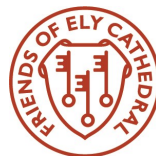
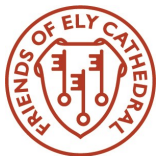


The Friends of Ely Cathedral

Newsletter

Summer 2017



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Friends' Dates to remember: ALL WELCOME

Sat 23 Sept: Friends' Festival Day, Speaker: Prof David Jacques

Weds 8 Nov: Friends' Quiz and Social

Thurs 16 - Sat 18 Nov: Friends' Stall at Cathedral Christmas Fair

Mon 27 Nov: 'Star of Bethlehem' Launch

ALSO

27 - Sun 29 Oct: National Conference of Friends of Cathedrals, Abbeys and Greater Churches


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.

Tickets for events will not 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 2017 Newsletter which contains details of all our special Autumn events.

If you have email please tell us and make sure that we have the right address! Being cost conscious we always prefer to email Newsletters where possible (though will always send a hard copy if asked). We also occasionally use email to remind Friends of events and tell you about things that happen at short notice. As always we are very grateful to the volunteer Friends who hand deliver paper Newsletters to those without email in order to save postage.

Regarding subs **please check that your correct subs have been paid for 2017 (minimum £15/£25)** and send a supplementary cheque or revised Standing Order as necessary. Reluctantly non-payers have to be removed from our mailing list. If you need to check whether your subs have been paid please email or write to the office.

Thank you for your continuing support of The Friends and our wonderful Cathedral. We hope to see you soon at Friends' Day or one of our other events!

Best wishes,

Sue

Sue Hunting, Friends' Officer

80th ANNIVERSARY GIFT APPEAL

You may wonder what has happened to this Appeal. The good news is that funds raised to date are £1,870 whilst the sad news is that the original idea of a custom made votive candle stand proved impractical.

Instead Council has agreed that The Friends should mark our Anniversary by paying for a new navy cope. The new one will be similar but not identical to the three existing ones and it is envisaged that the Dean will wear the new one and the Canons will wear the present ones. We look forward to seeing them and hope they will all be in use later this year.

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 2018 - 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.

ALTERNATIVELY

Last year we had more volunteers than we needed for The Friends’ Stall at the Christmas Fair — whilst other areas of the Fair were short of help.

If you would be willing to help in other ways such as stewarding, serving refreshments or manning entry points then please also return this form and we will pass your name and details onto the Cathedral Events Department for the Christmas Fair.

- General/specific help at Fair -----

FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS CARDS 2017

We are delighted that this year's Friends card features the East End of the Cathedral and Lady Chapel and is designed by Debbie Bellamy. The 2014 card she produced for us was very popular and we are sure that this one will be too. The card will be launched at Friends' Day on 23 September and will be on the Friends' webpage before then. We are pleased to keep the price the same as the last few years at £5 per pack of 10 cards. www.elycathedral.org/support-ely-cathedral/friends-of-ely-cathedral

We are always happy to send out sample cards — so please ask. Once again the cards will be good quality and fountain pen friendly and of course we are also looking for volunteers to fold and pack them—this saves a great deal of money (see Page 4).

We also have cards featuring a photograph of the Cathedral on a frosty morning by Graham Diss and a watercolour of the Cathedral by John Sansom. These can also be ordered directly from the Friends' Office, at £5 per pack of 10 cards, with postage added if necessary.

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 for Birthdays, Confirmation, Anniversaries and Christmas!*

FRIENDS' YEARBOOK 2017 — contributions

The 2017 Yearbook will be published and hard copies distributed (by post or hand delivery) to all Friends in January 2018 along with the January Newsletter.

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. All contributions are very welcome!,

Thank you in anticipation!

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL FESTIVAL

'Friends' Day'

Saturday, 23 September 2017

12.00 Pre-lunch Sherry in the Lady Chapel (or Courtyard if dry)

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: Professor David Jacques FSA
'Blick Mead: the cradle of Stonehenge'

4.15 Tea & biscuits in the Lady Chapel

5.00 Friends' Festal Evensong

Preacher: The Bishop of Huntingdon

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. Donation baskets will be available throughout the day.

