



**THE FRIENDS OF  
TRURO CATHEDRAL**



**THE ANNUAL REPORT 2019**



# THE FRIENDS OF TRURO CATHEDRAL

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# **FRIENDS AGM AND FESTIVAL DAY**

**SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2019**

## **Programme**

**10.00** – Sung Eucharist

**12.00** – Lunch in Chapter House

**1.45 pm** – AGM

**2.45 pm** – Talk by **Bishop Chris of St. Germans**

**3.30 pm** – Tea and Biscuits

**4.00 pm** – Choral Evensong

(Please be prompt for all timings so that we can reach evensong without panic after this long journey)

## **Agenda For AGM**

Opening prayer

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of AGM 20th May 2018

Matters Arising

President's Report

Chairman's Report

Presentation of Accounts for 2018

Election of Officer

Closing Prayer

## **Please Note**

Christopher Rowe has come to the end of his 2 terms as Membership Secretary and will retire at the AGM. Eric Mundler will also be retiring. Martin Welton (Treasurer) and Canon Simon Griffiths have completed the 3 year term for which they were elected. If re-elected they are each happy to serve another 3 year term allowed under the constitution.

Should anyone wish to propose someone to fill any of the above Council memberships please complete the required form at the end of this leaflet.



## A message from the President of the Friends Roger Bush Dean of Truro

We always tend to accentuate the negative, don't we. And the Church isn't that good at celebrating success, or even acknowledging it. This can give the appearance of things being worse than they are or that nothing gets done. So, I am going to buck the trend and talk a bit about the good things we have done over the last year as a cathedral.

In 2018 we completed a re-brand of the cathedral, focussing particularly on our new web site. Although, technically speaking, it was launched in 2017, it has now become well established as the online portal into the life of the cathedral. It has received many plaudits, not least by national church media agencies, and its image and people-driven content is very user friendly and welcoming.

The year was also marked by success in other fields. Our Cathedral Choir goes from strength to strength, highlighted by the fact that we had, not one, but three broadcasts on Radio 3 during the year: a live Evensong, a spring concert with the National Orchestra of Wales that was transmitted in the autumn, and a live concert which Radio 3 broadcast at its flagship time of 7.30 in the evening, the day before the First Night of the Proms, something that has rarely happened, if ever, to a cathedral choir before.

We also celebrated many important services throughout the year, not the least of which was a moving service on Remembrance Sunday in which over 1,200 people came to the cathedral to hear especially commissioned music by Russell Pascoe, and witness the poppy drop from the central tower; the sound of the paper poppies fluttering to the floor was as moving a thing as I have ever experienced in an act of worship. And the fact that so many people came to the service is witness to the fact that, when there is a need or a special occasion, people will come to worship.

We also had a special service to install the Finn Cross as a permanent work of art in the cathedral. We have to be careful about how we handle works of art in places of worship because of the limited space we have to offer, but the presence of the Cross in St Monica's Chapel enhances the spirituality of the building.

We also hosted two Royal Visits, as well as a major awards ceremony (for Tourism in Cornwall) in the autumn, the building providing a fantastic backdrop for this celebration of a key industry in Cornwall.

We also completed the OCS project after many years of fund-raising and restoration, to the extent that the cathedral has up to date offices as well as a suite of rooms that contain the Philpott Library and which can be used for day conferences, lectures, and, for the Exeter University Graduations, a first-class venue for a classy lunch!

And last, but very much not least, we also introduced wonderful new toilets in the cathedral, and for this project we quite rightly have to thank the Friends for financing it. So, thank you!

