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CATHEDRAL



May 1980

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FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Patron:

The Right Hon. Lord Astor of Hever
Lord Lieutenant of Kent

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The Lord Bishop of Rochester

Vice-President:

The Right Hon. The Lord Cornwallis, K.C.V.O., K.B.E., M.C., J.P.

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The Dean of Rochester

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(representing the Chapter)

Retire 1980

Lady Batterbee

Dr. K. Hartley

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Retire 1981

Mr. A. A. Anderson

Mr. W. E. Heath

Major L. J. Melhuish

Mr. E. F. Bates, J.P.

Miss E. M. White

Retire 1982

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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:

Rev. L. Fry, The Precinct, Rochester



Badge of the Friends of
Rochester Cathedral

PARTICULARS OF MEMBERSHIP

THE Association of the Friends of Rochester Cathedral was formed in 1935, as it was felt that there were many who would like to be associated with this ancient and interesting church and to have a share in the preservation and upkeep of the fabric.

The Diocese and Cathedral of Rochester go back to the beginning of English Christianity. This is not to be confused with Christianity in what we now speak of as England, for Christianity flourished in Kent soon after the year A.D. 200, and although there is no proof of a Christian Church in Rochester in those early days, there is at least a likelihood that there was one. The Mission sent by Pope Gregory the Great, and welcomed and aided by King Ethelbert, secured the founding of the See of Canterbury about A.D. 597, and those of Rochester and London in A.D. 604. Close to the West Door of the Cathedral the foundations of the apse of the old Saxon Church were discovered—semi-circular lines just inside the Cathedral mark the site—and the foundations of its Nave walls were traced running westwards across the cemetery outside. No foundations of a western apse have been discovered. The Cathedral Church as it stands today is an interesting epitome of English architecture from early Norman to the present century—the latter represented by restoration work.

All who care for this venerable church are asked to join the Association, to help the Dean and Chapter bear the responsibility of preserving for future generations a building which stands for so much in the history of our National Church.

The membership of the Friends remains at about 1,000. This means that thousands have enrolled through the years but our new membership at present does not cover our losses. We really need a considerable increase in both individual and corporate members. Friends' contributions have helped to carry out work of improvement and maintenance in many ways. The monastic buildings and cloister have been opened

up and the garth is increasingly being used in summer months by those who are looking for a place of quiet, not to mention those who like to bring their sandwiches at lunch time. The new St. Andrew's Visitors' Centre is being increasingly used.

The inside of the Norman nave has been cleaned and shows afresh the variety of its decoration. The new stone platform for the nave altar has been built and perhaps its greatest commendation is that it looks as if it has always been there. It has, it is believed, added to the dignity of worship and been an asset for productions of music, drama and ballet. While the work in preparation for this was being carried out remains were discovered confirming the theory that a pre-Conquest Church, subsequent to the original Saxon Church at the west of the nave, lay immediately under the present Norman nave. Contributions have not been confined to the building itself, but have much assisted in the maintenance of the organ. The steady work of maintaining the fabric has gone on and the cleaning and repair of the exterior has revealed still further the beauty of the building.

We were pleased to defray the cost of replacing the tiles in the Transcept after the disastrous eruption in 1976. From the list of grants paid which appear on another page, and those to which we are committed in the Treasurer's Report, you will see the substantial contribution being made by the Friends to the upkeep of the Cathedral. If we are to meet the calls for our help, and continue the good work commenced in 1935, new members are urgently needed. Will you please help through your family and friends? If you know of anyone who might be interested a copy of this report will be readily sent if you will let us have their name and address.

The minimum subscription is £2 per annum. It has been kept as low as possible so as not to preclude as many as possible from joining. It is of course hoped that many will be able to give a larger sum, and we are very indebted to all those who give generously in excess of the minimum. There is also a Corporate Membership for Schools, Colleges, Parochial Church Councils, etc., with a minimum subscription of £2 per annum, whilst individual Life Membership is £20 per annum, or a joint Life Membership for husband and wife, £30. Boys and girls under 18 years of age 10p per annum. Each Friend receives a Card of Membership, and a copy of the Annual Report is sent to all adult members, when published. A form of application will be found at the end

of this report which can be completed and sent to the Secretary at the Friends' Office.

We also have our Junior Groups. The Groups themselves are Sunday Schools, Schools, Youth Clubs, etc. The Groups at present enrolled are mainly Sunday Schools, of which we have 13 with 79 children also enrolled. We are delighted that Miss Le Grove is acting as Secretary for our Junior Groups, and her report will be found on another page. Particulars concerning the Groups will be readily sent upon request.

Friends who visit the Cathedral and attend Festivals are asked to wear the Badge of Membership, illustrated on the cover. It consists of a gold scallop on a red field with the words "Friends of Rochester Cathedral" round the rim and the date of the inception. Badges are 30p (10p for Junior Members) and may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary.

FRIENDS' OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL—March 1980 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The past year has been one of growth and opportunity. In filling out a questionnaire last autumn for the National initiative in Evangelism, I noted that our congregational list had increased by some 30 per cent since 1975 and (more significantly because the figure is more accurate and it expresses a deeper commitment) the number of communions had increased by 11.2 per cent over the same period. This represents unspectacular but steady and therefore healthy growth, at a time when the media are slow to lose the habit of assuming decline. Moreover, the number of outside bodies asking for special services is growing all the time. It is an interesting footnote to the supposed secularisation of life that more institutions than ever before are wanting to celebrate their existence under God in worship. We have been pleased this year to hold new Carol Services for Cobham Hall and Marconi Elliot, and to celebrate the centenary of the Medway Yacht Club and the quatercentenary of Watts Charity. Our chief anxiety, which we share with other traditional institutions like hospitals and universities, is not that we lack the will or the skill but that we lack the resources to meet the demands made on us and to make best use of the opportunities open to us.

