

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

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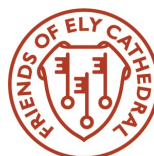
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The Friends of Ely Cathedral



Newsletter



Summer 2019

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Friends' Dates to remember: ALL WELCOME

Sat 28 Sept: Friends' Festival Day, Speaker: Prof Paul Binski

Thurs 3 Oct: Friends' Evening 'Meet the new Music Team'

Weds 13 - Sat 16 Nov: Friends' Stall at Cathedral Christmas Fair

Weds 27 Nov: Friends' Quiz and Social

COUNCIL: There will be vacancies on the Friends' Council at the AGM this year. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee please have a word with Ed Gifford, Sue Hunting or any Council member. Nomination forms are on Page 10.

AUGUST in the Friends' Office

The Friends' Office will be open less than usual during August. Please send an email, letter 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 September**. 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 2019 Newsletter which contains full details of all our Autumn events. We have a varied programme and hope that here is 'something for everyone'.

There has been some confusion about the checking of Friends' Passes when you visit the Cathedral. The reasons for checking them on admission are to make sure that they are valid and to record information about visitor numbers, in particular the number of Friends who visit. Friends' Passes are electronic and cancelled if the correct subscription isn't paid or a member resigns. We are sure you understand that this is necessary and hope this explanation helps.

Regarding subs — see below. If you need to check your Friends' membership number or whether your subs have been fully paid please, where possible, contact the office by email rather than phone.

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

Sue Hunting, Friends' Officer

Subscriptions 2020

Friends' subscriptions have not increased since 2012 and are currently under review by the Friends' Council. It had been hoped to present a motion about subs at the AGM but this has been delayed until a new Treasurer is in place. In view of this we would like to ask all Friends to consider voluntarily increasing their subscription/donation. This can be done by simply changing the value of the cheque you send to the office or by contacting your bank to increase your Standing Order. Our present annual subs — minimum £15 single, £25 joint — represent very good value and we ask you to seriously consider, if you are able, increasing your financial support of The Friends.

Edward Gifford, Chair of Council

TREASURER: We continue to look for an Honorary Treasurer to replace Richard Setchell, who is resigning after many years' service. The position now involves much less data entry work thanks to Joyce Fenton, our new Voluntary Subscription Secretary, but a Treasurer is still required! Please contact Richard (via the office) if you, or someone you know, are interested.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

As usual we shall be very grateful for offers of help with packing Christmas Cards, helping on the Friends' Stall at the Christmas Fair and delivering the Friends' Mailing in late January 2020.

We try to hand deliver in Ely and nearby villages but would welcome more offers of help — it's good exercise (!) and each envelope that is hand delivered saves us about £1 in postage. Please think about whether **you** can help by delivering in your local area.

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____ email _____

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

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Card Packing — Mon 9, Tues 10 & Thurs 12 Sept
10am–12 & 2–4pm in the Chapter House
Please indicate your availability!

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Stall at Christmas Fair: Weds 13 — Sat 16 Nov
Weds eve, Thurs am, Thurs pm,
Fri am, Fri pm, Fri eve, Sat am, Sat pm
Please indicate your availability!

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Delivering Yearbooks in _____

Please return this slip to Sue Hunting (address on front cover) or email if you prefer. Rotas will be circulated!

CHRISTMAS CARDS 2019

This year's Friends' Christmas Card features the East End of the Cathedral in the snow and we are very grateful to Simon Stirrup who managed to take this shot on one of the few snowy days last winter! The card will be launched at Friends' Day on 28 September and will be on our webpage before then.

www.elycathedral.org/friends

The cards are A6 size and, as usual, are good quality card and fountain pen friendly. They will be available at £6 for 10 with all profits going to The Friends. Many thanks to our 'volunteer packers' who help keep costs down — last year we made a profit of £4,626 from Christmas Cards sales.

We are always happy to send out sample cards, so please ask. We also have designs from other years and these can also be ordered directly from the Friends' Office, with postage added as necessary. Please look at our webpage or email/phone for details.

Friends' Membership as a present?

'The Friends' is 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!

FRIENDS' YEARBOOK 2019 — contributions

The 2019 Yearbook will be published in January 2020 and distributed, with the January Newsletter, by email or hard copy.

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 Friends' events that you have attended this year and all contributions are very welcome!,

Thank you in anticipation!

FRIENDS' DAY 2019

Friends' Day this year will start with optional tours of the Cathedral and we are offering 'Green Man Tours' and 'General Tours' featuring (where possible) Friends' Gifts. If you wish to go on a Tour please let us know in advance (see Page 10) so that we can organise the correct number of Guides! NB the Green Man Tours aren't just for children and there is so much information about the Cathedral that there is always something new to learn!

Lunch (for those who book) will be in the Lady Chapel at 12.30pm following pre-lunch sherry at 12noon.

