends' AGM

Weds morning in October: Visit to Caxton to NADFAS volunteers
& restoration of altar frontal


Thurs 8 November: Friends' Wine Tasting Evening

Thurs 15 - Sat 17 Nov: **Friends' Stall at Cathedral Craft Fair**

Fri 19 March 2013: Friends' Desert Island Discs with Dean Bonney

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Summer 2012 Newsletter. Things in the Friends' Office continue to be busy — we welcomed over 100 new Friends last year — and are looking forward to the installation of our new Dean, Mark Bonney on Friends Day, 22 September. We are also looking forward to meeting Frank Field MP who is to be the guest speaker at our AGM that afternoon. Full details are on Page 8. At the AGM we shall be looking to fill a vacancy on the Friends' Council, if you are interested in joining this or our new social committee please read inside and/or have a word with me or any of the Friends' Council.

If you have **email** and **have not yet told us** your email address please do so now. We are very conscious of increasing costs and prefer emailing this Newsletter where possible — though we are always willing to send hard copies when asked. Many thanks to the volunteer Friends who have delivered many of these Newsletters in order to save postage.

Most people have now changed their subs payment in line with the increase in January 2011. Unfortunately we now have to remove from the mailing list those annual members who have not increased their payment to the minimum £15 single, £25 joint.

A new development is our Friends' Social Committee who are busy organizing Friends events. A wine tasting is arranged for November (see Page 13) and another date for your diaries is Friday, 19 April 2013 when Dean Bonney will be our castaway at a Desert Island Discs evening. More details will follow in January.

Thank you for your continuing support of The Friends and our very special Cathedral. We hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter and that we shall soon see you in Ely.

Best wishes,

Sue

Sue Hunting, Friends' Officer

Friends' Membership Numbers

To avoid confusion you may like to know that your Membership number is not the number on your Friends' Pass, that is simply the barcode of the card.

Friends' Membership numbers are the numbers used for Standing Orders and to record cheque payments — if anyone wishes to know their membership number we can easily supply it. Please ask Sue Hunting or Richard Setchell (Hon Treasurer).

CHRISTMAS CARDS 2012

The Friends' Christmas Cards will once again feature the Cathedral in snow, this time the view is from The Deanery Garden. Cards will be on sale from early September and we have been able to hold the price for the third year running at 10 cards for £4.00. Last year we made a profit of £1,600.

Cards can be ordered directly from Sue Hunting and will also be on sale at all forthcoming Friends events. The design can be seen on the Friends web-page (www.elycathedral.org/how_to_help/friends_ely_cathedral.html) and is also displayed on the Friends Cathedral noticeboard. Please contact Sue if you would like to receive a sample card.

NOTECARDS

The Friends' notecards are available at £3.00 for five (from the Friends' Office or the Cathedral Shop). We have also just been asked for permission to use the notecard photo on the front of the Cathedral calendar for 2013, so look out for that at the Cathedral Shop too.

FRIENDS' COUNCIL & SOCIAL EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Due to pressure of work Mrs Anna Jones is resigning from the **Friends' Council and we are seeking her replacement.** The Council meets four times a year (usually in the afternoons) and Council members are also expected to attend the New Friends Evening and other events organised for The Friends. Council members are responsible for the organisation of the Society and for financial and administrative decisions.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to play a more active part in The Friends please contact any of the Council (listed on the Friends noticeboard and in the 2011 Yearbook) or Sue Hunting for further information.

We are keen to involve new faces on the Friends Council — so please seriously consider whether this is something that you would like to do — or whether you know someone else you would like to nominate. It would be good if there were sufficient interest to have an election and there are likely to be more vacancies next year too.

The Friends' Council also have a Social Events sub-committee and should be very pleased to hear from any Friends who would like to join this group — or who have ideas for future Friends' events. We are keen to appeal to all sections of our membership and are **looking to broaden the range and style of Friends' activities.**

Ely Cathedral Shop

10% DISCOUNT

FOR FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

at Friends' Festival Day, Sat 22 Sept 2012

on presentation of this voucher

Cathedral Altar Frontal in progress — postponed visit

On behalf of The Friends a very special, antique altar frontal from the Cathedral is being restored by NADFAS volunteer broiderers, under the direction of Mrs Isobel Lattimore.