In the course of the Partners in Mission exercise mounted by the dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester we identified as our top priority the need to make proper provision for visitors and pilgrims. It is pleasing to report real progress with the opening in June 1979 of the St. Andrew's Centre

for Visitors—the most notable extension of the Cathedral's ministry in recent times. In naming the Centre after St. Andrew—the great missionary Apostle—we are glad to resuscitate the original dedication of the Cathedral; and in calling the two principal rooms after John Fisher and Nicholas Ridley—both martyr Bishops of Rochester but on opposite sides at the time of the Reformation—we show that we intend it to be an ecumenical centre of reconciliation. Pilgrims have come this year from, among other places, Lille, Cologne and Bamberg; and the ecumenical group preparing for the great Pilgrimage 1980 from Bec to Rochester held a meeting in the Centre which was in itself a foretaste of the fellowship to come. The day-to-day running of the Centre is now in the hands of the Cathedral Tours Officer, Mrs. Leanne Hornby, and a Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Bob Ratcliffe.

After a fruitful period of ad hoc developments, we have appointed the Archdeacon, The Venerable D. G. Palmer, to a new office of Cathedral Warden to consolidate and co-ordinate the whole of our ministry to visitors. His advisory group is proving very fertile in ideas for improvements; and Friends will be especially glad to notice what a big difference has been made both to the look of the Cathedral and to ease of movement by modest re-ordering of the Gift Stall and the St. Michael's Chapel area of the Crypt and by the opening up of the Slype as a way through to the Centre. This development fits in beautifully with the refurbishing of the vestries and the improvements to the Gundulph Tower for which the Friends have made handsome grants. It remains to be seen whether a major reconstruction of the Gift Stall is called for. We intend to bring more beauty and order into the various notices which are a necessary feature of the Cathedral and we hope to develop a recognizable house style. A new short but detailed Guide has been published in English, French and German versions and has been very favourably received.

Musical life continues to flourish. The Choir is to be congratulated on the production of a fine record 'Music from Rochester Cathedral', which Friends will surely wish to purchase in large quantities for themselves and as gifts. The B.B.C. have done us the honour of asking us to broadcast Evensong twice this year; the Diocesan Music Festivals have been particularly splendid, and the concerts of the Rochester Choral Society included a daring innovation—a bring-and-sing Messiah, in which a congregation/choir of hundreds responded to the masterly conducting of Barry Ferguson to produce a sound which was always musical and which sometimes rose to the height of pure worship.

The main event of the past year was undoubtedly the Design for Service exhibition 12th June—12th August, 1979, mounted jointly by the Cathedral and the Diocese. This was an event of national and even international significance, and it is hoped that its influence in raising standards of design in church architecture and furnishings will be felt for years to come. It was notable for the number of people involved in different ways and for the increased participation of members of parishes in the life and work of the Cathedral.

For geographical reasons it is not easy for Rochester Cathedral to be the centre of the Diocese. But relationships are more important than geography and we all benefit greatly from the support and co-operation of the Bishop and of the staff of Diocesan Office. Our Honorary Canons, too, represent the Foundation throughout the length and breadth of the Diocese; and it may be that the Friends, should also be seeking ways of relating more closely to the more distant deaneries. In January I wrote to all incumbents about ways in which the Cathedral and parishes could help each other. Increasingly, parish parties are coming to worship with us; and on one glorious occasion last summer all the parishes of Malling Deanery came together to commit themselves anew to their partnership in their Deanery Synod. We rejoice that the great increase in the number of tourists and visitors recently, far from loosening the bonds of affection which tie us to our own Diocese, has been matched by a strengthening of local ties.

We cannot—yet—claim to be ministering effectively to young people on a significant scale; but, with marvellous co-operation and tolerance on the part of the Vergers, we have been able to house both a Youth Festival in the Nave for the opening of Partners in Mission and a series of evangelistic meetings for the young in the Crypt. All these youth events bring their own audio visual culture, which is quite different from typical Cathedral worship; but the grand old building is wonderfully flexible and it plays its part in producing a mixture of ancient and modern which all enjoy.

Altogether the past year has been one in which we have made many friends of all ages. It is evident that this is not being matched by any increase in the number of Friends. Our apparent inability to turn friends into Friends is both disconcerting and challenging. As a body we are now 45 years old—a good age at which to take stock. We have to ask ourselves whether we have moved sufficiently with the times since 1935, whether we too have found the formula for the proper mixture of ancient and modern and whether

changes both in our structures and in our method of working are called for. These are questions to which I would direct the thoughts and prayers of Friends in the coming year.

For the coming year is a year of jubilee. It is 850 years since the great Anglo-Norman Cathedral was consecrated on Ascension Day 1130 in the presence of King Henry I. An exciting programme of events has been planned and published; and I trust that the Friends will both support and enjoy them all. In view of the great care which the Friends have generously given to the Garth, the dedication of the sculpture 'Mary and the Child Christ' by John Doubleday on 20th September, 1980 will be of particular interest. I hope that it will be a great Friends occasion, like the Festival on June 21st and the visit to Crittenden House on 19th July, 1980.