The AGM will start at 2.15pm in the South Transept and will be followed by our special Guest Speaker, Professor Paul Binski. Paul is an expert on British medieval art, in particular Ely Cathedral Lady Chapel, so we can expect a fascinating presentation.

Tea will follow the AGM and the day will finish with Festal Evensong at 5.00pm when Canon Jessica Martin will preach.

Guest Speaker: Professor Paul Binski

Professor Paul Binski is a well-known art historian, author and broadcaster, as well as being Professor of the History of Art at Cambridge University. His career has been devoted to the study and preservation of the heritage of British medieval art and architecture.

Amongst his recent books is 'Gothic Wonder: Art, Artifice and the Decorated Style 1290-1350', which has a chapter devoted to the fourteenth-century works at Ely.

FRIENDS' DAY — LUNCH

The Lunch this year will be produced by the Cathedral Almonry Restaurant, under the direction of new Catering Manager Adrian Scarlett. The good news is that whilst the standard will remain excellent we have managed to reduce costs and lunch will be just £17 per person, including wine (£20 for Guests). Please note that Lunch **must be ordered by 13 September** (see Page 13) and tickets are only available from the Friends' Office.

FRIENDS' DAY — DONATIONS TOWARDS COSTS

Once again we ask everyone attending Friends' Day to make a small donation towards the costs of organising the event and providing afternoon tea and biscuits. Donation baskets will be available throughout the day. Thank you.

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL FESTIVAL

'Friends' Day'

Saturday, 28 September 2019

11.00 Friends' Tours of the Cathedral

a) Green Man Tours or b) General Tour including Friends' Gifts

(to be booked in advance, see Page 10)

12.00 for 12.30 Lunch in The Lady Chapel (sherry from 12.00)

(to be booked in advance, see Page 13)

2.15 Annual General Meeting in the South Transept (see Page 8)

Guest Speaker: Professor Paul Binski,
'The Ely Lady Chapel and its Art'

4.15 Tea & Biscuits in the Lady Chapel

5.00 Friends' Festal Evensong

Preacher: Canon Jessica Martin

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' Accounts for 2018

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/friends

Hard copies will be available at the AGM on 28 September. If you require a copy before then please contact the Friends' Office.

THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL
76th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, 28 September 2019 at 2.15pm

AGENDA

1. a) Prayers
 b) Welcome and Apologies
2. **To confirm the Minutes** of the Seventy-Fifth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 22 September 2018 (circulated to all Friends in the 2018 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 2018 (see P 7)
6. **Report from Chair of Council: Mr Edward Gifford**
7. **Friends' Officer's Report: Mrs Sue Hunting**
8. **Election of Council Members**
 Thanks are due to those Council members who are retiring this year. Nominations for Council (proposed and seconded by Friends) should be given to the Friends' Officer in writing by no later than Friday, 13 September. If necessary there will be an election.
 Nomination Forms are on Page 10.
9. **Requests for Grants**
10. **Any Other Business**
 Any motion to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting must be given to the Friends' Officer in writing by Friday, 13 September 2019.

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TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

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

The accounts have been uploaded on to the Ely Cathedral website:
www.elycathedral.org/friends

Total income was £186,593 (2017 - £105,829).

Subscriptions, donations, and gift aid claims on subscriptions were £34,778 (2017 - £32,963).

Legacy income increased sharply from £13,515 in 2017 to £103,048.

Investment income and interest was £35,096 (2017 - £35,640).

Investment income includes £31,083 (2017 - £32,301) attributable to the investments of the Stanley Johnson bequest which, as I have reported before, has been set aside and designated to support major projects. The balance of the income is £13,671 (2017 - £23,711) gross income, before expenses, of fund raising activities (see also below).

The net income from fund raising activities, outings, social events, Christmas cards etc was £7,398 (2017 - £8,699).

Total expenditure, excluding gifts to Ely Cathedral and costs associated with fund raising activities, increased by £210 to £21,584.

Gifts to Ely Cathedral were £38,690 compared to £204,371 in 2017. The principal gift was £25,000 for a rooftop health & safety walkway.

The value of the charity's investments decreased in the year by £23,674 although in 2019 this has been reversed.

The net assets of the charity at 31 December 2018 were £1,117,323, an increase of £96,372. Of this £888,801 was the ring fenced designated fund, leaving £228,522 general funds.

The accounts were approved by council on 30 April 2019 and it will be proposed at the AGM that they be adopted.

This is my final report as treasurer as I have advised Council that I wish to stand down at the 2019 AGM having carried out this role since 2006.

Richard O Setchell, Honorary Treasurer
9 July 2019

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 Friday, 13 September 2019

Friends' Day Tours

I wish to reserve the following places:

a) Green Man Tour _____

b) General Cathedral Tour _____

Both Tours start at 11am on Friends' Day, 28 September.
Please meet by The Friends' Notice Board in the Nave.