Unfortunately the planned visit for 24 May had to be postponed but it is hoped to rearrange it for a **Wednesday morning** in early autumn. If you would like to see the ladies at work and hear first hand about the intricacies of the restoration please contact Sue Hunting asap. We will choose a date (probably in October) that suits most people and co-ordinate offers of transport (to Caxton, Cambs) and requests for lifts.

ADVANCE NOTICE —

Ely Cathedral Flower Festival 20 – 23 June 2013

EAST ANGLIA'S FLOWER SPECTACULAR

Next June our magnificent mediaeval Cathedral will provide the **perfect setting for the East of England's largest flower festival. The theme will be 'In the Beginning' and the Cathedral's interior will be transformed into a mass of flowers depicting the Creation with displays representing the land, sea, sun, moon, birds and creatures of the world.**

We hope that a river of water and flowers will snake down the nave, culminating in a large display where wrought iron screens on the floor around the octagon will be covered in flowers, mirrored by suspended screens hanging above them.

In addition to the thousands of flowers, there will be a programme of musical performances, given by choirs and orchestras from around the world, included in the ticket price. Visitors will also be able to enjoy flower arranging demonstrations, lunches, cream teas, **gift shopping and walks around the Cathedral's monastic buildings, beautiful parkland and meadows.** Find out more at www.elycathedral.org

PS Many volunteers will be needed to help with stewarding etc for this event - **watch out for more details in the Friends' January Newsletter.**

HELP NEEDED — do you have any skills or spare time?

Life in the Friends' Office is busy and it would be great if we could increase the help offered by Friends. We currently have a noble band of volunteers who stuff envelopes and save postage by delivering Newsletters. More would be very welcome, especially to deliver in villages near Ely.

We are also keen to offer more events and activities and should be pleased to hear from Friends who have particular skills or talents that they could share with other Friends.

Please consider what you can do to help and then complete the form below and return it to Sue at the office (address on Page 2). Please copy the form if you don't want to cut the page!

Name: _____

Email or phone: _____

I/We am/are willing to: please tick or complete as appropriate

1) Deliver Newsletters/Yearbooks in _____

2) Help serve refreshments at Friends' Events _____

3) Make things for Friends' Events _____

4) Help man Friends' Stalls at local events _____

5) I have skills that might be useful at Friends' Events (please specify)

6) I am interested in being on the Friends' Council or the
Social Sub-committee (see Page 5) _____

7) Anything else _____

Thank you

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Saturday, 22 September 2012

- 11.00 Installation of Canon Mark Bonney
as the 35th Dean of Ely
- 1.00 Lunch at The Lamb Hotel, in The Stables Room
for those who book in advance (see Page 15)
- 2.30 Guest Speaker: The Rt Hon Frank Field MP DL
'A Glorious Heritage:
The importance of Cathedrals in the 21st Century'
- 3.30 Annual General Meeting in the South Transept
- 4.15 Tea in the Cathedral Centre
- 4.30 Quizzical Photographs
Slide show by Michael White featuring photographs
of less well known parts of the Cathedral
- 5.30 Friends' Festal Evensong** with Presentations of
- i) The Dean Hankey Memorial Prize: presented to
a chorister chosen by the Director of Music
 - ii) The Friends of Ely Cathedral Medallion: presented
to a chorister chosen by the Chapter, on the
recommendation of the Director of Music

FRIENDS ANNUAL FESTIVAL 2012

All Friends are welcome to the Cathedral for Friends' Festival Day. It will be a very special occasion this year as at 11.00 there is to be the Installation of Canon Mark Bonney as the 35th Dean of Ely.

After this the Friends' lunch will be in The Stables Room of the Lamb Hotel. The change of venue is because of pressure on Cathedral space following the Installation. Friends are, of course, welcome to make their own arrangements for lunch at The Almonry or any other preferred venue.

In the afternoon the Rt Hon Frank Field MP DL will be our Guest Speaker — Frank is a well known public figure and we are delighted that he is able to come to Ely to speak to us. We hope to hold the talk and AGM in the South Transept but may need to rearrange this depending on numbers. If you think you are likely to attend it would be helpful if you could let us know — **a quick email or phone call to the Friends' Office would be much appreciated.** Of course this isn't binding and extra Friends will be very welcome although we may need to restrict the number of guests.

After the AGM tea will be served in the Cathedral Centre and Michael White will repeat the excellent slide show that he gave at the Friends' Evening last November. The day will finish with Festal Evensong at 5.30pm.