Neither the events which are planned nor the achievements of the past year would be possible without the help, dedication and co-operation of very large numbers of people. It is a truism of christianity that it is the personal which is real. This truth is nowhere more evident than in the life of a great organism like our Cathedral. On behalf of the Friends I should like to thank all the staff and the voluntary helpers who contribute so much to our corporate life;—and on behalf of the rest of us, I want to thank the Friends for their really magnificent support, particularly of the upkeep of the fabric. Last year's grants and those already allocated make a very imaginative as well as substantial contribution to the Cathedral. They total £24,659.75—a large sum of money by any reckoning; and they are a credit both to the generosity of the Friends and also to the wise stewardship of John Fry and his helpers. On behalf of my colleagues on the Chapter I should like to thank them very warmly indeed.

JOHN ARNOLD

HONORARY SECRETARY & TREASURER'S REPORT

It falls to my lot to write my report on another year of work and activity in the Cathedral, in which the Friends have again played an essential part in interest and in practical support, both financially and in service in many and varied ways. The bringing into being of the St. Andrew's centre has provided facilities for the hospitable reception of visitors, especially School Parties, and is also filling the role of the Parish Room as a meeting point for the various organisations within the Cathedral. Your Council now meets at the centre.

Turning to our own membership, we have completed the deletion of those with whom we have lost touch for some time, and have failed to contact since, and our total member-

ship now stands at 986 as compared with 1026 in my last report. Of the 80 names deleted, it is sad to record that 26 were occasioned by death. Over against this we have gained 40 new members and I hope that all will help us build up our figures now that they represent a live and active membership. We hope that among the new members in 1980 will be some who for some reason let their membership lapse, but are now in a position to allow us to renew it. It is very encouraging that in spite of a drop in numbers our Subscription income shows an increase of £79 over last year. This reflects the generous increase made by a growing number of members over and above our minimum requirements.

I am very indebted to Miss Le Grove for undertaking the Secretaryship of our Junior Branch, which until now has been rather inactive. She is hoping that in co-operation with Mrs. Hornby at the Centre the Leaders of School parties will receive literature concerning the Friends, and an invitation to the School to become a corporate member. Miss Le Grove has written a short report which appears on another page. There is also a report from Mrs Hornby concerning the Centre.

Last year I mentioned our indebtedness to all of you who responded to our request to consider paying your subscription by Bankers Order, and the mutual saving in Postage which had resulted. Since then there has been a further increase in postal rates, and we shall be grateful if those who still pay direct will consider changing to Bankers Order. We shall be happy to send a form on request. You will see on another page that we are forced by increased costs to discontinue sending our Report to members paying less than the minimum subscription. Fortunately those affected do not represent a large percentage of our total membership. As already mentioned we are indebted to the majority who pay above the minimum.

Speaking now as your Treasurer, I hope you will agree that our accounts show a very healthy position. As regards our usual items of Income and Expenditure, these show the normal fluctuation from year to year, and I do not think call for further comment, but I would like to comment on the Grants we have been able to make to the Dean and Chapter, as these represent the main purpose of our existence. The Balance Sheet shows the Grants actually paid—The £2,000 for repairs in Gundulph Tower, plus £414 for urgent repairs to the Cathedral Clock. During the year the Council agreed to increase our £400 yearly Grant for the upkeep of the Garth Gardens to £1,000 to be more in line with present day costs, this has also been paid. But in addition to

the figures shown the following Grants have also been approved but not yet drawn. £500 for the inspection of the Spire, and £500 for the inspection of the Gable Finials. Details of the urgent repairs necessary to the Spire as revealed by the inspection, and immediately put in hand, were given to your Council who sanctioned a Grant of £3,000 to cover the cost. The Dean and Chapter have long discussed the possibility of placing a list of Priors and Deans in the Cathedral, and now the Architect has produced a scheme for the names to be placed on the north wall of the Sanctuary suitably lettered in gold leaf, the total cost being £1036. This includes recording the names of the Organists on the door in the screen leading to the Organ. It was agreed that this was an embellishment rather than a structural repair, but your Council, in agreeing to defray the cost felt it would be a contribution by the Friends to the 850th Anniversary Celebrations. The Executive have been given authority to act, after examining an alternative form of lettering with a view to effecting a saving in cost. The work for which the Grant of £6,000 was made, of which £5,226.75 has already been paid, is now costing £7,210.50 owing to increase in V.A.T. and costs generally, and your Council has agreed to increase the Grant to cover the whole cost. Thus a further £1,983.75 remains to be paid. At a previous Council it was reported that the Architect wished to inspect and repair where necessary the whole of the Cathedral stonework, over a period of time, and was making an initial start on a bad section on the south side of the Gundulph Tower, and a Grant of £8,000 was agreed. Also a scheme for the re-lettering of all the numerous signs and notices in the Cathedral was discussed, and the cost estimated in all at £1,000. It was agreed to reserve this figure pending the approval of a scheme by the Dean and Chapter and Friends.

Assuming that all the above Grants are eventually drawn, and adding them to the Grants actually paid during this year, we arrive at a total of £24,659.75. Of course some items such as the work on the Fabric south of Gundulph Tower will not be completed until the end of the summer, nevertheless I think it is a figure we can be proud of, and emphasises the large part played by the Friends in the maintenance of the Cathedral Fabric.

