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# Newsletter

Summer 2016



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1936 - 2016**

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### **Friends' Dates to remember: ALL WELCOME**

Sat 24 Sept: Friends' Festival Day, Speaker: Revd Richard Coles

Weds 12 Oct: Antiques Afternoon with David Palmer

Weds 9 Nov: Friends' Social with Quiz

Thurs 17 - Sat 19 Nov: Friends' Stall at Cathedral Christmas Fair

### **ALSO**

Sat 23 Sept: Friends' Day 2017

Fri 27 - Sun 29 Oct 2017: Friends of Cathedrals National Conference


### **AUGUST in the Friends' Office**

The Friends' Office will be open less than usual during August. Please send an email or letter or leave a message on the answerphone and it will be dealt with as soon as possible.

**No tickets for events will be sent out until September** but will be dealt with in order of receipt. Tickets for the Friends' Day lunch **must** be booked in advance and will be posted in early September.

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## Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Summer 2016 Newsletter. If you have email please tell us! We are always cost conscious and prefer to email Newsletters where possible (though will always send a hard copy if asked). Many thanks to the volunteer Friends who hand deliver paper copies in order to save postage.

As always **please check that your correct subs have been paid for 2016 (minimum £15/£25)** and send a supplementary cheque or revised Standing Order as necessary. Unfortunately non-payers have to be removed from our mailing list!

Thank you for your continuing support of The Friends and our wonderful Cathedral. Friends' Day 2016 will be both different and special as we continue to celebrate our 80th Anniversary before two further Friends' events (Antiques Afternoon and Social/Quiz Evening) round off the year. We hope to see you soon!

Best wishes,

*Sue*

Sue Hunting, Friends' Officer

## FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS CARDS 2016

Last year's Christmas Card sales broke all records (over £4,000 profit) and we are delighted that Graham Diss (FoEC Council Member) has kindly given us his lovely photograph of 'Ely Cathedral on a frosty morning' for this year's card. The price will stay the same (£5 for 10) and again they are good quality and fountain pen friendly! They will be launched on 24 September at Friends' Day. Other ways to see them are to ask for a sample or look at the design on the Friends' Cathedral noticeboard or webpage: [www.elycathedral.org/support-ely-cathedral/friends-of-ely-cathedral](http://www.elycathedral.org/support-ely-cathedral/friends-of-ely-cathedral) Cards can be ordered directly from the Friends' Office, with postage added as necessary.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** We are producing smart canvas shopping bags, with a design featuring the Octagon and The Friends. These make excellent presents and will also be launched at Friends' Day (see webpage for further details). NB These are quite unique and will only be available through The Friends.

## CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Once again we shall be looking for volunteers to help pack Christmas Cards, sell cards etc on the Friends' Stall at the Christmas Fair and help deliver Yearbooks and Newsletters at the end of January 2017 - we try to hand deliver in Ely and nearby villages in order to save postage.

If **you** can help please return the slip below or send an email or leave a phone message! Many thanks.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help with: *please indicate*

Card Packing

Stall at Christmas Fair

Delivering Yearbooks in \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Sue Hunting, address as on front cover.

## FRIENDS' YEARBOOK 2016

The 2016 Yearbook will be published and hard copies distributed (by post or hand delivery) to all Friends in January 2017.

As usual we welcome relevant contributions from Friends - please send articles, poems, photographs etc to Sue Hunting at The Friends' Office by 1 December. It would be good to have more reports from Friends about events that you have attended, especially since this is a special Anniversary Year. Please send in your impressions or recollections.

Thank you in anticipation!

## 2016 - The Friends are 80!

### ANNIVERSARY GIFT APPEAL

The Friends of Ely Cathedral was established in 1936 - so this year we are celebrating being 80! At the end of May over ninety Friends enjoyed the special Celebration Dinner in the Monastic Barn. It was a very happy occasion, look out for the photos on Friends' Day!

At the Dinner we launched our Appeal for an 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gift for the Cathedral from The Friends. It had been hoped to fundraise for a display case and conservation of the Mediaeval Cope. Unfortunately this is unlikely in the short term and so The Friends' Council agreed to the suggestion from Chapter of a custom-made votive candle stand for the Etheldreda Shrine in the Presbytery. This could really enhance the shrine and is likely to be well used.

