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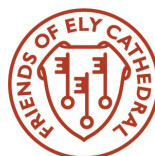
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The Friends of Ely Cathedral



Newsletter



Summer 2023

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NB If you receive this Newsletter electronically and would prefer a hard copy there are some available to collect from the Friends' Office in the Chapter House.

If ordering tickets remember the stamped addressed envelope.

Friends' Dates at a glance: ALL WELCOME

Weds/Thurs 13 & 14 Sept: Christmas Card packing

Fri 29 Sept: Friends' Festival Day, Speaker: Dr Victoria Avery

Tues 10 Oct: Friends' Talk: 'The Liber Eliensis' Mrs Elizabeth Stazicker

Weds 15 - Sat 18 Nov: Friends' Stall at Cathedral Christmas Fair

Tues 28 Nov: Christmas Wreath Demonstration

ADVANCE NOTICE: Fri 19 April 2024: Isle 'ave a Shanty

COUNCIL: There will be vacancies on the Friends' Council at the AGM this year and next. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee please have a word with Ed Gifford, Sue Hunting or any Council member. Nomination Form on Page 9.

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Summer 2023 Newsletter which contains full details of our Autumn events. Thank you for your support.

Despite more members the total received from subscriptions this year is down, if you think you may not have renewed your subs please contact the office to check. Extra donations are always welcome.

If you receive this in hard copy and have an email address please tell us as using email greatly reduces our postage costs.

GIFT MEMBERSHIP: We are keen to recruit more Friends and always happy to supply Gift Membership (annual or life) – or to convert annual membership to life. Friends' membership also makes an unusual gift for Birthdays, Confirmation, Anniversaries and Christmas. Please get in touch if you would like to arrange this. Forms are on our webpage.

AUTUMN EVENTS: Sadly the Friends' Lighting Preview has been postponed but we are delighted that our very knowledgeable Cathedral Archivist, Elizabeth Stazicker, has kindly offered to talk to us about *The Liber Eliensis* – the 12th Century book written in Ely. This is highly appropriate in this special Etheldreda Anniversary Year – see Page 10.

We are also fortunate to have a demonstration of Christmas Wreath making by Freda Orgee of the EC Flower Guild. This is likely to prove very popular and again, full details are on Page 10.

CHRISTMAS CARD 2023: We are very pleased to have two new Friends' Cards this year – a colourful design by Sarah Lowns and an atmospheric acrylic painting by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Carter. As usual the cards can be viewed on our webpage and ordered by mail order - as well as in person at Friends' Events and from our stall at the Christmas Fair. They are also available from the Cathedral Shop – please note though that our spectacular new Blank Cards and our new-sized FoEC Bag are only available via The Friends. See Page 15.

2023 YEARBOOK: The next Yearbook will be published in January with the January 2024 Newsletter. We welcome relevant contributions so please send any articles, poems, photographs etc to The Friends' Office by 1 December. Accounts of any Friends' events you have attended this year are especially welcome!

FoEC VOLUNTEERS: Once again we are looking for Volunteers to pack Christmas Cards, to sell them at the Friends' Stall at the Christmas Fair and to deliver 2023 Yearbooks. Please see Page 13.

Sue Hunting, Friends' Officer

FRIENDS' DAY 2023

Following the success of last year our Friends' Day 2023 will again be on a Friday, meaning that Evensong will be at 5.30pm rather than our usual 5.00pm. The Cathedral will also be busier than usual with plenty to see as Harvest preparations will be in full swing. All Friends are very welcome to all or part of the day.

We shall start with Guided Tours (Cathedral, Monastic Buildings or Etheldreda). If you wish to join a Tour please book in advance (see Page 9). Lunch (booking essential, see Page 7) is in the Lady Chapel at 12.45 following pre-lunch sherry at 12.15pm.

The AGM is at 2.45pm in the South Transept and will be followed by our special Guest Speaker, Dr Victoria Avery. As well as being an expert in her field Vicky is a Life Friend of Ely Cathedral! Tea follows at 4.45pm before Festal Evensong at 5.30pm.

Guest Speaker: Dr Victoria Avery

Dr Victoria Avery FSA is Keeper of Sculpture & Decorative Arts at the Fitzwilliam Museum, University of Cambridge, and was previously Associate Professor in the History of Art Department, University of Warwick. While her subject specialism is Italian Renaissance Sculpture, Vicky has a broad-ranging knowledge across the decorative arts field. She has co-curated several award-winning exhibitions including *Treasured Possessions* (2015), *Madonnas & Miracles* (2017) and *Feast & Fast* (2019). Her new exhibition focuses on enslavement and resistance and the Cambridge University Museums' collections and their links to the Black Atlantic. Vicky has been a member of Ely Cathedral's congregation since 2010, and a Lay Canon and Member of Chapter from 2017 until recently.

