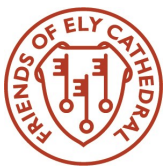
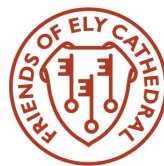


# The Friends of Ely Cathedral



## Newsletter



### January 2019

#### **SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER**

Many thanks to those who have already paid their 2019 subscriptions, whether by Standing Order or cheque/cash.

If you have **not yet paid** the **correct subscription for 2019** please send a cheque or standing order to the Friends' office asap, address below. Standing Order & Gift Aid Forms are on Page 10.

If the correct subs are not paid then Passes can be cancelled electronically and Friends removed from the mailing list. We do not like doing this but it is sometimes necessary.

#### **Annual minimum subscriptions for 2019:**

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

There is also a £5 fee for replacement Passes.

NB Subs have not increased since 2011 and payments above the minimum are always very gratefully received. Please consider increasing your contribution.

Thank you for your support of The Friends - we hope you will enjoy reading both the Yearbook and this Newsletter and that we shall see you at some of our events this year.

In case of query please contact the Friends' Office:

*The Chapter House, The College, ELY, Cambs CB7 4DL*

*e-mail: [friends@elycathedral.org](mailto:friends@elycathedral.org) ☎ 01353 660348*

*[www.elycathedral.org/friends](http://www.elycathedral.org/friends)*

# THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

## FRIENDS' DATES 2019

Weds 27 March : Friends' Bridge Afternoon (see below)

Tues 14 May: Friends' Evening 'The Stained Glass of EC' (Page 9 & 11)

Tues 21 May: Friends' Outing to Rochester Cathedral (Pages 4 & 5)

Tues 18 June: New Friends' Evening - invitations to follow

### **Advance Notice:** *(full details in Summer Newsletter)*

Sat 28 Sept: Friends' Festival Day & AGM

Oct: Friends' Evening tbc

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

Weds 27 Nov: Friends' Social with Quiz

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

## **BRIDGE AFTERNOON** Weds 27 March, Sutton nr Ely

Some Friends (Ed & Jean, Jane, Philip & Sylvia) have kindly offered to organise a Bridge Afternoon in aid of The Friends of Ely Cathedral. This will be held in Brooklands Village Hall, Sutton near Ely on Wednesday, 27 March.

If you are interested in attending please contact the Office and we will pass your details on to the organisers. Places (£7.50 to include tea) are limited so an early response is recommended!

## ***NEW FRIENDS' EVENING***

*The 2019 New Friends Evening will be held on  
**Tuesday, 18 June** and everyone who has joined The Friends  
since June 2018 is warmly invited.*

*Individual invitations will be sent out nearer the time but  
new Friends may like to make a note of the date now!*

## ***From the Chair of Council - - - -***

As the newly appointed Chairman of the Council of The Friends of Ely Cathedral may I firstly have the pleasure of thanking Helen Merrick, our former Chairman, for her supreme leadership, effort and hard work during her five years in office.

I feel deeply honoured to be Chairman and will endeavour to guide our Council to an exciting and busy future.

Best wishes for a Happy and Peaceful 2019,



***Ed Gifford***

## ***From the Friends' Officer - - - -***

Hello and welcome to our January 2019 Newsletter which contains information about our forthcoming events and activities and accompanies the 2018 Yearbook.

We hope to see you at one of our events soon — sadly there is no Bishop's Marquee this year so we are unable to repeat our successful 'Pudding & Punch' evening! However we are very fortunate that Jasmine Allen, Curator of the Stained Glass Museum, has agreed to give a special talk, and tour, of the Stained Glass of Ely Cathedral. This is a really unique opportunity and we hope the evening will be well supported.

**VOLUNTEERS:** You will also see (Page 7) that Richard, our indefatigable Treasurer, is retiring from the role and so we are looking for another wonderful volunteer to replace him.

We are also looking for more volunteers to join the Social Committee and, later in the year, we shall be looking for more Council members (Trustees). Please get in touch if you are interested and would like to find out more. It is healthy to have changes of personnel and we should be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to become more involved.

The next Newsletter will be in Summer 2019 and will be sent electronically where possible. All our documents and information can also be found on the Friends' page of the Cathedral website:

[www.elycathedral.org/friends](http://www.elycathedral.org/friends)

We hope to see you soon! Do please say hello if you are visiting and see me around the Cathedral!