Turning to page 1 you will see that 8 members of the Council are due to retire this year. I am happy to tell you that they are all willing to stand for re-election. Our Constitution allows for a Council not exceeding 30, so we have vacancies for additional members, apart from those retiring this year. I shall be happy to receive nominations before 21st June. Please confirm that the person you nominate is

willing to stand. I am afraid nominations cannot be accepted from the floor on 21st June.

This summer there will be a unique event in the history of the Friends in recent years. I refer to the Kentish Evening on July 19th, when Mr. and Mrs. B. Tompsett are opening their garden for the benefit of the Friends. We are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Tompsett, and to the Committee who are energetically working to assure a very enjoyable evening packed with attractions. I will say no more about the actual event, but refer you to the enclosed leaflet. All I wish to do here is to urge your support, and that of your friends, so that the final benefit to our Funds will reflect our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Tompsett, and our hard-working Committee.

In conclusion I would again express my sincere thanks to the Office Staff who give me loyal support, and give of their best in the interests of the Friends. Mr. Locke is one of those quietly efficient men, who in times of pressure rises to the occasion without effort. He is a tremendous help to me. Miss Rowe, who only came originally to help out, willingly gives us the time we need, in spite of other commitments with the Choral Society, Flower Guild, etc. Mr. Frank Sears to our delight is much improved in health, and also now resides in walking distance of the office, which solves transport difficulties. He specialises on our Covenants, and keeps that important section working efficiently. We are a very happy office, and look forward to 'Friends' who normally live away, looking in on us when they are in Rochester.

May I again remind you of others who give of their experience and expertise for our benefit. Mr. Pollock who keeps an eye on our investments, and suggests changes from time to time which are to our advantage. Mr. Hoby and his staff who audit our books and charge no fee for their services. Mr. Austin who deals with our Income Tax Claims, a big and specialised job, and assures we get our repayments promptly and without query. Also mention must be made of Miss E. A. Hitchen who prepares our lists of members for the Printers. Miss Hitchen was a member of the office staff for some time, and since has given us this service for some years. Also again all those who save us pounds in postage delivering our Reports. A service which becomes more valuable each time rates are increased.

All the service I have mentioned is given freely and willingly, and from which our funds benefit. Also I think it represents the spirit that has assured our steady progress over the years.

L.F.

JUNIOR FRIENDS

We thank all groups for continued support during the year. No new groups have been formed, but we welcome Chevening C. of E. Primary School, already a member, which has transferred to the Junior Groups. We hope that Delce County Junior School, the only other primary school member, will also agree to do this.

In December a news sheet for children and newsletter for leaders was sent with Christmas Greetings to all groups.

In January all Sunday Schools and Church Day Schools were contacted by courtesy of Miss Pat Reed who gave us space in 'Honeycomb', the quarterly publication of the Diocesan Children's Council.

So far there is little response, but circumstances in schools are very unsettled and difficult at present; we must be patient for results.

A direct approach is being made to schools bringing parties to the Cathedral; Mrs. Hornby, secretary of the St. Andrew's Centre, has kindly agreed to give them our leaflets.

The subscription rate for Junior Groups has now been simplified and brought into line with corporate membership, i.e. minimum £2 per annum, and May chosen as the payment date, as Junior Groups were first started at a Sunday School Festival in May 1976.

A Spring Newsletter will remind groups of this and invite them to picnic together in the Garth before this year's festival. We hope this will encourage other parish groups to join us, but we would still ask for your personal commendations wherever possible please.

D. Le Grove
2 Salts Avenue, Loose, Maidstone

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL GIFT STALL

Perhaps the most satisfying aspect of the previous year in the Cathedral Gift Stall has been the great success of two of its own productions, namely the Cathedral Choir Record which was put on the market at the end of 1979 and has almost sold 500 copies, and the Story of Rochester Cathedral by Rene Gardiner which has been on sale for just over a year and has sold well over 2,300 copies. Another local product is being reprinted and that is 'Rochester Recipes' which has proved extremely popular over the last two years.

Mrs. Monica Whiteman, the Manageress and the very large number of volunteers (including those who came in through last year's Stewardship Campaign at the Cathedral) have played an invaluable part both in serving in the shop and also in welcoming people to the Cathedral and making them feel that it is indeed a friendly place. We are always glad to hear of others who can help in the Gift Stall as manning it seven days a week does require a large number of helpers.

It is good to know that in the past year the sum of £4,263 has been passed to the Cathedral and also £1,400 to the Friends of Rochester Cathedral, and the amount now contributed through the Gift Stall is a noticeable contribution towards the ever rising costs of keeping the Cathedral open and in good repair. The Directors are giving very serious consideration to the siting and construction of a permanent Gift Stall to replace the present temporary one but this will require a good deal of financial aid if it is to be achieved in the next year or two.

FLOWER GUILD

The Annual General Meeting of the Flower Guild took place in St. Nicholas Church in November. The Dean, as President of the Guild, received the resignations of Mrs. Welsby, Chairman, Mrs. McKee, Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. May, Rota Secretary, these ladies having held office for six years, during which time the Guild had increased its membership and welcomed many newcomers to share in the privilege of decorating the Cathedral.