There are a fair number of 'we also's in the preceding paragraphs, which indicates we have been busy, and we have done many good things. And, as well as all this, we continue to offer excellent service in school tours, theology lectures, excellent worship on a daily basis, and a place of hospitality and solace for all concerned. It is important to remember this as we face the challenges over fund-raising and other issues that confront us on a daily basis. But we must never forget our prime calling, being sacred space and common ground, where everyone is invited to experience something of the holiness of God in a place that has a cherished place in the lives of many people, not just in Truro, but in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

2019 will bring its own challenges, opportunities and rewards, and, of course, we will welcome our new bishop, Philip Mounstephen, to share his episcopal ministry with us throughout the diocese. I am enormously grateful to the wonderful people I have here in the cathedral, both as staff and volunteers, as well as the Friends of Truro Cathedral, who offer unstinting support to the ongoing mission of our cathedral church, to ensure that we will meet those challenges, and celebrate further successes with the skill, determination and, yes, the joy, that we can muster.

**Roger Bush, Dean**  
February 2019.

## Sunday Coffee Rota

**Do you enjoy your coffee/tea and biscuit after the service on Sunday mornings? Have you ever thought of volunteering to be in a team or even better make a team of your own. How about a gentlemen only team? Or a team where all your names begin with the same letter? Maybe a particular row in the Cathedral team? Endless possibilities but don't stop there why don't you do something about it? You see the more teams there are the less often your duty comes round. I know that Lois Bush would be delighted to hear from you so please, make her day and contact her on [lbush@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lbush@hotmail.co.uk).**

*Thank you*

# WELCOME TO THE FRIENDS OF TRURO CATHEDRAL SPRING NEWS 2019

## Some important information:

We are once again using **“Tear Out Application Forms”** at the end of this publication instead of separate fliers. So if you wish to **book for lunch, buy tickets for any event or nominate someone for Council** please tear out and use as appropriate.

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Tea or Coffee  
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## A message from Canon Alan

Dear all,

The work of the Friends continues at a pace and it is good to report that both events and coffee mornings have been attracting splendid audiences in recent times. These are of course 'fundraising' gatherings to some extent, but they do involve us in having quite a lot of 'fun' at the same time. We have at the Friends' Council begun to think how we might spend some of the money raised for the benefit of our Cathedral community and we are, of course, only able to do that because of the work that many of you do and the donations that you make.

I am grateful for this, both as your Chairman and as a member of the Cathedral Chapter – you are an important part of who we are.

With my thanks and prayers,

**Canon Alan**

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

## From the Director of Music

One of 2018's most significant things from a musical perspective was that we managed to carry out some long overdue maintenance work on our treasured Father Willis organ. Without getting into the technical details here, the lungs of the instrument were struggling to cope with numerous leaks, the shutters on our swell box were not functioning correctly and needed repair, and some case pipes were showing signs of movement which could have resulted in them falling over.

Chapter is acutely aware of its responsibility to look after this precious piece of heritage in our care, and in November 2016 they commissioned a report from a leading organ consultant, Paul Hale. Paul has been spot on in his predictions of what would go wrong and he has worked with Lance Foy, our local organ builder, to produce a list of the most important work to be done. We managed to raise some £20,000 in a focused campaign directed at the core supporters of the organ who are deeply passionate about its care. As part of our fundraising effort, my predecessor David Briggs, now one of the world's most distinguished concert organists, came and gave a benefit concert.

Our organ recital series runs from Friday 29th March through to the end of October and this year it is packed with some of the finest organists in the land. Do pop in at 1.10pm to hear these amazing musicians putting our Father Willis through its paces. Admission is free.

From the cathedral choir's perspective, the high points of last year were the most astonishing run of three broadcasts on BBC Radio 3. On 11 May the BBC Concert Orchestra joined us along with cellist Natalie Clein for a memorable concert that included the premiere of 'Kynance Cove', a new work written specially for the occasion by Dobrinka Tabakova. This work marked the end of her collaboration with us over about two years, generously funded by Arts Council England.