As we go to print there are no definite estimates but we envisage that it will cost several thousand pounds for a stand to be designed and made. We should like it to be a memorable gift and are asking all Friends to consider giving to this special project. Please fill in the form below and return it to The Friends' Office. The Friends contribute a great deal to the life and fabric of the Cathedral and we hope you agree that it would be good to celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary milestone with this special gift.

I/We wish to contribute to the 80th Anniversary Gift from The Friends of Ely Cathedral and enclose a donation of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to The Friends' Office (address on cover)  
Cheques payable to The Friends of Ely Cathedral — thank you*

# 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year 1936 - 2016

## THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL FESTIVAL Saturday, 24 September 2016

**12.00 Pre-lunch Sherry in the Deanery Garden**  
(if dry — otherwise in the Lady Chapel)

**12.45 Lunch** in The Lady Chapel (to be booked in advance, see P 11)

**2.15 Annual General Meeting** in the South Transept (see Page 8)  
**Guest Speaker:** The Revd Richard Coles (see Page 7)

**4.15 Tea** in the Lady Chapel

**5.00 Friends' Festal Evensong**  
**Preacher:** The Bishop of Ely

During Evensong there will be 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' DAY — DONATIONS TOWARDS COSTS

Once again we are asking everyone who attends Friends' Day to make a small, voluntary donation towards the costs of organising this event. We suggest £3/head, to include the tea and biscuits at 4.15pm, and donation baskets will be available throughout the day.

Thank you for your support

## **FRIENDS' DAY 2016**

You will see that the format for Friends' Day is different this year — attendance at the Eucharist has fallen over the last few years so this time we shall be emphasising Festal Evensong. The Bishop of Ely will preach and the Boy's Choir will be singing.

Earlier in the day proceedings start with Lunch in the Lady Chapel (for those who book) with pre-lunch sherry in the Deanery Garden. The AGM will start at 2.15pm in the South Transept and our Guest Speaker is Revd Richard Coles (see below). He is bound to be both highly entertaining and popular so if you plan to come and are not attending the Lunch please try to let us know so that we can make sure there are enough chairs. Tea will follow the AGM and the day will finish with Festal Evensong at 5.00pm rather than the usual 5.30pm.

### **Guest Speaker: Revd Richard Coles**

Richard Coles, musician, journalist and priest, has been described as Britain's most famous vicar. He is a former pop star, having played in the 1980s band The Communards, which achieved three Top Ten hits, including the Number 1 record and best-selling single of 1986, a club/dance version of "Don't Leave Me This Way".

Richard was ordained in 2005 and is now Vicar of a parish in Northamptonshire. He is also Chaplain to the Royal Academy of Music. He appears frequently on radio and television as well as in newspapers and is the regular host of BBC Radio 4's *Saturday Live* programme. In June this year he appeared on BBC *Celebrity Masterchef*.

### ***Friends' Membership as a present?***

*'The Friends' is always happy to supply Gift Membership (annual or life) — or to convert annual membership to life. Payment can be in instalments if you prefer so please contact the office to discuss how we can help you! Friends' membership makes an unusual gift!*

**Friends' Accounts for 2015** (see Page 9) To reduce costs we are not sending paper copies of the full accounts with this Newsletter, electronic copies can be downloaded from our webpage:

[www.elycathedral.org/support-ely-cathedral/friends-of-ely-cathedral](http://www.elycathedral.org/support-ely-cathedral/friends-of-ely-cathedral)

Hard copies will be available at the AGM on 24 September. If you require a copy before then please contact the Friends' Office.

# THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Sat 24 Sept 2016 at 2.15pm**

## **AGENDA**

**1. a) Prayers**

**b) Apologies**

**2. To confirm the Minutes** of the Seventy-First Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 19 September 2015 (circulated to all Friends in the 2015 Yearbook)

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

**4. Chairman's Report: The Dean**

**5. Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr Richard Setchell** (see Page 9)  
& Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2015 (see P 10)

**6. Report from Chair of Council: Mrs Helen Merrick**

**7. Friends' Officer's Report: Mrs Sue Hunting**

**8. Election of Council Members**

Thanks are due to Mrs Joan Chamberlain and Mr Brian Parsley, both of whom have completed a term on the Council. Brian will be standing down but Joan is happy to stand for re-election. Details of other nominees should be given to the Friends' Officer in writing by no later than Friday, 9th Sept 2016.