Mrs. Moore was appointed as the Guild's new Chairman, with Mrs. Roselli as Secretary and Mrs. Darwin as Rota Secretary. Miss Rowe continues as Treasurer, with Mrs. Say, Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Russell-Jones as on-going members of the Committee.

Mr. G. Stephenson, former Head Verger of the Cathedral, showed slides of the 1973 Flower Festival and gave an interesting commentary on them.

During tea at Southgate the Dean presented gifts to the retiring members of the Committee and, on behalf of the Guild, expressed appreciation for the contribution made to the Cathedral by these ladies, in time, talent and generosity.

The Guild would like to record its gratitude to their Hon. Auditor, the Revd. L. Fry, for his expertise on their behalf, to the Vergers, to Mr. Nelson and to Mrs. Price for their willing help.

SEWING GUILD

Following our great effort to produce cloaks for the choir in the previous year, the Sewing Guild had a quiet year doing the necessary repairs to the choir robes. This becomes yearly more demanding as the cassocks are now very old and need frequent care. The next project which we hope to complete this year is a set of cassock-albs for the Servers. They will be made in a cream poly-cotton material, washable and easy to care for—we hope! Our numbers have been reduced this year and we could use some new hands at our monthly meetings

C. PALMER

OUR ANNUAL REPORT

There is one thing that we are not allowed to forget these days, and that is Inflation. Not a day goes by without the word being used in the Press or through the Media, often accompanied by highly technical explanations and economic theories. But when we go shopping, no matter what commodity we wish to purchase we know what inflation means in practical terms as it affects our pockets.

All are affected in one way or another, and the Friends are no exception. For 35 years each member has received by post their copy of our Annual Report which gives an account of our stewardship, of our income, and over the years represents a history of major events in the Cathedral.

Alas, because of that word 'Inflation', we are forced to join many other Friends in restricting the posting of the Report to those members paying not less than the minimum amount of £2 per annum. Those paying less than £1, or £1 or over has steadily declined in number over the years as more and more have increased their subscription in the majority of cases to well above the present minimum.

Reports are being sent out as usual this year as we are sure that the matter being brought to the attention of those concerned, they will, during the year increase their subscription to the required minimum, so that the restriction will not apply to them.

The printing and posting of the Report is now costing around 50p a copy, which you will see at once leaves little over from the smaller subscriptions available for our main object and work. Copies will still be available from the Friends Office, at cost price, which if posted may exceed 50p when we come to the year 1981.

L.F.

THE ST. ANDREW'S VISITORS' CENTRE

It is now some nine months since the opening of the St. Andrew's Centre for Visitors and a definite pattern in the form of people visiting the Centre is beginning to emerge.

During term time we have found ourselves flooded out with children, but following a careful plan of manoeuvring between refectory area and film room we have managed to cope with as many as 190 children per day. March is indeed proving to be our very best month to date and from comments given and questions asked by both children and teachers it would certainly seem that the Centre is serving its purpose fully as an educational unit.

Once term time is over the pattern of visitors changes and more and more come to the Centre for refreshments. Business on a Sunday is proving extremely good which is not surprising in view of the fact that we are the only place in Rochester open at that time for a cup of tea.

All in all the first nine months are proving far more beneficial than was originally envisaged.

A. HORNBY

FRIENDS FESTIVAL TEAS

Last year I wrote that the Festival affords an opportunity for many members to meet old friends, and tea on the Garth Lawn after Evensong, on a warm sunny afternoon provides just the right setting. I then ended with a plea that all staying to tea should buy their tickets in advance. May I thank you all for your co-operation, at the same time emphasising the tremendous help this is, for as costs rise we can no longer allow a good margin for those likely to want tea but for some reason have not bought a ticket in advance. The cost has risen to £1 this year, which is a reasonable increase in view of the rise in costs over the past year. At fixing the price at £1 part of the V.A.T. will be borne by our Funds. As last year we have been able to arrange for the tea to be served in the King's School Hall if wet, by kind permission of the Headmaster.

L.F.

THE REVD. PERCIVAL MAURICE SHARP, 1896—1978

Secretary and Treasurer of the Friends of
Rochester Cathedral, 1959—1975

For seventeen years the Reverend Maurice Sharp was Secretary and Treasurer of the Friends of Rochester Cathedral. Throughout this period he not only watched over their affairs with meticulous care and administrative skill, but also kept in touch with Friends in many different parts of the country. He was appointed to the office in 1959

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FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR

£	£		£ p	£ p
	57	Printing and Stationery		54.78
	51	Postage		48.88
	82	Office Expenses		126.60
249		Annual Report: Printing	277.50	
72		Postage	74.61	
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	17	Annual Festival Excess of Expenditure over Income		13.42
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	528			595.79
1,332		Grants Paid: Upkeep of Garth	1,000.00	
		Repairs to Clock	414.00	
		Repairs to Gundulph Tower	2,000.00	
		Cleaning and Restoration	5,226.75	
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			8,640.75	
2,515		Excess Income over Expenditure for the Year transferred to General Fund		8,640.75
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	4,375			9,236.54
	6,605	Contribution towards General Repairs and Cleaning of Cathedral		—
	400	Restoration of West Door		—
	1,599	Tannoy System		88.14
	81	Sundry Expenses		
	—	Excess Income over Expenditure for the Year transferred to Income Account		7,101.46
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	8,685			7,189.60

