

The Friends of Ely Cathedral

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Friends' Dates to remember

Sat 21 September: Friends' Festival Day including

10.30am Eucharist with dedication of restored altar frontal

2.15pm Friends' AGM

3.00pm Guest Speaker

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

Weds 4 - Tues 10 Dec: Libby Purves Cribs of the World Exhibition


Fri 13 December: Friends' Christmas Social

February 2014: Anne Frank Exhibition

ALL WELCOME

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Summer 2013 Newsletter. If you have **email** please tell us! We are very conscious of increasing costs and prefer to email this Newsletter if possible — though are always willing to send hard copies when asked. Many thanks to the volunteer Friends who have delivered many of the hard copies in order to save postage.

Most Friends have now changed their subs payment in line with the increase in January 2011. **Unfortunately we now have to remove from the mailing list annual members who have not increased their payment to the minimum £15 single, £25 joint or whose subs are in arrears.** Please check your bank statements and increase/send your subs as necessary — it is impossible for us to keep up with routine reminders and we rely on your co-operation.

You will see on Page 5 that we are looking for new Friends' Council and Social Committee members — please think about whether you would like to become more involved in The Friends. We welcome interest from all our members.

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

AUGUST in the Friends' Office!

During August the Friends' Office will be staffed less than usual. Please 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 will be sent out in early September. For catering purposes places must be booked in advance!

Have a good summer — normal service will be resumed in September!

CHRISTMAS CARDS 2013

The Friends' Christmas Cards will once again feature the Cathedral in snow, this time the view is from The Deanery Orchard. Cards will be on sale from early September and the price will be £5.00 for a pack of 10 cards (plus postage where applicable).

Cards can be ordered directly from Sue Hunting and will also be on sale at all forthcoming Friends events, including the Friends' stall at the Christmas Fair. Last year we made a profit of over £2,300.

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 in the office if you would like to receive a sample card or would like to help fold and pack the cards.

NOTECARDS

The Friends' notecards are available at £3.00 for five (from the Friends' Office or the Cathedral Shop).

Thinking early about Christmas presents? 'The Friends' is always happy to supply Gift Membership (annual or life), or to convert annual membership to life. Please contact the office to discuss how we can help you!

Friends' Membership

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 subscriptions — if anyone wishes to know their membership number we can easily supply it, just ask Sue Hunting or Richard Setchell (Hon Treasurer).

Please check that you have paid the correct subs for 2013 (£15/£25) and send a supplementary cheque or revised Standing Order if necessary. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — can you help?

FRIENDS' COUNCIL: Several Friends' Council members will be retiring at the AGM, after many years service, so we are looking for three replacements. 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.

We are keen to have new faces on the Council — so please seriously consider whether this is something that you would like to do — or whether you know someone you would like to nominate. It would be good if there were sufficient interest to have an election!

FRIENDS' SOCIAL COMMITTEE: We also welcome any Friends who would like to join this group — **or have ideas for future Friends' events**. We are keen to appeal to all sections of our membership and look to broaden the range and style of our activities.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to play a more active part in The Friends by joining the Council or Social Committee then please **contact any of the Council (listed on Friends' noticeboard & in 2012 Yearbook)** or Sue Hunting (in the office) for further information.

GENERAL HELP: More events need more volunteers! Forthcoming **events include the Friends' stall at the Christmas Fair, where we** need plenty of volunteers to sell Christmas Cards (already packed by volunteers!). If you can help with either task please contact Sue in the office (details on cover). We shall also be looking for volunteers to deliver the 2013 Yearbook (in late Jan 2014).

ALSO:

Libby Purves' Cribs of the World Exhibition: The Friends are pleased to be sponsoring this wonderful display of over 120 cribs to be held in the SW Transept from 4-10 December. The official opening (hopefully by Libby) will be on the afternoon of 4th Dec — watch out for posters and requests for Stewards!

Anne Frank Exhibition: The Friends will also be sponsoring this event in February and again Stewards will be needed! Please offer your help to Sue or Chris Flatman & watch out for further requests and full details in the January Newsletter!

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Saturday, 21 September 2013

- 10.30 Sung Eucharist in the Presbytery
Celebrant: **The Rt. Rev'd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely**
Preacher: **The Very Rev'd Mark Bonney, Dean of Ely**
The recently restored altar frontal will be dedicated during the service
- 12.00 Sherry in the Courtyard outside the Processional Way
Frontal Restoration Talk: Mrs Isobel Lattimore
- 12.30 Lunch in The Lady Chapel (to be booked in advance, see P11)
- 2.15 70th Annual General Meeting in the S Transept (see P8)
Guest Speaker: **'Why the C of E is Wonderful!'**
The Very Rev'd Victor Stock, lately Dean of Guildford (see P9)
- 4.00 Tea in the Lady Chapel
- 4.20 Guided Tour of the Cathedral
- 5.30 Friends' Festal Evensong** with presentations of
- i) The Dean Hankey Memorial Prize: presented by the Dean to a chorister chosen by the Director of Music
 - ii) The Friends of Ely Cathedral Medallion: presented by the Dean to a chorister chosen by the Chapter, on the recommendation of the Director of Music

TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

The significant feature of the 2012 accounts is the receipt of legacies totalling £968,265. The receipt of such a large amount creates its own problem as to how to spend it wisely for the benefit of the Cathedral and the Council decided in 2013 to ring fence £750,000 by creating a designated fund for the purpose of contributing to a major project in the future.

Without the exceptional legacy income, the accounts show that total income was £43,735 compared to £43,321 in 2011.

Expenditure for the year was £22,273 – up from £20,066 in 2011. The income of the charity was over £500,000 and so its accounts were required to be audited rather than the less onerous independent examination. Expenditure this year includes auditor's fees of £1,500.