TREASURER UPDATE

We are delighted to report that Deborah Man has volunteered to be our new treasurer and she will take over from Richard Setchell after the AGM. Richard will be retiring after 17 years dedicated service and we are hugely grateful for all his hard work.

FRIENDS' ACCOUNTS 2022 We no longer send out paper copies of the full accounts with the Summer Newsletters but electronic copies can be downloaded from our webpage and hard copies are available on request: www.elycathedral.org/friends

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL FESTIVAL

'Friends' Day'

Friday, 29 September 2023

11.00 Friends' Tours of the Cathedral

a) Cathedral Tour b) Monastic Buildings Tour c) Etheldreda Tour
(to be booked in advance, see Page 9)

12.15 for 12.45 Lunch in The Lady Chapel (sherry from 12.15)
(to be booked in advance, see Page 7)

2.45 Annual General Meeting in the South Transept (see Page 6)

Guest Speaker: Dr Victoria Avery
Keeper, European Sculpture & Decorative Arts
Fitzwilliam Museum, University of Cambridge
'Hidden Treasures of the Colleges of Cambridge University'

4.45 Tea & Biscuits in the Lady Chapel

5.30 Friends' Festal Evensong

During Evensong there will be presentations of
The Dean Hankey Memorial Prize, The Friends of Ely Cathedral Medallion
and The Friends of Ely Cathedral Girl Chorister Prize.

FRIENDS' DAY — LUNCH

We are again delighted to be able to offer Lunch (prepared by the Cathedral Almonry Restaurant) and look forward to seeing Friends old and new. The cost for two courses, including sherry and wine will be £25 (£30 for Guests). Lunch Tickets should be ordered from the Friends' Office **by Wednesday, 20 September** (see Page 7).

FRIENDS' DAY — DONATIONS TOWARDS COSTS

As usual we ask everyone attending Friends' Day to make a small donation (suggested £3) towards the costs of the event and the afternoon tea & biscuits. Donation baskets will be available throughout the day.
Thank you very much for your support.

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL
80th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday, 29 September 2023 at 2.45pm

DRAFT AGENDA

1. a) Prayers b) Welcome and Apologies

2. To confirm the Minutes of the Seventy-Ninth Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 14 October 2022 (circulated to all Friends in the 2022 Yearbook)

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

4. Chairman's Report: The Dean

5. Hon. Treasurer's Report: Mr Richard Setchell

To include the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2022 (see the 2022 Yearbook)

6. Report from Chair of Council: Mr Edward Gifford

7. Friends' Officer's Report: Mrs Suella Hunting

8. Election of Council Members

Thanks are due to those Council members who are retiring this year - Jane Davie, Helen Merrick and Richard Setchell.

Nominations for Council should be given to the Friends' Officer in writing by no later than Wednesday, 20 September. If necessary there will be an election. Nomination Form on Page 9.

9. Requests for Grants

At their meeting on 11/7/23 The Friends' Council agreed unanimously that, subject to a request from Chapter, they will propose that The Friends gives a grant for additional work on the new EC Lighting. As this goes to print it is expected to be around £150,000.

10. Any Other Business

Any motion to be proposed at the AGM must be given to the Friends' Officer in writing by Wednesday, 20 September 2023.

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FRIENDS' FESTIVAL DAY LUNCH 2023

Friday, 29 September, 12.15 for 12.45pm in the Lady Chapel

FRIENDS' BUFFET MENU

Coronation Chicken
Assorted Quiches (vegetarian)

Coleslaw, Leaf Salad,
Pasta Salad, Tomato, Basil & Mozzarella Salad

Fresh Breads

Biscoff Cheesecake
Raspberry & White Chocolate Roulade

Sherry at 12.15

Wine & Soft Drinks with Lunch

FRIENDS' DAY LUNCH 29/9/23

I wish to order _____ Friends at **£25** _____ Guests at **£30**

Special dietary requests, incl. vegetarian _____

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 Weds, 20 Sept to :
Mrs S. M. Hunting, The Chapter House, The College, ELY, Cambs CB7 4DL

Payment through BACS can also be arranged, see Page 8.

NB Lunch Tickets will not be sent out until early September.

