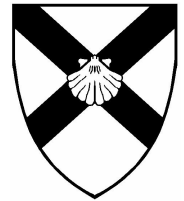


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The regular newsletter of the
Rochester Cathedral Campaign
February 2008



FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

2008 continues to bring more good news for the Campaign. English Heritage have announced further funding for Rochester Cathedral – this time to fund a vital 'behind-the-scenes' project to commission a digital survey of the cathedral. They have granted £42,000 towards this project (total cost of £77,000), which will provide detailed survey drawings of critical areas of the cathedral. This will allow us to plan future repair and conservation work with much greater care and precision, and will ultimately save us money in doing so!

We were also delighted to hear that the HR Pratt Boorman Family Foundation have given us £10,000 to endow a day of music in perpetuity. This now takes the music endowment up to £1/4million, which is a good achievement in a notoriously difficult area to raise money. We hope that the Endow A Day Of Music scheme will continue to grow in popularity, as people consider leaving a bequest in their will.



LEGACY WORKSHOPS

For those that haven't yet booked a place at our workshop as mentioned last month and are interested in having more information about leaving a legacy to the Cathedral, please phone the Campaign Office (number below) to book your place!

It will be held on Tuesday 4th March at 6.30pm in Garth House (refreshments will be provided). It will be a very informative and interesting evening with expert presentations on the subject.

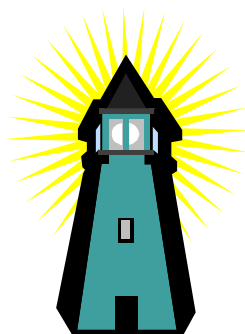
AN EVENING WITH THE GODSALLS

As you are all probably aware by now, Rev Canon Ralph Godsall and his wife Ellen, will shortly be leaving the Cathedral. He and Ellen have kindly agreed to host "An Evening with the Godsalls" where they will give a photographic talk on some of their experiences. Please come and join us for this relaxed social evening. Tickets for the event will be £7 and this includes a light supper.

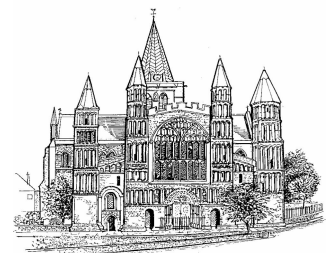
We will hold the event at the Baptist Hall in Crow Lane on Thursday 13th March 2008. Only a few tickets left!!

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TOTAL
TO DATE
£3,017,671.88**



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AUCTION

David Sandon is collecting items for our next auction / Ebay sale. Please contact him or the Campaign Office with whatever you may have that is cluttering up your home!!
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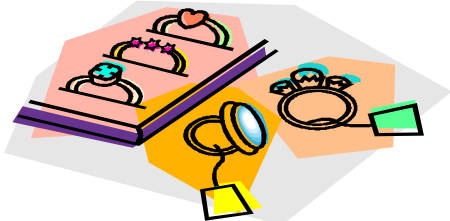
- *Other areas of work are bubbling away well. We are looking forward to the inaugural dinner of the Cathedral Business Guild on 6 March, with over 70 people coming.*
- *Following the Heritage Lottery Fund visit to the cathedral in February, we have been told that we will be informed of their decision about our application on 13th March.*
- *A local actors group will be performing "The Importance of Being Ernest" in the cathedral in June. There will be plenty of seats available and there will be more information on this soon.*

SCRABBLE EVENING

The first of Mary Woodfield's regular Scrabble Evenings will start on Friday 7th March at 7pm. These will be for fun and are not part of a league so beginners are very welcome. The event is ticketed at £6.50 but includes a meal and soft drinks. Places are limited so please make sure you phone Mary on 01634 843127 and reserve your seat.

UNWANTED GOLD JEWELLERY

We have raised a further £120 from the sale of your unwanted or broken jewellery, making the total so far raised £620! Please keep your contributions coming, it is so worthwhile. Gold is priced at another all time high at the moment, so it is a good time to sell. Contact either Anne Sears 01634 409113 or David Sandon 07931 572907.



ART EXHIBITION

A date to put in your diary is Sunday 29th June when there will be an exhibition of paintings by Ron Hoile.

Further information is enclosed on the flier.



ROCHESTER REMEMBERS...

A book is being compiled and edited by Anne Sears of stories from World War II as remembered by our community. The book will be printed and sold in aid of our fund raising campaign and we would love to have your contributions, (with pictures if you have them). Anne is available to ghost write if necessary. Please phone her on 01634 409113.

*******NEW CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER*******

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