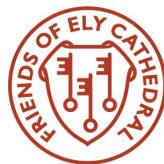


The Friends of Ely Cathedral

Newsletter

March 2022



Greetings from Ely!

Once again the pandemic meant that we had to delay our January mailing — but we are now pleased to enclose both the 2021 Yearbook and this Newsletter AND we have been able to plan some events for this Spring/Summer.

We hope that all is well with you and that we may see you in Ely again soon.

Please see inside:

Subscription Reminder — *have you paid for this year yet?*

New Members? *Any ideas for new Friends?*

New Treasurer — *we are still looking*

Forthcoming Friends' Events

Please make sure we have your correct email by sending details to: sue.hunting@elycathedral.org

Some Friends have not yet provided email details whilst others have changed addresses and not told us! The Summer Newsletter is sent by email where possible whilst extra or short-notice notifications are only sent by email.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Minimum subscriptions stay unchanged for 2022. **However since subscriptions have not increased since 2011 extra payments and donations are very welcome** — please send cheques to The Friends' Office or email for details for bank transfer.

If you pay by Standing Order please consider increasing it or making an extra payment.

If you are a Life Friend who joined a long time ago please consider sending us a donation.

Annual Friend minimum subscriptions for 2022:

£15 single, £25 joint, £20 corporate, all due on 1st January.

Life Friend minimum subscriptions: £200 single, £350 joint

Friends' Membership (Annual or Life) makes an unusual present. Friends are also welcome to change from Annual to Life Membership.

There is also a £5 fee for replacement Passes.

For more information, or to check whether you have paid this year's subs, please contact Sue Hunting sue.hunting@elycathedral.org

NEW MEMBERS? CAN YOU HELP?

Sadly our numbers have dropped in recent years and, with an eye to the future, we would welcome new Friends. There must be many people who would welcome the chance to support our amazing Cathedral and join the Friends — perhaps you could think of inviting a friend, relative or neighbour to join us?

If you live near Ely is there perhaps someone new in your road who might like to join? Hard copy Membership Forms are available in the Cathedral (Friends' Noticeboard and the Shop) and from the Friends' Office and electronic versions can be downloaded from our webpage or emailed by request.

NEW HON TREASURER — we continue our search for a new Treasurer as Richard Setchell's final term of office ends in 2023. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or would like further information.

FRIENDS' DATES 2022

Thursday, 12 May: Friends' Quiz in the Lady Chapel (see P 4/5)

Monday, 20 June: New Friends' Evening - invitations to follow for all who have joined since June 2019!

We were unable to hold this event in 2020 and 2021 so hope to see lots of new Friends this year. The format for the evening is drinks and nibbles followed by welcome talks and presentations from the Dean and Chair of Friends' Council etc. and then a special evening tour of the Cathedral.

Friday, 8 July: 'Strawberries & Fizz' in the Bishop's Marquee (P 6/7)

ADVANCE NOTICE: *(full details in July Newsletter)*

Sat 17 Sept: Friends' Festival Day & AGM

We are very fortunate that Dr Victoria Avery has agreed to be our Guest Speaker at Friends' Day this year. She is Keeper, Applied Arts, at The Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge and her talk will be 'Hidden Treasures of the Colleges of Cambridge University'. Please make a note of the date!

We also hope, once again, to be able to hold a Friends' Lunch in the Lady Chapel before the AGM.

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

We are delighted to announce that the design for The Friends' Christmas Card 2022 will be an engraved image kindly produced for us by local wood-engraver Andy English. It will be launched at Friends' Day, many thanks in advance to Andy.

The Friends' Council will meet in April, June & Oct, please let Council members (or Sue Hunting) know of any items you would like discussed.

A personal note:

Whilst preparing labels for this mailing I have been reminded of the many Friends I have got to know over the last few years — either in person or by letter or email. 2020 and 2021 have been strange and difficult for many of us and I am sorry that there isn't time to write to everyone individually.

It is always good to hear your news and I am constantly amazed at how tentacles from The Friends spread into unexpected places! This comes with my good wishes to you all and many thanks for your support.

Here's hoping that 2022 is a better year for everyone.

Sue (Friends' Officer)

FRIENDS' EVENT

FRIENDS' QUIZ & SOCIAL

Thursday, 12 May 7.00 for 7.30pm

in the Lady Chapel, Ely Cathedral

Back by popular demand! This will be our 6th Quiz Evening and once again it will be organised by John Webster and Ed Gifford.

Everyone is welcome! It should be a fun evening — with the 'not too serious' Quiz and also time to chat and look at the Ouse Life Exhibition which will be on display in the Lady Chapel that week. There will be tables of six and you can come either as a team of six (please buy tickets in advance) or as individuals and join a team on the night.

If you are a new Friend why not come along and see just how friendly we are? A glass of wine and soft drinks will be provided, as well as individual packets of nibbles.

There will also be a raffle and donations of prizes are much appreciated.



Tickets: £8 Friends, £10 Guests are available via the priority form on the facing Page.

ALL ARE WELCOME to this event—how about seeing if you can invite friends and neighbours to come with you, or make up a team from your particular interest group (Golf, WI, bellringers, book club, work etc.)? This may also be a good way to introduce potential new members and it is always special to hold such an event in the Cathedral.

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

Names of attendees:

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

E-mail: _____  Tel no: _____

NB If you are part of a Team of Six please provide the names of your Team Members!

Please return this form **& SAE** to: Mrs S. M. Hunting, Friends' Officer,
The Chapter House, The College,
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Payment can also be made by cash or bank transfer or by card in The Friends' Office. Please email for further details.

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in the Bishop's Marquee

Friday 8 July, 7.00 - 9.30pm

We are delighted to have the use of the Bishop's Marquee on 8 July for another very special Friends' Summer Social.

There will be 'Strawberries & Fizz' (& soft drinks), a chance to enjoy the Bishop's Garden and Rose Garden and **live music by local Irish singer Tom Kennedy**

Tom's style of singing is easy listening, together with hits by big names such as Neil Diamond, Daniel O'Donnell & Elvis Presley.

A similar event was very successful in 2018 and whilst we planned to repeat it in 2020 Covid changed our plans. Here's hoping that this year we can look forward to another enjoyable summer evening in a beautiful setting.



This event is bound to be popular and we suggest you buy your tickets early since numbers are limited!

Tickets: £12 Friends, £15 Guests

Tickets are only available from the Friends' Office (see facing Page).

NB Evensong will be sung, as usual, at 5.30pm and all are welcome. Please note that it will be a special Evensong as it is the end of term for King's Ely and so the time to bid farewell to leaving Choristers.

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