MISS WOOTTON BEQU

CHESTER CATHEDRAL

ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 29th FEBRUARY, 1980

£	£		£ p	£ p
1,969		Subscriptions: Annual	2,211.18	
60		Life	210.00	
43		Junior	9.00	
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619		Subscriptions to the Fabric Fund ...	620.30	
619		Less Paid to Dean and Chapter	620.30	<hr/>
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	319	Donations in Memory of the following members: Mrs. Onslow and D. Cameron		27.50
	155	Donations		214.70
	100	Legacy: Miss B. C. Champlin		100.00
	376	Share of Profits from Cathedral Gift Stall Ltd.		935.00
	10	Inscriptions in Book of Memory less cost thereof		40.00
	338	Income Tax Recovered on Subscriptions and Interest		359.95
		<i>Net Interest;</i>		
925		Central Board of Finance	1,208.74	
41		Ailsa Investment Trust	51.29	
38		6% Funding Loan 1993	39.09	
1		Bank Deposit Interest	<hr/>	
<hr/>	1,005		<hr/>	1,299.12
	<hr/>	Excess of Expenditure over Income for the Year transferred to General Fund		3,830.09
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	4,375			9,236.54
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	35	Bank Deposit Interest	99.57
	4,513	Dividends and Interest	5,510.81
	2,007	Income Tax Recovered 1978/79	1,579.22
	2,130	Excess Expenditure over Income for the Year transferred to Income Account ...	<hr/>
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	8,685		7,189.60
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FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 29th FEBRUARY, 1980

£	£		£ p	£ p
	57	Printing and Stationery		54.78
	51	Postage		48.88
	82	Office Expenses		126.60
249		Annual Report: Printing	277.50	
72		Postage	74.61	
	321			352.11
	17	Annual Festival Excess of Expenditure over Income		13.42
	528			595.79
1,332		Grants Paid: Upkeep of Garth	1,000.00	
		Repairs to Clock	414.00	
		Repairs to Gundulph Tower	2,000.00	
		Cleaning and Restoration	5,226.75	
			8,640.75	
2,515		Excess Income over Expenditure for the Year transferred to General Fund		—
	3,847			8,640.75
				4,375

6,605	Contribution towards General Repairs and Cleaning of Cathedral	—
400	Restoration of West Door	—
1,599	Tannoy System	—
81	Sundry Expenses	88.14
	Excess Income over Expenditure for the Year transferred to Income Account	7,101.46
		7,189.60
		8,685

£	£		£ p	£ p
1,969		Subscriptions: Annual	2,211.18	
60		Life	210.00	
43		Junior	9.00	
	2,072			2,430.18
619		Subscriptions to the Fabric Fund	620.30	
619		Less Paid to Dean and Chapter	620.30	
	319			27.50
		Donations in Memory of the following members: Mrs. Onslow and D. Cameron		214.70
155		Donations		100.00
100		Legacy: Miss B. C. Champlin		
376		Share of Profits from Cathedral Gift Stall Ltd.		935.00
10		Inscriptions in Book of Memory less cost thereof		40.00
338		Income Tax Recovered on Subscriptions and Interest		359.95
		<i>Net Interest:</i>		
		Central Board of Finance	1,208.74	
925		Ailsa Investment Trust	51.29	
41		6% Funding Loan 1993	39.09	
38		Bank Deposit Interest		1,299.12
1				3,830.09
	1,005	Excess of Expenditure over Income for the Year transferred to General Fund		9,236.54
				4,375

MISS WOOTTON BEQUEST FUND

35	Bank Deposit Interest	99.57
4,513	Dividends and Interest	5,510.81
2,007	Income Tax Recovered 1978/79	1,579.22
2,130	Excess Expenditure over Income for the Year transferred to Income Account	—
		7,189.60
		8,685

BALANCE SHEET

£	£		£	p	£	p
		GENERAL FUND				
		<i>Income and Expenditure Account</i>				
13,652		Balance, 1st March, 1979	16,167.41			
(2,515)		Less Excess Expenditure over Income ...	3,830.09			
<u> </u>	16,167		<u> </u>		12,337.32	
	257	<i>Rev. Maurice Sharp Memorial Fund</i> ...			256.50	
		Note: Grants have been authorised to the extent of £16,000, the major part of which will be paid in the Year Ending 28th February, 1981.				
	<u> </u>				<u> </u>	
	16,424				12,593.82	
		MISS WOOTTON BEQUEST FUND				
		<i>Income Account</i>				
7,505		Balance, 1st March, 1979	5,375.31			
2,130		Add Excess Income Over Expenditure ...	7,101.46			
<u> </u>	5,375		<u> </u>		12,476.77	
		<i>Capital Account</i>				
57,894		Balance, 1st March, 1979	57,893.93			
—		Less Loss on Sale of Investments ...	62.35			
<u> </u>	57,894		<u> </u>		57,831.58	
	<u> </u>				<u> </u>	
	79,693				82,902.17	