The Rt Hon Frank Field MP DL

In 1979 Frank was elected MP for Birkenhead. From 1980-81 he was Shadow Education & Social Security spokesman, 1990-97 chairman of the Social Security Select Committee, 1997-98 Minister for Welfare Reform and 2002-05 member of the Public Accounts Committee.

In 2010 Frank was appointed Chair of the Independent Review on Poverty & Life Chances. He is Co-Chair of the Cross Party Group on Balanced Migration and a member of several All-Party Parliamentary Groups including the All-Party Group on Zimbabwe, the Group for Clean Coal & the Group for Dying Well.

From 1969-79 he was Director of the Child Poverty Action Group and 1974-80 Director of the Low Pay Unit. In 1999 he helped set up the Pension Reform Group and in 2007 co-founded the charity Cool Earth, which aims to combat climate change by working with local communities around the world.

Since 2005, Frank has been chairman of the Cathedral Fabrics Commission for England, the planning authority for English cathedrals. He is also Chairman of the King James Bible Trust, established to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Authorised Version (King James Version) of the Bible in 2011.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Sat 22 Sept 2012 at 3.30pm

AGENDA

1. a) **Prayer**
b) **Apologies**
2. **To confirm the Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 24 September 2011 (circulated to all Friends in the 2011 Yearbook)
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
4. **Chairman's Report: The Acting Dean, Canon David Pritchard**
5. **Chair of Council's Report: Canon Alan Hargrave**
6. **Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr Richard Setchell**
& Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2011
(see Page12)
7. **Friends' Officer's Report: Mrs Sue Hunting**
8. **Election of 1 Council Member to serve for three years**
Following the resignation of Mrs Anna Jones any individual member of the Society shall be entitled to give notice of nomination of a person to the AGM to fill the vacancy on the Council.
Individual Member nomination: The names of any nominees, together with those of their proposers and seconders, countersigned by the person nominated, must be received by the Friends' Officer not less than fourteen days before the AGM i.e. on or before Friday, 7 September 2012. Forms are available from the Friends' Office.
9. **Requests from Dean and Chapter**

10. Proposed amendment to Constitution

At the Council meeting of 18 June 2012 the Council proposed that Clause 4 of the Friends Constitution:

'The Society shall be managed by the Council of the Friends of Ely Cathedral (hereafter called "the Council") which shall have power to conduct the business including the summoning of meetings, the deposit of money at a proper Bank and the custody of documents, provided that the sums of money paid to the Dean and Chapter or their agents for any particular item which exceeds £10,000 (or such greater sum as may be approved by the Annual General Meeting in any preceding year) shall be subject to the approval by the Annual General Meeting. Any sums paid to the Dean and Chapter or their agents by the Council shall be subject to the decision being approved by two-thirds of the members of the Council present and voting.'

should be replaced by:

'The Society shall be managed by the Council of the Friends of Ely Cathedral (hereafter called "the Council") which shall have power to conduct the business including the summoning of meetings, the deposit of money at a proper Bank and the custody of documents, provided that the sums of money paid to the Dean and Chapter or their agents for any particular item which exceeds £20,000 (or such greater sum as may be approved by the Annual General Meeting in any preceding year) shall be subject to the approval by the Annual General Meeting. Any sums paid to the Dean and Chapter or their agents by the Council shall be subject to the decision being approved by two-thirds of the members of the Council present and voting.'

11. Any Other Business

Any motion to be proposed at the AGM must be given to the Friends' Officer in writing by no later than Friday, 7 Sept 2012.

Registered Charity No. 259021

Friends' Accounts for 2011

In order to reduce costs it has been decided not to send paper copies of the accounts with this Newsletter. However electronic copies will be circulated to everyone who receives their Newsletter by email — and hard copies will be available at the AGM on 22 September. If you require a copy before then please contact Sue at the office and she will email or post you a copy as appropriate.

NB The Treasurer's Report for 2011 is on the next page.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

The total income of the Friends increased from just under £38,000 in 2010 to nearly £49,000 in 2011. This is attributable to:

- An increase in subscription income of £4,000 arising from the increased rates
- Legacies of £5,500 were received compared to £500 in 2010
- Fund raising income increased by nearly £4,000
- However miscellaneous donations received were down by over £2,000

Expenditure also increased. Costs related to fundraising were £1,500 higher, and Governance costs increased by over £3,000 due to the Friends' Officer being in post for a full year rather than 9 months.