Paying The Friends by BACS

Most Friends are happy to complete the Booking Forms and return them to the office with a cheque/cash and an SAE. However if you wish to pay for Friends Events by BACS please note the following:

1. Our bank account details are:
The Friends of Ely Cathedral
Sort Code: 30-93-05
Account No: 00080253
Reference: Your surname and event/subs as below
2. Please add the name of the event as your reference, namely
FD Lunch,
LE Talk,
FR Demo
C Cards (please add £3.50 postage)
Subs or donations (with Friends Memb No, eg Smith F2248)
(NB membership nos are not the barcode found on some Friends Passes)
3. Add £1 to ticket costs if you wish them to be posted to you.
4. Return a hard-copy or scanned Event Booking Form from this Newsletter and post it or email to **sue.hunting@elycathedral.org** advising of the Amount and Reference of the BACS transfer.

Thank you for your help - please follow the steps above to avoid confusion.
You will appreciate that tracking down multiple unexpected BACS payments that have no reference is very time consuming!

Friends' Day Tours

I wish to reserve the following places:

- a) General Cathedral Tour (ground-floor) _____
- b) Monastic Buildings Tour (outside) _____
- c) Etheldreda Tour (life & work of Etheldreda) _____

All Tours start at 11am on Friends' Day, 29 September. Places are limited and are by ticket only (please give 2nd choice). There is no charge but we welcome donations. Please meet by The Friends' Notice Board in the Nave at 10.50am.

NB The Monastic Buildings Tour involves walking around the Cathedral precincts, waterproofs & stout footwear are advised.

Name(s) _____

Email / Phone _____

Please return this form **with an SAE** to the Friends' Office
by Wednesday, 20 September 2023

Friends' Council Nomination Form

I, _____ (please print)

wish to stand for election as a member of The Council of
The Friends of Ely Cathedral and am duly proposed
and seconded by the following Friends:

Proposer _____ Signed _____

Seconder _____ Signed _____

Signed (*nominee*) _____ Date _____

Please return this form to the Friends' Office
by Wednesday, 20 September 2023

SPECIAL FRIENDS' EVENTS

'The Liber Eliensis'

Elizabeth Stazicker, Cathedral Archivist

In this 1350 Etheldreda Anniversary Year here is a chance to hear a talk about the 12th Century English chronicle and history that was written at Ely. Elizabeth points out that it is a major source for our knowledge of St Etheldreda and the continuation and growth of her veneration, so significant to the development of the Cathedral and Priory and of Ely itself.

Tuesday, 10 October

7.00pm in the South Transept

Price (£8/£10) includes a glass of wine/soft drink

Christmas Wreath Demonstration

Freda Orgee, Cathedral Flower Guild

A special demonstration of how to make your own Christmas Wreath. Freda is an experienced flower arranger, being co-ordinator of EC Flower Guild and Chairman & Secretary of Cambridge Flower Club. She will be assisted by Sue Fuller who is also an EC Flower Guild member.

Tuesday, 28 November

10.30am in the Lady Chapel

Price (£8/£100 includes coffee/tea and cake

FRIENDS' EVENT—TICKETS

Tues, 10 October 7pm in the South Transept
'The Liber Eliensis'

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

Tues 28 Nov 10.30am in the Lady Chapel
Christmas Wreath Demonstration

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

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

Names of attendees:

Liber Eliensis: _____

Wreath Demo: _____

Signed _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

E-mail: _____  Tel no: _____

Please return with SAE to Sue Hunting (FoEC address on cover).
Payment can also be via BACS — see Page 8

Tickets are only available (in advance) from The Friends' Office.

CELEBRATING ELY 673 - 2023

Many Friends attended in person and plenty more listened on BBC Radio when Choral Evensong was broadcast live from Ely Cathedral on Wednesday, 21 June.

It was good to hear the new canticles, composed by Janet Wheeler and being given their official launch. As you may know the Cathedral commissioned The Ely Service to celebrate the 1,350 Anniversary of the founding of the monastery here at Ely — and The Friends were very pleased to give a grant to pay for the commission.

Peter Back kindly interviewed both Janet (composer) and Edmund Aldhouse (Cathedral Director of Music) and his most recent article about the commission can now be found on our webpage: www.elycathedral.org/friends

Peter's earlier article was published in the 2022 Yearbook and can be supplied on request.

AUGUST in the Friends' Office

The Friends' Office will be open less than usual during August.

Please send an email or leave an answerphone message and it will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Tickets for events will be dealt with in order of receipt but not sent out until early September. This includes tickets for the Friends' Day Lunch and Tours which must be booked in advance (see P 7 & 8).

CALLING FOR FRIEND VOLUNTEERS!

We are always grateful for offers of help with:

- ♦ packing Christmas Cards,
- ♦ helping on the Friends' Stall at the Christmas Fair
- ♦ delivering the Friends' Mailing in late January 2024.