On Wednesday 11 July, we broadcast Choral Evensong and the next day we broadcast a full evening concert, both live on BBC Radio 3. Whilst Choral Evensong broadcasts take place each week featuring choirs from across the country, I am not aware of any other cathedral choir being asked to fill one of the flagship Radio 3 evening concert slots and, as I write this, it's hard to believe it happened. Not only did it happen, but we sang just about the most high-risk, intense programme you could imagine. We began with James MacMillan's 'Identity' from 'Cantos Sagrados' and ended with the complete Duruflé Requiem. I must pay tribute to my colleague Joseph Wicks for his tremendous playing and nerves of steel in delivering the fiendish organ parts with such flair. And to the boys, girls and adults of the cathedral choir – they were the finest possible ambassadors for Truro Cathedral, Cornwall and the Anglican choral tradition.

This year's equivalent concert will be on Saturday 22nd June 2019 at 5.00pm. The programme this time will feature some classics from the Anglican choral tradition from the time of Parry (I was glad) and Stanford (Three Latin motets) until now, with the second half featuring some terrific music by female composers including Judith Weir, Master of the Queen's Music.



Returning to last year, in June the boys, Lay Vicars and scholars had a wonderful time on the Isles of Scilly, enjoying the hospitality of our illustrious former Precentor Canon Perran Gay, along with Rainy and the terrific community of supporters over there.

In October, it was a joy to take our girl choristers for a three-day trip to London and Cambridge. A highlight was singing Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral, with the St Paul's adult professional singers – I'm not sure the privilege of singing with the St Paul's back row has been extended to any other choir, but the girls could not have done us more proud. They also sang at Ely Cathedral and, in Cambridge, at Jesus College and Pembroke College.

On Remembrance Sunday 11 November the cathedral marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War with a special service at 10.30am. The building was packed and the choir played its part by giving the first performance of three new works written for the occasion by Russell Pascoe.

In December, we gave the world premiere of three new pieces of music at our Nine Lessons and Carols services, one from Sasha Johnson Manning, one by Neil Cox and one by Alexander Campkin. Sasha Johnson Manning's carol is worthy of special mention because the text, 'Listen, angel trumpets blow', was written by our two boy Head Choristers, Benji and Oliver. In the December 2018 issue, Cornwall Today published a beautiful article about how they came to write the words.

In a schedule where the extraordinary has become ordinary, I'm afraid there is no time to give more than passing mention of the Cushion Concert, the Advent Carol Service (by candlelight for the first time), the carol concert in St Mawes Methodist chapel, the concert in the Catholic church in Penzance, the concert at St Endellion church, the service at Camborne Wesley Church, or the Cathedral Choir Christmas concert; but I do need to emphasise the extent to which the seven sung services each week are at the heart of the cathedral choir's routine. Many of our most moving, meaningful performances in 2018 took place within the liturgy we exist to serve.

## **Christopher Gray**

Director of Music at Truro Cathedral



*Photograph provided by Truro Cathedral -  
Photographer: John Freddy Jones*

# Truro Cathedral Servers Head Server's Report

The number of Cathedral servers remains at 24 as it was this time last year. Every Service over the last year has been covered by the requisite number of Servers and Beverly and I are most grateful for the generous and enthusiastic support that each Server has given.

Beverly Hulme remains responsible for preparing Servers' Rotas both quarterly and monthly and also providing additional Servers for Funerals and other one off Services. Separate Rotas are also provided for the two major Festivals at Christmas and Easter. Beverly continues to do a remarkable and particularly efficient job in sometimes more than difficult circumstances and our thanks go out to her.

Both she and I work closely with Sally Stephens who is responsible for the preparation of the Quarterly Communion Assistants' Rotas as a large number of servers are also Communion Assistants and Vice Versa. This seems to operate well and we are both delighted with Sally's involvement and her time with this work. During this year Beverly and Sally have combined the two Rotas which means that all information required by both Servers and Communion Assistants is available in one document. Alyn Heath has returned to both Serving and also to being a Communion Assistant. We welcomed him back last summer and due to his past experience little refreshing has been required!