29th FEBRUARY, 1980

£	£		£	p	£	p
		GENERAL FUND				
		<i>Stocks on Hand</i>				
	82	Badges at Cost	...	...		76.06
		<i>Investments at Cost</i>				
	1	Rochester Cathedral Gift Stall Ltd. 1 £1				
		Share	...	...	1.00	
	700	Ailsa Investment Trust Ltd. 750 25p				
		Ordinary Shares	...	...	700.38	
	680	£951.01 6% Funding Loan 1993	...	...	680.08	
		(Market Value 29.2.1980 £1,555)				
	1,381	Rochester Cathedral Gift Stall Ltd.	...	...		1,381.46
	3,902	Interest free founders loan repayable				3,902.48
		after five years at the option of the				
		company.				
		<i>Cash Balances</i>				
	10,513	Church of England Central Board of				
		Finance	...	...	6,121.31	
	544	National Westminster Bank Ltd., Current				
		Account	...	...	1,094.24	
	2	In Hand	...	...	18.27	
	11,059					7,233.82
	16,424					12,593.82

MISS WOOTTON BEQUEST FUND

Income Account

		National Westminster Bank Ltd.				
		<i>Cash Balances</i>				
	216	Current Account	...	...	3,190.08	
	2,000	Deposit Account	...	...	1,500.00	
	3,159	Church of England Central Board of				
		Finance	...	...	7,786.69	12,476.77

Capital Account

	50,894	Investments at Cost per Schedule	...	50,831.28		
		(Market Value 29.2.1980 £50,819)				
		<i>Cash Balances:</i>				
		National Westminster Bank Ltd.				
	(79)	Current Account	...	...	110.65	
	189	Deposit Account	...	...
	6,890	Church of England Central Board of				
		Finance	...	...	6,889.65	57,831.58
	57,894					82,902.17
	79,693					

at the time when he was Minor Canon, Succentor and Sacrist at the Cathedral. Having spent most of his business life as a banker with Coutts, he was ordained at the age of sixty by Bishop Chavasse in 1954 as curate of Orpington and then of Green Street Green. In 1957 he joined the Cathedral staff and in the office he held there was responsible for the organisation of the ceremonial of the services, which he did with efficiency. He retired from his Cathedral appointments in 1965, although he continued to officiate there in an honorary capacity. In 1968 he became Chaplain to the French Hospital (La Providence) in Rochester and held this office until shortly before his death. He retired as Secretary and Treasurer of the Friends in 1975 and, in recognition of his services, was appointed a Vice-President. He bore his last illness with great patience and fortitude, supported by the devoted care of his wife, Joan, and died in Plaxtol Nursing Home on 18th July, 1978, at the age of 84. The funeral service was held in the Cathedral on 24th July, followed by burial in the Cathedral Cemetery in St. Margaret's Street. He will be remembered by many as a devoted pastor and a good friend, and the Friends of Rochester Cathedral pay tribute to the service and enthusiasm which he gave to that cause.

PAUL A. WELSBY
Vice-Dean

THE BOOK OF MEMORY

The Cathedral Book of Memory in which around 200 names have already been inscribed is at the foot of the Nave Altar steps (South side). The book alongside gives the names in Calendaric order as distinct from the alphabetical order in the Book of Memory.

Anyone wishing to have inscribed the name of someone connected with the Cathedral or Diocese should apply to the Secretary of the Friends who will be happy to furnish all particulars.

A remembrance is made at the 8 a.m. Holy Communion Service in the Cathedral on the anniversary of the death of those whose names are entered in the Book of Memory.

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GRANTS made by the Friends since their inauguration in
1935

		£
1936-1961	Total Grants	8,860
1962-3	Renovation of Cloister Garth	1,940
	Extra Microphone	18
1963	Crypt Arches	250
1964	Cleaning and Re-decoration of Nave	3,080
1965	New Benches for Garth	111
1966	Carpets for Chapels	205
	Contribution towards new copes	50
	Sesquialtera Stop for Organ	205
1967	Restoration of North Front	2,000
1968	Restoration of North Face	1,250
	Nave Altar Platform	1,750
1969	Restoration of North Face	2,500
	Chairs for Nave	250
1970	Grant to Organ Repairs	1,400
1972	Repairs to North Transepts	5,000
1973	Decoration of Nave Transepts	6,000
1974	Decoration of Nave Transepts	4,500
	Memorial Candlesticks	645
	Grant for Chairs	1,000
1975	Additional Grant for Chairs	1,000
	Grant for General Repairs	2,000
1976	Repair to Tiles total cost (including fees)	3,516
	(From Tile Appeal Fund £1,776	
	General Funds £1,740 £3516)	
1977-78	Exterior Cleaning of Lesser South Transept	10,945
	Architect's Fees (over period)	933
	Screen at rear of Gift Stall	1,044
	Renewal of Brick paving at Base of Lesser South Transept	759
	Renewal of Amplification System	1,599
	Restoration of West Door	400
1979	Repairs to Gundulph Tower	2,000
	Repairs to Cathedral Clock	414
	General Repairs to External walls, Glazing etc. (£1,983 still to pay under this contract)	5,226
	Over whole period upkeep of Cloister Garth for which the Friends have made themselves responsible	5,320
		£76,175

