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The regular newsletter of the
Rochester Cathedral Campaign
August/September 2007



FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

We have been working hard on a major application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. This is to finance the first phase of the Interpretation Plan. If it is successful we hope it will fund a lot of exciting and vital work, including.....opening up the West and North doors with interior glazing so that the building is much more inviting and accessible; designing a new reception area in the North Transept; the complete re-design and overhaul of our leaflets and brochure; the provision of 3 new audio tours of the cathedral, employing an Interpretation Manager, enhancing the recruitment and training of our Tour Guides, the refurbishment of the toilets, and upgrading the stair lift. It looks like HLF will not directly fund some of the other improvements to the nave that we hoped to include, like replacing the chairs – but we are working on other ways of finding the money for this. The application will be in by 13 September, then there is a 6 month wait while it is assessed – during which time I hope we can make a lot of progress in doing the preparation work behind the scenes.

Adrian Newman

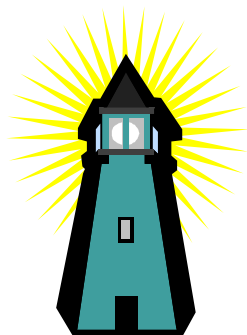
CATHEDRAL WORK IN PROGRESS

The next phase of English Heritage funded high level works has begun. Scaffolding has been erected externally to the South Transept and Lady Chapel to allow work to be carried out on the masonry in these areas. Some scaffolding will also be erected internally to make repairs to the internal plaster work around the high level windows in the South Transept.

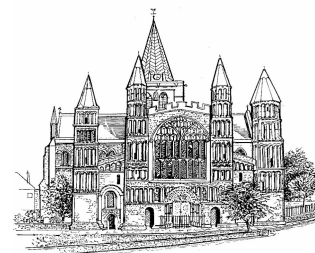
As a result the South Gate will remain closed and there will be no public access to the Cathedral through the South Door from the Gate. We are expecting the scaffolding to remain in place until the end of the year and we will endeavour to keep you up to date on how the work is progressing.

In aid of the
Cathedral Campaign
Fundraising Tudor Banquet
on 11 October 2007 at 7pm
In ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL CRYPT
Tudor style Dinner,
drinks and entertainment
Including Tudor madrigals and readings
Raffle
TICKET PRICE ONLY £20
(food & drink inclusive)
contact Campaign Office for more info

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**CAMPAIGN
TOTAL
TO DATE
£ 2,488,936**



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WOMENS HYDRO ACTIVE HYDE PARK RUN/WALK

Great news! We have 24 ladies (more than double last year's participants) that have registered to take part in the Hydro Active Hyde Park Run/Walk. That already means that with the £5 from each entry fee we have raised £120 for the campaign without any of the sponsorships.

Some of the ladies are looking to get some larger corporate sponsorship, so we will keep our fingers crossed that they are successful.

Even if you are not running why not come up to Hyde Park for the day and bring a picnic?



KENT CHURCHES SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

The annual Kent Churches Sponsored Bike Ride and walk is taking place on Saturday 8th September between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The aim is to raise money by visiting as many churches and chapels as possible during that time. Half the money raised goes to the Friends of Kent Churches and half to the church of your choice. Here is a great opportunity to raise funds for the cathedral campaign. The event is open to everybody, including families, and you may either cycle or walk. Members of the cathedral congregation will be taking part, so why not join them. Sponsor forms available from John Sears (tel: 01634 409113) or the Campaign Office. Further information can be found on www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk.



TRUST & FOUNDATION UPDATE

A big thank you to the Garfield Weston Foundation for their generous grant of £100,000 received recently; and to the Godinton Trust for a further £5,000 on top of £20,000 they sent us earlier in the year.

We have also gratefully received amounts from The Harris Trust, Matthew Hodder Trust and Brachers Trust.

REPORT BACK—SCRABBLE EVENING

Mary and Owen Woodfield have raised a remarkable further £505 for the campaign as a result of the very successful Scrabble evening they held at their home recently.

We would like to thank them for their continuing tireless efforts.

Cake Sale : September 23

We will be having a cake sale after the morning service in the crypt to raise money for the campaign. Please put this date in your diary and bring lots of cakes and other yummy things to sell and, of course, plenty of money to buy the tempting delights on offer!



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AUCTION—SEVENOAKS

Following the very successful Auction last year, held in Rochester, plans are well advanced to stage a follow-up event at the Kippington Centre, Kippington Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 2LL on Saturday 15th September. This was the idea of our Rochester Cathedral Trustee, Diana Paul of Brasted. John Sandon from the Antiques Roadshow will be on hand to auction the items once again, and will be assisted by his brother, David. Wine and canapés will be served.

Viewing will be from 4pm and the sale starts at 7pm. Free catalogues will be available. The recent successful Antiques Roadshow held at Rochester Cathedral (and due to be broadcast in the Autumn), found lots of very interesting items and we would love to include a selection of antiques and collectibles if anybody has any to donate. John and David will be only too happy to advise you regarding anything you feel may be suitable for our Auction. Please contact Diana Paul on 01959 563617 or David Sandon on 07931 572907



SPECIAL NOTE: THE ANTIQUES ROADSHOW FILMED IN THE CATHEDRAL IN APRIL WILL BE BROADCAST ON 18TH AND 25TH NOVEMBER.