Gifts to the Cathedral were £78,171 compared to £38,209 in the year before. The gifts were:

- Final costs of the Lady Chapel Reredos £47,904
- Music scores £3,095
- Replacement of organ leatherwork £8,996
- "Interpreting Ely Cathedral" book £6,495
- Cushions and hassocks £8,978
- 6 other gifts each less than £1,000 £2,703

The Friends outgoings exceeded income in 2011 by £49,416 compared to £15,568 in 2010.

The net assets of the charity were £176,514 at 31 December 2011. Of this £89,860 was committed to further gifts to the Cathedral. The Council's policy is that reserves should not be allowed to fall below £50,000.

The accounts were approved by the Council on 25 April 2012 and it will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that they be adopted.

Richard O Setchell
Honorary Treasurer
6 July 2012

AUGUST in the Friends' Office!

During August the Friends' Office will be staffed less than usual. We ask though that you send an email or leave a message on the answerphone and it will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Tickets for the Friends' Day lunch and the November Wine Tasting will be sent out in early September. The lunch tickets will be allocated by ballot (if necessary). Please send your applications in soon as we expect demand to be high and places for both events are limited.

As explained on Page 9 it would also be helpful to have some idea of the number of Friends planning to attend the AGM and hear Frank Field. Most Life Friends should also receive a slip with this newsletter asking for confirmation of their address and a request to supply an email address if possible. Feel free to add comments about the AGM to your reply.

As I'm finishing this it is still raining. I'm looking forward to my holiday nevertheless and wish you a pleasant summer too! Normal service will be resumed in September!

Sue

ELY CATHDRAL CHRISTMAS GIFT & FOOD FAIR 2012

This new event will be held in the Cathedral and, following a preview evening, will be open to the public on Friday, 16 and Saturday 17 November. For those days admission to the Cathedral (and Fair) will be £2.50 for adults and free for children. Tickets for the preview evening are £5 (available from the Cathedral Box Office).

The Fair will offer an exciting opportunity to indulge in an exceptional Christmas shopping experience, offering a chance to buy special gifts, accessories and decorations as well as seasonal food and drink. Over 75 exhibitors are expected in the Nave whilst the Festive Food Fair will be in the Lady Chapel. Throughout the event there will be floral demonstrations by the Cathedral Flower Guild and cookery demonstrations from celebrity chefs including Galton Blackinton. There will also be musical entertainment from local choirs, including our Cathedral choristers.

The Friends will have a stall during the Fair and will be grateful for volunteers to help so that it can be staffed at all times. We shall be selling Friends' cards and offering information re The Friends in order to raise our profile and recruit new members. All offers of help will be gratefully received! (see Page 7)

FRIENDS' EVENING

WINE TASTING

Thursday, 8 November
7.30pm in The Cathedral Centre

Barry and Mary Sapsford from The Wine Store at La Hogue Farm, Chippenham have kindly agreed to organize a wine tasting for The Friends. There will be a selection of eight wines and nibbles, following a Christmas theme, and wine can be ordered at a discount.

There will also be a wine raffle, and Friends Christmas Cards etc will be on sale. It should be a good evening and something a bit different for The Friends. Please support it.

Tickets are £12 Friends, £15 Guests and available using the form below. They can also be ordered from the Box Office after 10 September.

FRIENDS' WINE TASTING EVENING 8 November

I wish to order _____ Friend tickets at **£12** each
and _____ Guest tickets at **£15** each

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


Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

E-mail _____

 Tel no. _____

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

Tickets for this event can be also be ordered via the Cathedral Box Office  01353 660349 after 10 September.

FRIENDS' FESTIVAL DAY LUNCH

at The Lamb Hotel, Ely at 1.00pm on Sat. 22 September 2012

I wish to order _____ Friend lunch tickets at **£10** each
_____ Guest lunch tickets at **£13** each

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

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

NAME OF GUEST (if applicable) _____

E-mail _____

 Tel no. (in case of query) _____

MENU CHOICES: Please indicate number of each required

Battered haddock and chips _____
with mushy peas ___ or petit pois ___

or Glazed chicken breast, new potatoes & salad garnish _____

or Cauliflower cheese tart, new potatoes & salad garnish _____

Clotted cream ice-cream with chocolate sauce _____

or Warm chocolate & caramel fudge cake with cream _____

Tea ___ or Coffee ___

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

NB *Places are limited and will (if necessary) be allocated by ballot on Tuesday, 4 September.
Tickets are not available through the Box Office.*

