



The Friends of York Minster

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Dear Friends,

The Sun is shining and the blossom is out which makes one feel much more positive after two difficult years. We have missed seeing our Friends but people are gradually going out and socialising more even though Covid is still around.

We have planned Friends events for this summer and have been very pleased by your positive response as we have waiting lists for several of the outings. Our Coffee Mornings will start again in May and we hope to serve coffee and delicious cakes in the North Transept from 10 to 12 on the first Wednesday of the month until October. It will be good to meet up with our members again. The new catering cupboards provided by the Friends, behind the Astronomical Clock, have made providing refreshments in this area much easier.

We have seen another change of Dean this year. Dean Jonathan Frost left to become Bishop of Portsmouth and we are waiting to hear who will succeed him.

AGM, Saturday 2 July 2022 This year our AGM is to be held on Saturday, 2 July in the Chapter House. Followed by Evensong and refreshments. The programme for the day is:

- 4.30 pm AGM in the Lady Chapel
- 5:30 pm Sung Eucharist in the Quire
- 6:30 pm Drinks and finger buffet in the North Transept.

Please tear off and return to the Friends Office.

AGM. Saturday, 2 July.

I /we will be attending the AGM. No. of places _____

I/we will be attending the finger buffet cost £4.50.

No. of places required ____ Amount paid _____ Dietary requirements. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Friends Council

At the AGM Catherine Champness, John Morley, and Sue Wood will stand down from Council. They will all be missed as they have made valuable contributions to the Friends but they will all still be very actively involved. Catherine and Sue will continue to organise activities and holidays.

Annual report

I hope you will be impressed by our excellent Friends' Annual Report which is enclosed. This year because we had no holidays and outings to report there are more articles about the Minster itself. Many thanks to Trevor Julian, our editor, for his hard work in organising it. A very time-consuming task which involves commissioning and proof-reading articles, sourcing photographs and dealing with copyright issues.

Administration.

We sometimes have members ringing up to ask why they have not been receiving any information from us and we usually find that the details we have are not up to date. Please will you let us know when you change your address, phone number or email then we can make sure that you receive all our mailings.

We are grateful to all Friends who have completed a gift aid declaration form. By doing this it enables us to receive 25 % of all monies given in a tax year, and is a good source of income. If you have not completed one please would you and return it to The Friends Office.

The support we receive from volunteers is invaluable to The Friends, this includes council members, activity committee members, coffee morning helpers, and help with administration labelling, stuffing envelopes and hand delivering of the Annual reports. "THANK YOU"

We do need volunteers to deliver reports and newsletters in Acomb, Fulford, Holgate, and New Earswick, if you can help please e - mail or phone Jayne at the office please.

Our varied activities programme of lectures, visits and holidays continues to be very well supported. Thanks to the Activities group for their excellent organisational skills.

We will be sending out booking forms in September for autumn events

Many thanks for your continuing support and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM,



Meg Shorland-Ball