MISS WOOTTON BEQUEST FUND

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Market Value 29th February 1980</i>
B.L.M.C. Ltd.		
£3,000 7¼% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1982/87	2,505.90	1,500
British Electric Traction Co. Ltd.		
1,485 Deferred Ordinary 25p Shares	1,269.02	1,856
Cadbury Schweppes Ltd.		
1,920 Ordinary 25p Stock Units ...	926.82	1,114
Exchequer 12¼% Stock 1992		
£5,308.24 Stock	5,000.00	4,565
Globe Investment Trust Ltd.		
2,610 Ordinary 25p Stock Units ...	2,734.75	3,393
Greater London Council		
£1,037.79 12½% Stock 1983 ...	1,000.00	944
Hall Engineering (Holdings) Ltd.		
£3,000 7¾% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1992/97	2,994.36	2,760
Hawker Siddeley Group Ltd.		
545 Ordinary 25p Shares	1,130.53	1,008
Imperial Group Ltd.		
£2,000 8% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1985/90	1,884.37	1,360
Marks and Spencer Ltd.		
4,000 Ordinary 25p Shares	2,628.73	3,880
Midland Bank Ltd.		
480 Ordinary £1 Shares	1,341.22	1,752
Scottish Eastern Investment Trust Ltd.		
3,380 Ordinary 25p Shares	2,497.68	2,197
Scottish Mortgage and Trust Co. Ltd.		
2,000 Ordinary 25p Stock Units ...	2,679.85	2,260
Shell Transport and Trading Co. Ltd.		
920 Ordinary 25p Shares	2,455.35	3,606
Tate and Lyle Ltd.		
500 Ordinary £1 Stock Units ...	1,237.65	770
Treasury 6¾% Stock 1995/98		
£9,749.36 Stock	5,112.50	5,655
Treasury 9½% Stock 1999		
£5,104.67 Stock	4,820.05	3,675
Treasury 12¾% Stock 1995		
£2,946.69 Stock	2,612.50	2,711
Treasury 13¾% Stock 1993		
£5,993.10 Stock	6,000.00	5,813
	50,831.28	50,819
28th February, 1979—	50,894.32	51,723

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME 1980

SATURDAY 21st JUNE

8 a.m. Holy Communion

2.15 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Association in the Nave.

At the conclusion of the Meeting Christopher Osenton, captain of the Cathedral band of ringers, will give a talk on the subject of bells and bellringing. He will be assisted by members of the band in demonstrating the rudiments of change ringing using a set of handbells.

3.30 p.m. Festival Service of the Friends in the Quire

EVENSONG and Procession

Setting: Sumsion in G

Anthem: Let their celestial concerts all unite
Handel

Hymns: E.H. 453, 536 A.M.R. 620

4.15 p.m. Tea in the Garth (if wet in King's School Hall)
(by kind permission of the Headmaster)

Tea Tickets £1 each should be obtained in advance from the Friends' Office. Application form with the Agenda. Please send stamped addressed envelope.

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 Young, Canon G. M.

Biss, Mr. F.
 Bull, Miss
 Butler, Miss
 Butler, Mr.
 Clayton, M.
 Frith, Miss
 Gilbert, Mr.
 Greenwood
 Head, Mr.

Junior Groups

Bexleyheath, St. Peter
 Biggin Hill, St. Mark
 Borstal, St. Matthew
 Burham, St. Mary the Virgin.
 Chatham, St. Paul with All Saints.
 Chiddingstone, St. Mary with St. Luke.

Gillingham, St. Mary Magdalene.
 Longfield, Primary School.
 Rochester Cathedral.
 Rushall, St. Paul, Family Service.
 Sidcup, St. John.
 Swanley, St. Mary Junior School.

We record with deep regret the deaths of the following Friends:

Biss, Mr. F. C.	Hodges, Miss W. F.	Newton, Miss E. E.
Bull, Miss A. S.	Howard, Mrs. Q. M.	Onslow, Mrs. W.
Butler, Miss A.	Knight, Dr. G. H., M.A., Mus.	Parker, Brig. E. F., O.B.E.
Butler, Mr. T. R. F.	Doc,	Parrack, Mr. H.
Clayton, Mr. H. M. D.	Lamb, Miss L. S.	Sharland, Mr. W. B.
Frith, Miss J. N.	Lewis, Mrs. E. L. E.	Smith, Mr. W.
Gilbert, Mr. E. W.	Maniez, Mrs. V. L. A.	Wells, Mrs. H. A.
Greenwood, Mr. E. J., F.R.C.S.	Mitcham, Miss M.	Wardell, Mr. C. P.
Head, Mr. P. V.	Moor, Mrs. Frewen	

COVENANTED SUBSCRIPTIONS

SUBSCRIBERS who pay Income Tax at 30 per cent can very materially help the Fund by signing seven-year covenants, as the following table shows:

<i>Sum paid annually by the Subscriber</i>	<i>Amount of Income Tax reclaimed</i>	<i>Total Benefit to the Fund in seven years</i>
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£2.00	£0.86	£20.00
£5.00	£2.15	£50.05
£10.00	£4.30	£100.10

In the event of the death of the Subscriber before the end of the seven years, the covenant ceases to operate, and there is no liability on his estate.

A Form of Covenant can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Friends' Office, The Precinct, Rochester, ME1 1ST.

There are tax concessions relating to capital transfer tax on donations and legacies. The spending powers of the Friends are dependent on the donations and legacies received in the past and we wish to draw attention to 'Friends' and others who wish to support the maintenance of the Cathedral that exemptions from capital transfer tax apply within certain limits to donations and legacies given to a registered charity such as the Friends of Rochester Cathedral.

Anybody intending to make a substantial donation or provide in their will for a legacy to the Friends of Rochester Cathedral should, of course, first consult their solicitors.

Please fill up and send to The Hon. Secretary, Friends of Rochester Cathedral, The Precinct, Rochester, ME1 1ST.

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