Best wishes,

# **FRIENDS' OUTING: Tuesday, 21 May 2019**

## **To: Rochester Cathedral**

**8.40am** Leave Barton Rd Car Park, Ely (NB long term parking after 8.30)

**11.00** Arrive Rochester Cathedral, Coffee & Cake with Rochester Friends

**11.45 - 12.45** Guided Tours of Cathedral

**12.45** Free time

**3.45** Leave Rochester

**6.00ish** Arrive back in Ely

NB Rochester Cathedral is the 2nd oldest Cathedral in the UK. It is famous for its Norman architecture and as a place of pilgrimage. The town is also famous for its Castle and connection with Dickens.

Following the success of previous Outings we have again left the afternoon free for people to choose their own activities.

**Lunch:** Sandwiches are available at the Cafe in the Crypt of the Cathedral and there are numerous other cafes, pubs and restaurants nearby. Picnics can be eaten in the grounds of the Castle.

**Afternoon options:** There are plenty of things to see and do in Rochester — both the Castle (English Heritage, concession admission £4) and Guildhall Museum (free) are very near. The Castle is an 11th Century Norman landmark whilst the 17th Century Guildhall Museum is a lively and colourful treasure trove of Medway's history. There is also a quaint High Street with many independent shops.

For more information about Rochester see: **[www.visitmedway.org](http://www.visitmedway.org)**

### **COST**

**The cost of the day is £27 Friends / £30 Guests to include coach, coffee and Cathedral guided tour.**

The application form is on Page 5. Unfortunately the trip will have to be cancelled if there are insufficient numbers so we really hope for as many people as we had last year! Please reply asap and definitely by 16 April.

Payment is by cheque & SAE only, not via the Cathedral Box Office.

## FRIENDS' OUTING to Rochester: Tues, 21 May

I wish to reserve:

\_\_\_\_\_ Friend places @ £27

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest places @ £30

I enclose a cheque for \_\_\_\_\_ payable to 'The Friends of Ely Cathedral' and **an SAE** (for confirmation of place or return of cheque if insufficient numbers by 16 April).

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

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ ☎ Tel no: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of attendees:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### IMPORTANT

Please provide details of a contact who should be rung in the event of an emergency. Do you have any health or mobility problems that the organizers should know about? (in confidence)

Name of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical info: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this **form, cheque and SAE** to:

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

*Places for this event cannot be reserved via the Box Office*

## **Social Committee and Council**

We are keen to involve more Friends in the planning and running of our events — so are looking for Friends to join the Social Committee. We meet every few months to brainstorm and think of new ideas — please let us know if you are interested in getting involved. Linda Swain is the new Chairman of the Social Committee and will be pleased to hear your suggestions. She can be contacted via *friends@elycathedral.org*

We are also always pleased to hear of people who would like to become Trustees of our charity and serve as Council Members. Elections are held at the AGM in September — so please start thinking about it!

## **Electronic Mailing**

We are trying to follow our usual custom of sending this Friends' January mailing by post and the Summer mailing by email — unless you have specifically asked us to do otherwise. There was some confusion with the GDPR forms last year and so if you wish to receive next year's January mailing electronically (including the Yearbook) please tell the Friends' Office (by email!). It is also helpful to know if your email address has changed — large numbers bounce back and with some e-addresses it is not possible to identify the Friend from their email.

## **Old Yearbooks needed**

In the Friends' Office we have a collection of Friends Yearbooks going back to the first one which was produced in 1937. However some years are completely missing from the collection whilst for other years we have only one copy. If you, or anyone you know, has any Yearbooks (before 2010) that you would be willing to give away (or let us photocopy) then we should be very pleased to hear from you. We can guarantee that any donations would be really appreciated and well looked after! It is amazing how much information they contain and how fascinating it is to read it.

On second thoughts please get in touch before bringing/sending Yearbooks to the office — whilst we should like more copies we don't want to be overwhelmed with hundreds of the same ones!

## Friends of Ely Cathedral - Richard Setchell, Treasurer

Richard has been our Honorary Treasurer since 2005 and we are really grateful for all that he has done. **Sadly he now feels that it is time to retire and so we are urgently looking for another volunteer to take over our finances.**

If you know of anyone who is an accountant or book-keeper and might be interested in helping The Friends then please ask them to get in touch with Richard, Ed, Sue or any Council members. Please ask around on our behalf as word of mouth is invaluable and volunteers sometimes need encouragement! Richard has kindly produced an overview of what this important role involves:

### Friends' Treasurer – Job Description

- The accounting records are maintained by the Treasurer in an Excel spreadsheet. The bank receipts, payments etc are linked to an Income & Expenditure account and Balance Sheet so that periodic management accounts can be produced.
- FoEC payments — only 30 cheques were written in 2018.
- The annual / statutory accounts are prepared in Word, the figures being manually extracted from the Excel management accounts. The Independent Examiners assist in ensuring that the statutory accounts comply with current legislation.
- The Treasurer is also involved with maintaining the database record of members' subscriptions (which are mostly paid by annual standing order). Monthly reports from this form the basis of the bank receipts record. However it is hoped that much of this work will soon be passed to a volunteer subscription secretary.