Gifts to the Cathedral were £28,199 compared to £78,171 in the year before. The gifts were:

• Restoration of monuments	£6,857
• Televisions	£9,845
• Public address / sound system	£4,019
• Donation boxes	£2,468
• 5 other gifts each less than £2,000	£5,010

The Friends income exceeded expenditure in 2012 by £961,528.

The net assets of the charity were £1,140,841 at 31 December 2012. Of this, £121,933 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 12 June 2013 and it will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that they be adopted.

Richard O Setchell, Hon. Treasurer
4 July 2013

Friends' Accounts for 2012 To reduce costs we are not sending paper copies of the accounts with this Newsletter, though electronic copies will be circulated to email recipients. Hard copies will be available at the AGM on 21 September. If you require a copy before then please contact the office.

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70th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 21 Sept 2013 at **2.15pm**

AGENDA

1. a) **Opening Prayers**
b) **Welcome and Apologies**
2. **To confirm the Minutes** of the Sixty-Ninth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 22 September 2012 (circulated to all Friends in the 2012 Yearbook)
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
4. **Chairman's Report: The Dean**
5. **Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr Richard Setchell**
& Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2012 (see P7)
7. **Friends' Officer's Report: Mrs Sue Hunting**
8. **Election of 9 Council Members to serve for three years**
The terms of office of 9 Council members come to an end this year.
 - a) **Chapter recommends the re-election of**
Mr Graham Diss, Mrs Coralie Green, Canon Alan Hargrave,
Ms Sharon Kindleysides, Mrs Helen Merrick & Mr Michael White

Thanks are due to Miss Gill Hodge, Miss Sue Holgate and Mr Jeremy Friend-Smith who are retiring from the Council.

b) Individual Member nomination:

There are three vacancies to be filled by election at the AGM and names of any nominees, duly proposed, seconded and 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, 6 September 2013.

9. Requests for Grants - Proposals from The Friends' Council

- i) £50,000 to purchase 250 Howe chairs (and storage trolleys) for the Nave. (This will be funded by a legacy from Barry Eaden.)
- ii) £50,000 grant towards essential repair work of the North Transept.

10. Any Other Business

Any motion to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting must be given to the Friends' Officer in writing by no later than Friday, 6th September 2013.

Registered Charity No. 259021

We look forward to welcoming The Vey Rev'd Victor Stock as Guest Speaker on Friends' Day. He was Dean of Guildford from 2002-12 and previously Rector of St Mary le Bow, in the City of London, from 1986 – 2002. Last Christmas Eve, Victor was in debate with Professor Brian Cox on Radio 4. He has made 20 BBC Programmes with Edwina Currie and has recently spoken to The Friends at Durham and Southwark. During his time at St Mary Le Bow he had 15 years of Tuesday Dialogues with people ranging from Edward Heath to Maureen Lipman. He is a Member of the Order of Australia and the Reform Club and, whilst now living in an ex-council flat in Pimlico, sits on the Salisbury Cathedral Fabric Advisory Committee and is a Governor of a Public School. Victor has a reputation as a fascinating and entertaining raconteur and doubtless he will enliven our 2013 Friends' Day afternoon!

ELY CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS GIFT & FOOD FAIR 2013

The 2012 Fair was so successful that it is now a fixture in the Cathedral diary. This year the preview evening is Thurs 14 Nov before opening 9.30am - 4.30pm on Fri 15 & Sat 16 Nov, with additional opening on Friday 15th from 6.30 - 8.30pm. Admission £2.50 adults (free for children) & preview tickets £5, all tickets available soon from the Cathedral Box Office. A wide selection of gifts, home accessories and decorations will be offered as well as seasonal food & drink and a full programme of demonstrations and musical performances throughout the Fair. The Friends' stall will sell Friends' cards and offer information about The Friends. We need plenty of volunteers to staff it so any offers of help will be gratefully received! (see Page 5.)

FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Friday, 13 December 2013
7.30pm in The Cathedral Centre

Come and enjoy a pre - Christmas evening with The Friends — wine and cheese with plenty of time to chat and musical entertainment by SASPERELLA – a local Close Harmony/Barbershop quartet. Optional games/quizzes for those who like them!

Friends' Christmas Cards etc will be on sale. Following the success of last year's wine tasting this should be another good evening and something a bit different for The Friends. Please support it.

Tickets are £8 Friends, £10 Guests and available using the form below. They can also be ordered from the Box Office from mid-September.

FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 13 December

I wish to order _____ Friend tickets at **£8** each
and _____ Guest tickets at **£10** each

I enclose a cheque for _____ payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' **and an S.A.E.**

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 can also be ordered via the Cathedral Box Office from mid-Sept.

FRIENDS' FESTIVAL DAY LUNCH 2013

Sat. 21 September — 12.30pm in The Lady Chapel

BUFFET MENU

Glass of Wine or Fruit Juice

Coronation Chicken

Salmon Nicoise

Roast Butternut Squash with Feta and Orza (vegetarian)

Hot New Potatoes, Coleslaw

Fennel & Chicory Salad, Tomato Salad

Chocolate Pecan Pie or Fruit Salad

Limoncello Syllabub or Raspberry Cheesecake

Coffee or Tea

I wish to order _____ Friend lunch tickets at **£17** each

_____ Guest lunch tickets at **£20** each

and enclose a cheque for _____

payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' **and an S.A.E.**

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

NAME OF GUEST (if applicable) _____

E-mail _____

 Tel no. (in case of query) _____

Please return this **form, cheque & S.A.E.**, before Friday, 6 Sept to :

Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer, The Chapter House,
The College, ELY, Cambs CB7 4DL

NB *Tickets will be sent out in early September, they are not available through the Box Office.*

