

# BEACON

The regular newsletter of the  
Rochester Cathedral Campaign  
January 2008



## FROM THE DEAN'S DESK ....

*Wonderful Friends — The new year has got off to a terrific start for the Campaign. The Friends of Rochester Cathedral have recently agreed to provide further funding to the Cathedral Campaign of up to £300,000 to enable us to proceed with a project to provide disabled access to the Crypt. This is terrific news! The full scheme will also include disabled access to the Garth, the extension of pavement paving across the whole floor of the crypt, and the provision of a disabled toilet in the cathedral. The Friends' donation, alongside a previous donation from Henry Smith's Charity, will allow us to fully fund the crypt access project – and it paves the way for future possibilities such as a Treasury and Exhibition in the Crypt. Given the number of significant projects facing us over the next year, this may well take upwards of a year to achieve, but the planning and permissions stage of the project will start in the very near future and we will keep people fully informed as it unfolds. Thank you to the Friends for such a marvellous start to the year!*

*This generous gift has put our amount raised total through £3 million!!*



*So, a good start to the year. Long may it continue!*

## LEGACY WORKSHOPS

As mentioned last month, we are presenting a workshop for anyone interested in having more information about leaving a legacy to the Cathedral. 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.

Please phone the Campaign Office (number below) to book your place!

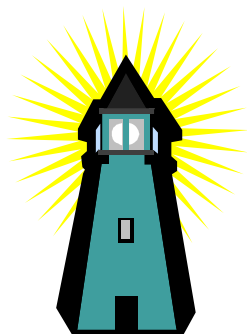
## AN EVENING WITH THE GODSALLS

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.

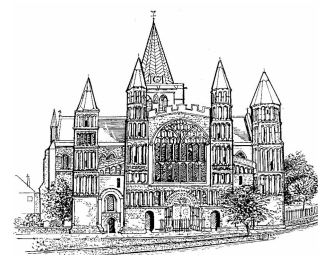
We will hold the event at Garth House on Thursday 13th March 2008. Please contact the Campaign Office to reserve your place!

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**CAMPAIGN  
TOTAL  
TO DATE  
£3,011,754.57**



Etching by Elizabeth Mallinson

## **BITS AND PIECES ...**

We have been notified of another £42,000 grant, which cannot be made public until February. There are also a number of other applications in the pipeline, where we hope to receive positive news fairly soon. Watch this space for details as they emerge.....

*Missa Carolae Sales* — We are very happy to report back that so far the Music Endowment has made over £6,000 profit from the sales of the Christmas CD. We are still expecting a few more payments to come in and will let you know as soon as we have a final figure. Thank you to everyone who bought copies of the CD and a special thank you to those choir parents who went out of their way to support this cause. We have sold three quarters of the stock and there are still copies available at £12.99 (plus £1.50 p&p if necessary) for anyone that did not get a chance to get hold of one before Christmas.

*Heritage Lottery Fund* – As the Beacon goes to press, we have just heard that the HLF are coming to visit us as part of their assessment process. At the very least this means that our £1million bid for the Interpretation Project is still 'in the frame' for HLF funding and hasn't been kicked into touch yet. We remain cautiously hopeful! We will continue to keep you informed – the HLF assessment process is due to be complete in March.

## **EXTRA BONUS FUNDS FROM WOMENS HYDRO ACTIVE RUNNER**

Deidre York, (pictured below), has just advised us that apart from the "normal" sponsorship gathered from the forms, she set up a Just Giving . Com charity page for extra sponsorship. As the funds have now been transferred to us we are very pleased to announce that this web page accrued another £824.39 including Gift Aid! This makes the total collected by Deidre for the run a fantastic £1,205.39! Thank you so much to Deidre and all her supporters. Can we follow that next year ladies!!!



## **WEDDING NEWS**



Derek and Tina Clark were married in the cathedral in September and they very kindly requested that donations be made to the Campaign or to the Hospice in Gravesend, in lieu of wedding presents.

**A figure of £1,814 was realised from Cathedral donations and a further £1,677 was donated to Hospice. We would like to thank all the donors as well as Derek and Tina for their generosity.**

## **CHEVIOT CLIMB**

We are very pleased to advise that Anne Sears raised £326.52 from her climb of the Cheviots. Thank you once again to Anne for her tireless fundraising efforts.

Please contact Mary Woodfield if you would like to join in the Scrabble Club evenings (01634 843127)

## **CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE**

Our very grateful thanks go to Helen Bannister from the Cathedral Tea Rooms and Eileen Coleman who both very kindly made beautiful Christmas cakes and raffled them for the campaign..



They have raised £237.50. THANK YOU

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

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE CAMPAIGN OFFICE IS  
01634 810074**