**9. Requests for Grants**

None

**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, 9th September 2016.

**Registered Charity No. 1157705**



## **TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

The Friends have had another satisfactory year from a financial point of view.

On 5 April 2015 the new charity, Friends of Ely Cathedral CIO began operating and between that date and 31 December the assets of the old charity were transferred to the new charity.

The accounts for both charities have been uploaded on to the Friends' page of Ely Cathedral website ([www.elycathedral.org/support-us/friends-of-ely-cathedral](http://www.elycathedral.org/support-us/friends-of-ely-cathedral)) but to obtain an understanding of the total income and expenditure for the year it is necessary to add 2 accounts together. However, on Page 10 of this newsletter there is a statement showing the combined figures but this, itself, has not been subject to an independent examination check.

Total income was £105,487 (2014 - £62,774). This includes legacies of £20,000 (2014 - £1,000) and investment income, interest and tax reclaimed of £32,702 (2014 - £23,583). Of this amount over £25,000 is attributable to the investments of the Stanley Johnson bequest which, as I have reported before, has been set aside and designated to support a major project in the future. An exceptional and one-off source of income this year was a £15,000 donation from the John Paul Getty Trust in recognition of The Friends taking over the supervision of the covenant protecting the Dean's Paddock.

Total expenditure, excluding gifts to Ely Cathedral, increased by £2,631 to £26,285. This increase is mainly attributable to increased expenditure on fund raising. Gifts to Ely Cathedral were £85,538 compared to £156,974 in 2014.

The net assets of the charity at 31 December 2015 were £953,717. Of this £796,531 was the ring fenced designated fund leaving £157,186 general funds. £44,200 of the general funds has been committed as further gifts in 2016. These net assets were all in the name of The Friends of Ely Cathedral CIO and the balance sheet of the old charity was £nil.

The accounts were approved by council on 12 April 2016 and it will be proposed at the AGM that they be adopted.

**Richard O Setchell**, Honorary Treasurer  
22 June 2016

The Friends of Ely Cathedral and The Friends of Ely Cathedral CIO.

Combined Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31 December 2015

Income	2015		2014	
	General Fund	Designated Fund	General Fund	Designated Fund
Annual Subscriptions	23,670		23,760	
Life Subscriptions	1,350		4,410	
Donations	16,639		524	
Legacies	20,000		1,000	
Interest	1,203	11,525	1,630	7,969
Dividends	1,760	13,549	1,696	6,984
Tax Recovered	4,665		5,304	
Fund Raising Activities				
Income	11,127		9,497	
Expenditure	5,435		3,733	
Net Income	<u>5,692</u>		<u>5,764</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>74,979</b>	<b>25,073</b>	<b>44,088</b>	<b>14,953</b>
Expenditure				
Administration				
Printing, Stationery, Post, Phone	2,100		2,105	
Salaries	16,078		15,606	
National insurance	1,005		965	
Pension Contributions	1,035		988	
Bank Charges	264		207	
Conference Expenses	305			
Sundry Expenses	25		25	
Gifts to Ely Cathedral	85,538		156,974	
Chorister's Prize	40		25	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>106,388</b>		<b>176,895</b>	
<b>Net Income /(Expenditure)</b>	<b>-31,409</b>	<b>25,073</b>	<b>-132,807</b>	<b>14,953</b>
(Decrease) / Increase investment value	-105	-2,755	-29	8,890
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>-31,515</b>	<b>22,318</b>	<b>-132,836</b>	<b>23,843</b>
Fund Balances at 1 January 2015	188,701	774,213	321,537	750,370
<b>Fund Balances carried forward</b>	<b>157,186</b>	<b>796,531</b>	<b>188,701</b>	<b>774,213</b>