Thank you for your support

FRIENDS' DAY 2017

You will see that the format for Friends' Day will be the same as last year. We shall again be emphasising Festal Evensong when the Bishop of Huntingdon will preach and the Boys Choir will be singing.

Earlier in the day proceedings start with Lunch in the Lady Chapel (for those who book) with pre-lunch sherry at 12noon. The AGM will start at 2.15pm in the South Transept and our Guest Speaker is Prof David Jacques (see below). He is a very informative and entertaining Speaker 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: Professor David Jacques FSA

The field of research of Prof Jacques explores the use of the Stonehenge landscape in the Mesolithic 'hunter-gatherer' period (8500BC- 4200BC). Since 2005 he has been the Project Director of an internationally significant Mesolithic archaeological site at Blick Mead, 2km from Stonehenge. His team has discovered the oldest occupation site in the Stonehenge area, the likely place where the communities who built the first monuments at Stonehenge lived. The full eighteen carbon date range gives a sequence which includes every millennia between the 8th and 4th and as such the site provokes a series of questions about the extent of Mesolithic activity in the vicinity before the creation of the Stonehenge ritual landscape. Of particular interest is whether later Neolithic monuments reflected this earlier activity emanating out of Blick Mead and memorialised it.

In 2010 David won an Open University Teaching Prize for his work at Blick Mead and the ways he involved that with local volunteers and his students learning. His project at Stonehenge was nominated 'Research Project of the Year 2013' by *Current Archaeology Magazine* and was runner-up to Leicester University's discovery of Richard III. Under David's direction, the team's work has also featured extensively in the national and international media.

As a Fulbright alumnus, David has worked extensively to improve the education system of the Republic of Georgia, setting up and running a charity which stimulated an investment of \$12 million into the Georgian education system between 2005-08. In 2011, he was chosen as one of two 'Outstanding' British Fulbright Teacher Programme alumni of the past 60 years.

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

74th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sat 23 Sept 2017 at 2.15pm

AGENDA

1. a) Prayers

b) Welcome and Apologies

2. To confirm the Minutes of the Seventy-Third Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 24 September 2016 (circulated to all Friends in the 2016 Yearbook)

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

4. Chairman's Report: The Dean

5. Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr Richard Setchell (see Page 10)
& Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2016 (see P 9)

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 Jane Davie and Mr Richard Setchell, both of whom have completed their term on the Council and are happy to stand for re-election.

If there are other nominees then their details should be given to the Friends' Officer in writing by no later than Friday, 8 Sept 2017 and there will be an election.

9. Requests for Grants — proposed by The Friends' Council

a) Up to £150,000 to pay for new choirstalls as part of the new Octagon Furniture project. This to be funded by the Johnson Fund (ie the Stanley Johnson bequest).

- b) £40,000 contribution to the Courtyard project. This will pay for archaeology and paving etc to make the Processional Way Courtyard a more useable asset. This to be paid from the General Fund.

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, 8 September 2017.

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Friends' Accounts for 2016

We no longer send out paper copies of the full accounts with the Summer Newsletters but electronic copies can be downloaded from our webpage:

www.elycathedral.org/support-ely-cathedral/friends-of-ely-cathedral

Hard copies will be available at the AGM on 23 September. If you require a copy before then please contact the Friends' Office.

National Conference of Friends of Cathedrals, Abbeys and Greater Churches

27-29 October at Ely Cathedral

At the end of October we shall be hosting (and organizing) this National Conference so if you are around the Cathedral be prepared to meet Friends from other places!

As this goes to print we know that at least 33 organizations will be represented by around 60 delegates.