**Time:** Richard has kept a rough record of the time involved in 2018:

Book-keeping and management accounts	12 hours
Preparation for and attendance at 4 Council meetings	10
Preparation of report and attendance at AGM	4
Monitoring investments, bank deposit accounts and cash flow	4
Gift Aid claims	3
Preparation of statutory accounts	13
Meetings with and support given to Friends Officer	10
Miscellaneous matters, correspondence etc	5
Database work (see above – this role may cease, although some supervision and support will be required)	<u>37</u>
Total (overall less than 2 hours per week)	<b>98</b>

**We look forward to hearing from you!**

# **The Beautiful Stitch Exhibition**

**Ely Cathedral Lady Chapel, 5 - 28 February 2019**

The Embroiderers' Guild Collection is full of stories behind the techniques and styles of embroidery on display. It incorporates textiles from previous centuries to the present day and we hope that this special exhibition will inform and intrigue all those who come to see it.

For our exhibition, five themes were chosen, representing particular strengths of the Collection:

- Embroidery as Art
- Embroidery in Education
- Embroidery as Fashion
- Embroidery as Industry
- Embroidery as Status

## **Tickets**

£9 - Standard Cathedral Admission Fee

£6 - Concessions and Embroiderers' Guild Members

£5 - Cathedral Pass Holders (incl Friends) and Sunday Entrance

Children under 16 free (when accompanied by a paying adult)

All tickets include standard entry into Ely Cathedral

Online - [www.elycathedral.org](http://www.elycathedral.org)

By phone - 01353 660349 (Mon - Sat 10am to 4pm)

In Person - From the Box Office at the South Door (Mon - Sat 10am to 4pm)

## **Exhibition Opening Times**

Monday - Saturday: 9.30am - 4pm

Sunday: 12noon - 4pm

Please check website for amendments or specific closures.

Ely Cathedral is open from 7am to 6.30pm (Mon-Sat) & 7am to 5pm (Sun)

## **Embroidery Workshops**

To tie in with our Embroidery Exhibition we have a series of embroidery workshops.

8 Feb - Glorious Sunsets

9 Feb - Stitched Treasures

15 Feb - Fabulous Flowers

22 Feb - Colours of India

Please see the website for more information:

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## **FRIENDS' EVENT**

# **'The Stained Glass of Ely Cathedral'**

**with Dr Jasmine Allen**

**Tuesday, 14 May**

**7.00pm in the South Transept**

This promises to be a very special evening. We are very fortunate that Jasmine Allen, Curator of the Stained Glass Museum, has agreed to give a special talk, and tour, of the Stained Glass of Ely Cathedral for the Friends.

This is a really unique opportunity for an enjoyable and informative event and we hope that it will be well supported.

The format of the evening is that Jasmine will talk at 7.00pm, and then there will still be time for an (optional )Tour of the Cathedral (ground floor) before it gets dark. Wine and nibbles will be served and the Stained Glass Museum will also be open for Friends to visit.

**Tickets: £7 Friends, £9 Guests**

*(to include wine and nibbles)*

*Tickets are available from the Friends' Office (see Page 11)*

*or the Cathedral Box Office (after 1 Mar)*

*(01353 660349) Mon-Sat 10am - 4pm*

Please copy or download forms if you don't want to cut the pages.

Evensong will be sung, as usual, at 5.30pm, all are welcome.

## STANDING ORDER THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL

**Please return to The Friends' Office:** The Chapter House, Ely, CB7 4DL

To \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Sort Code \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_

Branch Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay to **Lloyds TSB Bank Plc, Minster Place, Ely (30-93-05)** for the credit of The Friends of Ely Cathedral, Account No. 00080253, **quoting reference\*** \_\_\_\_\_ (\*to be completed by the Friends' Officer)

the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ in words \_\_\_\_\_

immediately and then on 1 January each year until further notice

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Account No \_\_\_\_\_

Account Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (office use)

**Please note – this order CANCELS any current order given by me in favour of The Friends of Ely Cathedral**

### GIFT AID DECLARATION *(only needed for new declarations)*

I wish to Gift Aid my regular subscription & all donations I make to The Friends of Ely Cathedral from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise.

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

Full Name (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to The Friends' Office:**

The Chapter House, The College, Ely, Cambs CB7 4DL

*I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference*

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Names of attendees:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ ☎ Tel no: \_\_\_\_\_

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