# FRIENDS' FESTIVAL DAY LUNCH 2016

Sat. 24 September — 12.45pm in The Lady Chapel

12.00 sherry in The Deanery Garden or Lady Chapel if wet

## FRIENDS' BUFFET MENU

Glass of wine or fruit juice

Coriander, mint and lemon chicken couscous

Poached salmon and creme fraiche fusilli

Olive, roast pepper and sun blush tomato farfalle (vegetarian)

Watercress, rocket and spinach salad

Tomato, basil and mozzarella salad

Hot new potatoes

Blackberry, raspberry & blueberry flan or Chocolate pecan pie

Individual banoffee trifle or Fresh fruit salad

Coffee or tea

## FRIENDS' DAY LUNCH 24/9/16

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Friend lunches at **£17** each

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest lunches at **£20** each

Including \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian option

or other special requests \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose SAE & cheque for \_\_\_\_\_ to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral'

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GUEST (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this **form, cheque & SAE**, before Friday, 9 Sept to :

Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer, The Chapter House,

The College, ELY, Cambs CB7 4DL

**NB Tickets will not be sent out until September and are not available through the Box Office.**

## LEGACIES

Many of you will have noticed that in our Friends' Yearbooks we mention legacies. The Friends are always grateful for legacies which together with subscriptions, donations and fundraising make up the funds which enable us to help and support our beautiful Cathedral. If you wish for advice on suitable wording we are always pleased to help so please contact the Friends' Office. Any discussions are, of course, confidential.

Additionally you may like to know that Ely Cathedral Chapter has approved a revised and updated brochure all about legacy giving. This is now available from the Development Office (☎ 01353 660321 or email [development@elycathedral.org](mailto:development@elycathedral.org)) and can also be downloaded from the website at <http://www.elycathedral.org/support-us/remembering-ely-cathedral-in-your-will>. It gives some general information which it is hoped will be helpful. 'Legacies Unsprung' seminars have also been arranged for Monday, 19 September (afternoon) and Wednesday, 21 September (evening) in the Lady Chapel. All are welcome and full details are available from the Development Office.

You can be sure that a gift in your Will, whether to The Friends or to the Cathedral, will be used wisely in accordance with your wishes and greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

# FRIENDS' AFTERNOON

## Antiques and Auctioneering

Wednesday, 12 October @ 2.15pm

in Ely Cathedral Centre

We are delighted that celebrity auctioneer David Palmer has kindly agreed to talk to The Friends about Antiques and Auctioneering. This very special afternoon event will be held in Ely Cathedral Centre where a lift is available if you wish to avoid the stairs.

**Tickets: £6 Friends, £8 Guests** (to include tea and cake) are available using the priority form below. They can also be ordered from the Box Office from mid-September.

### FRIENDS' ANTIQUES AFTERNOON Weds 12 Oct

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Friend tickets at **£6** each  
and \_\_\_\_\_ Guest tickets at **£8** 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair 2016**

This event gets bigger every year! Dates for November are

**Thurs 17 Nov:** 6.30pm Preview Evening

A limited number of tickets now available @£6.50 each

**Fri 18 Nov:** 9.00am - 10.00am 'Shoppers with wheels'

10.00am - 1.00pm

1.00pm - 4.30pm

6.30pm - 9.00pm

**Sat 19 Nov:** 9.30am - 1.00pm

1.00pm - 4.30pm

Entry price on Friday and Saturday is £4.00

Children under 16 FREE when accompanied by an adult

# FRIENDS' SOCIAL EVENING and QUIZ

**Wednesday, 9 November 2016 @ 7.30pm**

**St Mary's Church Hall, St Mary's Street, Ely**

Following the great success of last year's Social Evening/Quiz we are repeating the event but at a larger venue. We are delighted that Jeff Hide has again agreed to organise the Quiz and look forward to another entertaining event.

If you are new to The Friends why not come along and find out just how friendly we all are?! There will be wine and light refreshments as well as the 'not too serious' Quiz and time to chat.

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

## FRIENDS' SOCIAL Wednesday, 9 November

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 SAE**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

 Tel no. \_\_\_\_\_

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