We have plans for a busy weekend with plenty of chances to swap best practise and find out what other Friends groups get up to! Many of our Friends' Council will be involved so please ask if you would like to know more.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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

The accounts are on The Friends page of the Ely Cathedral website: www.elycathedral.org/support-us/friends-of-ely-cathedral . As has been reported before the new CIO charity commenced operating on 5 April 2015 and therefore in the 2016 accounts the comparative figures for 2015 only show income and expenditure from that date. I have, in the following paragraphs, stated the income and expenditure for both the old and the new charities combined for 2015.

Total income was £80,516 (2015 - £105,487). This includes investment income, interest and tax reclaimed of £34,531 (2015 - £32,702). Of this amount £25,730 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. Significant reasons for the fall in income are that in 2015 the legacy receipts were £20,000 and in 2016 they were £1,000, and in 2015 there was an exceptional and one-off donation of £15,000 from the John Paul Getty Trust in recognition of the Friends taking over the supervision of the covenant protecting the Dean's Paddock.

During 2016 an appeal was launched for donations in order to provide a gift to the Cathedral to mark the 80th Anniversary of the founding of the Friends. At 31 December 2016 the value of this restricted fund was £1,819.

The net income from fund raising activities, outings, social events, Christmas cards etc was £6,050 (2015 - £5,692).

Total expenditure, excluding gifts to Ely Cathedral and costs associated with fund raising activities, fell by £320 to £20,492. Gifts to Ely Cathedral were £25,815 compared to £85,538 in 2015.

The value of the charity's investments increased in the year by £91,388. In 2017, up to 31 May, the value had increased by a further £46,000.

The net assets of the charity at 31 December 2016 were £1,070,688. Of this £911,058 was the ring fenced designated fund and £1,819 the restricted 80th anniversary appeal fund, leaving £157,811 general funds.

The accounts were approved by Council on 10 April 2017 and it will be proposed at the AGM that they be adopted.

Richard O Setchell, Honorary Treasurer
7 July 2017

FRIENDS' FESTIVAL DAY LUNCH 2017

Sat. 23 September — 12.45pm in The Lady Chapel

12.00 sherry in The Courtyard or Lady Chapel if wet

FRIENDS' BUFFET MENU

Glass of wine or fruit juice

Salad nicoise of smoked & poached salmon
Sherry poached chicken, in wild mushroom cream sauce
Mushroom & lemon thyme stroganoff (vegetarian)

Hot new potatoes with applemint, Tomato, feta & basil salad
Fennel, olive and orange salad, Mixed green salad
Breads etc.

Chocolate pecan pie or Mango, passionfruit & caramel tart
Gooseberry and elderflower fool or Fresh fruit salad

Coffee or tea

FRIENDS' DAY LUNCH 23/9/17

I wish to order _____ Friends at **£17** _____ Guests at **£20**

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) _____

Email _____  Tel _____

Please return this **form, cheque & SAE**, before Friday, 8 Sept to :

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

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

FRIENDS' BAGS

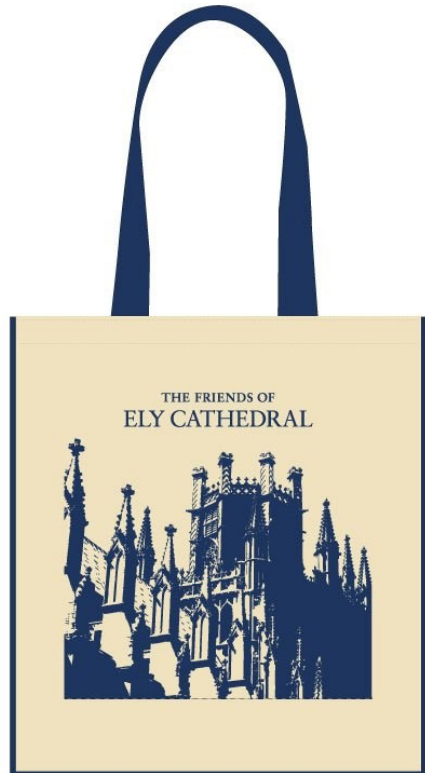
ONLY AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FRIENDS

We produced these unique, good quality bags last Autumn and are now pleased to be able to show you the design and offer them by mail order.