Name _____

Email / Phone _____

Please return this form to the Friends' Office
by Friday, 13 September 2019

Friends' Evening:

'MEET THE NEW MUSIC TEAM'

Thurs, 3 October 7.00 pm in Ely Cathedral

This is a unique opportunity for Friends and Guests to meet and enjoy music played by Edmund Aldhouse, the new Cathedral Director of Music and Glen Dempsey, the new Assistant Director of Music.

They will each talk about their musical journey to Ely, and answer questions, as well as treat us to organ music and piano duets.

We hope that this special evening will be a happy, relaxed occasion and provide a chance for Friends to welcome Edmund and Glen to their new roles. If anyone has particular requests for music please submit them well in advance and Edmund/Glen will try to oblige. Of course if we are inundated it may not be possible for all requests to be played!

Tickets: £7 Friends, £9 Guests (to include drinks) are available via the priority form on Page 15. They can also be ordered from the Cathedral **Box Office from 23 Aug.**

FRIENDS' QUIZ & SOCIAL

Weds, 27 November 2019, 7.00 for 7.30pm

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

Back by popular demand! This will be our 5th Quiz Evening and this time the Quiz will be organised by John Webster and Ed Gifford.

Everyone is welcome! There are tables of six and you can either join a table on the night or come as a team of six (please buy tickets in advance). If you are a new Friend why not come along and see just how friendly we are? There will be a 'cheese/pate & biscuit supper' as well as the 'not too serious' Quiz and time to chat.

Soft drinks will be provided but please bring your own alcohol!

There will also be a raffle. This is our main Autumn fund-raising event and donations of prizes are much appreciated!

Tickets: £10 Friends, £12 Guests are available via the priority form on Page 15. They can also be ordered from the **Box Office from 23 Aug.**

FRIENDS' MERCHANDISE

Friends' Notecards

These useful blank cards come in packs of six. Each pack has three good quality cards of two designs:

- a) is a photograph featuring a distant view of the Cathedral behind a field of red poppies
- b) is a summer photograph of the Cathedral from the Almonry Garden.

Good value at £4/ pack of 6.

Friends' Bags: only available through The Friends

These smart hard wearing canvas bags feature the Octagon in navy and cream, with a navy gusset and long handles.

The price is just **£6** each with post and packing £2.50. They make an ideal present.

Friends' Christmas Cards: (see Page 5)

Our 2019 cards will be available from Friends' Day at £6/pack of 10. Other designs are available at £6 or £5/ pack of 10. All profits go to The Friends and to the Cathedral.

Items can be ordered directly from The Friends' Office for collection or delivery by post (postal charges for cards on application). Cheque should be made payable to The Friends of Ely Cathedral.

They will also be available at all our Autumn Events - including Friends' Day and, of course, at the Friends' Stall at the Christmas Fair (see Page 14).

FRIENDS' FESTIVAL DAY LUNCH 2019

Sat. 28 September — 12.00 for 12.30pm in the Lady Chapel

FRIENDS' BUFFET MENU

Honey Roasted Ham, Roasted Sirloin of Beef
Hot Chicken & Vegetable Skewers
Hot Fresh Salmon with Lemon and Dill, Tempura Prawns

Vegetarian: Asparagus & Cream Cheese Quiche,
Caramelized Red Onion & Cherry Tomato Tart, Mini Samosas

Pasta Salad, Roasted Rosemary Potatoes
Mixed Leaves, Tomato & Mozzarella Salad

Gluten Free Chocolate Torte
Cambridge Burnt Cream
Fresh Fruit Salad

Tea & Coffee

FRIENDS' DAY LUNCH 28/9/19

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

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 Friday, 13 Sept to :
Mrs S. M. Hunting, 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.

Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair 2019

This event gets bigger every year! Dates for November are:

Weds 13 Nov: 6.30pm Preview Evening

A limited number of tickets now available @£6.50 each

Thurs 14 Nov: 9.30am - 1.00pm
1.00pm - 4.30pm

Fri 15 Nov: 9.00am - 10.00am 'Shoppers with wheels'
10.00am - 1.00pm
1.00pm - 4.30pm
6.30pm - 9.00pm

Sat 16 Nov: 9.30am - 1.00pm
1.00pm - 4.30pm

Entry price on Thursday, Friday and Saturday is £4.00

Children under 16 FREE when accompanied by an adult

Tickets are available from the Cathedral Box Office and online.

You are strongly advised to buy your tickets in advance!

Don't forget to visit The Friends' Stall - we shall be selling our Bags, Notecards and Christmas Cards and of course all the money we raise goes, via The Friends, to the Cathedral!

Friends' Evening: MEET THE NEW MUSIC TEAM

Thurs, 3 Oct 7.00pm

I wish to order _____ Friend tickets at **£7** each

and _____ Guest tickets at **£9** each

Wine/soft drinks are included

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 27 Aug.

FRIENDS' QUIZ and SOCIAL

Weds, 27 Nov 7.00 for 7.30pm

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

and _____ Guest tickets at **£12** each

Supper and soft drinks are included

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:

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