We try to hand deliver in Ely, nearby villages and other towns and would welcome more offers of help — it is good exercise (!) and each envelope saves over £1 in postage. Please think about whether **you** can help by delivering in your local area. Special thanks to one Friend, David, who delivered over 100 Yearbooks this year!

Please return the slip below or send an email. Many thanks.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ email _____

I am willing to help with: *please circle days & times*

Card Packing — in Powcher's Hall

Weds 13 Sept 12 – 2 and 2 - 4 pm

Thurs 14 Sept 10 - 12.30 and 1.30 - 4 pm

Please indicate your availability – timings are flexible.

Stall at Christmas Fair: Weds 15 — Sat 18 Nov

Weds eve, Thurs am, Thurs pm,

Fri am, Fri pm, Fri eve, Sat am, Sat pm

Please indicate your availability!

Delivering Yearbooks in _____

Please return this slip to Sue Hunting or email if you prefer.

Card Packing and Friends' Stall Rotas will be circulated.

Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD

From Ely Cathedral Events Dept – full details on the website!

<i>Sat 5th Aug</i>	<i>The Ely Cathedral Green Fair</i>
<i>Fri 15th Sept</i>	<i>Toppings: Rory Stewart</i>
<i>Sat 23rd Sept</i>	<i>Ely Sinfonia</i>
<i>Mon 25th Sept</i>	<i>Toppings: Michael Palin</i>
<i>29th Sept - 13 Oct</i>	<i>Iceni Botanical Artists Exhibition in the Lady Chapel</i>
<i>Sat 30th Sept</i>	<i>Ely Community Lunches Creative Community Food Fair</i>
<i>Tues 3rd Oct</i>	<i>Toppings: David Mitchell</i>
<i>Weds 4th Oct</i>	<i>IUCN UK meal</i>
<i>Thurs 5th Oct</i>	<i>Workshop: Botanical Drawing in Ink</i>
<i>Sat 7th Oct</i>	<i>Messiah Britten Sinfonia</i>
<i>Thurs 12th Oct</i>	<i>Workshop: Design and Paint an Illuminated Letter</i>
<i>Fri 13th Oct</i>	<i>Toppings: Claire Balding</i>
<i>Sat 21st Oct</i>	<i>Ely Choral Society</i>
<i>26th & 27 th Oct</i>	<i>Fleetwood Mac tribute band</i>
<i>Fri 3rd Nov</i>	<i>Harry Potter Music Concert</i>
<i>Sat 11th Nov</i>	<i>Prime Brass Concert</i>
<i>16th - 18th Nov</i>	<i>The Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift and Food Fair</i>
<i>Mon 27th Nov</i>	<i>Toppings: Dame Mary Beard</i>
<i>Weds 29th Nov</i>	<i>G4 in Concert</i>
<i>Fri 1st Dec</i>	<i>London Film Music Concert</i>
<i>Thurs 7th Dec</i>	<i>Wild Oak Workshops Wreath Making</i>
<i>8th & 9th Dec</i>	<i>Chapter House Theatre 'A Christmas Carol'</i>
<i>Sat 16th Dec</i>	<i>Ely Choral Society</i>
<i>Sun 17th Dec</i>	<i>Papworth Charity Carol Concert</i>
<i>Fri 22nd Dec</i>	<i>Hark! Christmas Concert</i>

FRIENDS' ORDER FORM see www.elycathedral.org/friends

Please note: All Christmas Cards are in Packs of 10 with the greeting
'With Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year'

	Price	Quantity	Total £
NEW Christmas Card (illustration) 'Festive Ely Cathedral' by Sarah Lown	£6/pack	-----	-----
NEW Christmas Card (acrylic painting) 'Ely Cathedral from the towpath' by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Carter	£6/pack	-----	-----
Christmas Card (engraving) 'Ely Cathedral' by Andy English COLOURED	£6/pack	-----	-----
Christmas Card (engraving) 'Ely Cathedral' by Andy English BLACK & WHITE	£6/pack	-----	-----
NEW Blank Cards (pack of 6) Photos of Octagon Angels & Aerial View of EC	£6/pack	-----	-----
NEW SIZE Friends' Bags, heavy canvas Octagon Design (cream & navy) by Lisa Gifford	£8 each	-----	-----
Post & Packing			£3.50
Donation to The Friends (appreciated)		-----	
TOTAL AMOUNT		-----	

I enclose a cheque for the Total Amount (payable to The Friends of Ely Cathedral)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NAME (please print): _____

Full Address _____

E-mail: _____ ☎ Tel no: _____

Please return this form with your cheque (or BACS payment) to:

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

Orders will be despatched from late Sept, please allow 2 weeks for delivery.

Orders can also be collected from the Office.

You can order C Cards online from <https://www.elycathedral.org/shop>