They are smart heavy duty canvas bags featuring the Octagon in navy and with a navy gusset and long handles. They measure 42cm(h) x 38cm (w) (without the handles) and are designed to be worn over the shoulder.

The price is just **£6** each with post and packing £2.50. Please send cheques, payable to The Friends of Ely Cathedral, to the Friends' Office (address on front cover).

If you wish to send them as a present we shall be pleased to send them to whichever address you choose!



They are also available in person from The Friends' Office in The Chapter House and at Friends' events but not currently from The Cathedral Shop.

FRIENDS' QUIZ and SOCIAL

Wednesday, 8 November 2017 @ 7.30pm

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

Following the great success of last year's Quiz/Social we are repeating the event and hope to see even more people.

Jeff Hide has again agreed to organise the Quiz for us and we look forward to another entertaining and informative evening!

If you are new to The Friends why not come along and find out just how friendly we all are! You are welcome to come along and join a table on the night — or come as a teams of six. There will be wine and cheese & biscuits as well as the 'not too serious' Quiz and time to chat. There will also be a raffle since this is our main Autumn fund-raising event and donations of prizes are much appreciated!

Tickets: £10 Friends, £13 Guests are available using the priority form below. They can also be ordered from the **Box Office from mid-September.**

FRIENDS' SOCIAL Wednesday, 8 November

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

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

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

E-mail _____  Tel _____

Please return this form (with cheque and SAE) to:
Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer,
The Chapter House, The College, ELY, CB7 4DL

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

STAR OF BETHLEHEM – Launch event

Ely Cathedral is delighted to be hosting a very special light installation inspired by the Star of Bethlehem, which in biblical times led the wise men to Bethlehem and to the birth of Jesus. Throughout the Christian world the Star is known as a symbol of navigation and direction.

This modern art installation was created by artist Jayson Haebich and will be in our Cathedral from 28 November for eight weeks. It is made up of a transparent screen displaying an abstract representation of the Star of Bethlehem above the Nave. The Star will be represented as a morphing geometric shape whose geometries change gradually over time and are created algorithmically by code (!). This means that they will never repeat and the entire installation will constantly change and evolve during the entire time it is in place.

Modern technology will enable the laser beams to be split into three dimensions giving the feeling of a star hovering above the centre of the Cathedral, whilst the shape and colour can be controlled from the floor of the cathedral via an iPad. Of course this draws people in and it was very popular last Christmas at Salisbury Cathedral.

This particular installation has rarely been on public display and The Friends' are privileged to be invited to the launch of the Star — please come along for this special opportunity (see facing Page).

Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair 2017

This event gets bigger every year! Dates for November are

Thurs 16 Nov: 6.30pm Preview Evening

A limited number of tickets now available @£6.50 each

Fri 17 Nov: 9.00am - 10.00am 'Shoppers with wheels'
10.00am - 1.00pm
1.00pm - 4.30pm
6.30pm - 9.00pm

Sat 18 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

STAR OF BETHLEHEM – Launch event

'Friends' Special'

Monday, 27 November, 7.00 - 8.00pm
in Ely Cathedral

We are delighted to offer a special Friends' Event to launch the spectacular Star of Bethlehem light installation that will be coming to Ely Cathedral for Advent and Christmas 2017.

This will be the chance for Friends to be the first in Ely to see, and play with, the installation as well as to enjoy a glass of wine and a chat with other Friends.

We are most grateful to the Cathedral Events Dept who are organising this event for us — places are free although they still need to be reserved via The Friends' Office (see below).

Star of Bethlehem Launch Mon 27 Nov

I wish to reserve _____ **free** Friends places

For (names) _____

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

E-mail _____  Tel _____

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

OR email: sue.hunting@elycathedral.org

Sorry but places cannot be reserved by phone!