John Sansom has worn many hats over many years of devotion to Truro Cathedral and two covered his work as a Cathedral Server and as a Communion Assistant. From January 2019 John reached with difficulty the decision that he would withdraw from all public positions and enjoy "Views from the Pews"! He has contributed enormously to all his roles and we shall miss him particularly as a Thurifer and Communion Assistant. We are very delighted that he will remain within the Congregation and again very many thanks for all that he has done.

I would also like to thank Mary Prior and the Ladies of the Sewing Guild who look after all the alterations and repairs to the Albs and Vestments of the Cathedral Clergy and Servers.

After a lengthy Interregnum, it was good to hear news that Canon Philip Mountstephen would be the sixteenth Bishop of Truro. He was consecrated Bishop in December in London and at a Special Service on 12th January in Truro Cathedral, he was Welcomed and Enthroned into the Cathedra.

We look forward to serving and assisting Bishop Philip and wish he and his wife a very happy and successful Ministry in this Diocese.

I should like to close this report in thanking the Chapter for their support over the past year and hope that in the future we as Servers can continue to fulfil our roles with reverence and dignity.

**Peter Hewson**  
8th March 2019.

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# Friends of Truro Cathedral Fundraising Team Report

The Friends now have their new office facility in the Old Cathedral School and in addition have the use of a table in the Chapter House Restaurant on Wednesday mornings between 1000am and 1130am save for the second Wednesday in the month when this facility is available at the monthly coffee morning.

On the evening of 17 October 2018 Dr Michael Tedder, assisted by Daphne Skinnard, gave a talk on the early Bishops of Truro from Benson to Frere their families and households. The event included a drinks and canapes party beforehand and was the first evening event organised by the Friends in the Old Cathedral School. It was well supported and greatly enjoyed by all.

Beetle drives commenced on Wednesday 5 September and proved as popular as ever. As they are held in the afternoon, regulars and newcomers were happy to support the event knowing they would be able to return home in the daylight. The dates for the new Season, 2019-2020, are 4 September, 2 October, 6 November, 8 January, 5 February and 4 March. The Film Club also resumed in September 2018 with the films being shown in the Old Cathedral School.

Coffee mornings on the second Wednesday of every month have retained their popularity and have benefited from the change of venue to the Assembly Hall in the OCS.

The Fundraising Team have worked hard to arrange a variety of events for 2019 which we hope will appeal to the majority of people. The first two events were well attended and proved very popular. On the evening of 30 January an audience of 55 thoroughly enjoyed a programme of music and light hearted readings on the theme of love through the seasons featuring the St Mary's Singers directed by Joseph Wicks and with readers Richard and Juliet Lingham.

On the afternoon of 28 February 2019 Dr Ian Brown gave an illustrated talk on his charity trek up remote mountain valleys in eastern Nepal. The afternoon commenced with a cream tea beforehand.

As I write the Friends are planning, on 30 April 2019, a coach outing to Powderham Castle which lies in a beautiful deer park on the banks of the River Exe. If weather permits we will have a deer park safari tour.



## Further events for the year are:

**7 May** – Cathedral Party in the Chapter House Restaurant. Timing: 7pm.

**Ticket Price:** Adults £10 (children aged 15 and under £5) to include food, punch or a soft drink, raffle and entertainment.

**19 May** – Friends Lunch and AGM. 1200: Carvery, 1345: AGM, 1445: Speaker, 1530: Tea and biscuits.

**Ticket price:** £15.

**6 June** – Coach outing to Altarnun Church, Wesley Cottage and Blisland Church. 0930: Coach departs from NCP Car Park, St Clement Street arriving back in Truro at approximately 1730 hrs.

**Ticket price:** £18 (Non Members £19).

**22 July** – The ever popular Fal River Cruise, departing M&S Coach Park at 6pm by bus to The Heron Inn, Malpas, returning to Truro at approximately 9.30pm.

**Ticket price:** £18 (Non Members £20) which will include a pasty.

There will also be a raffle.



**6 September** – Medical Maelstrom ..... a tincture of song and laughter from three Cornish doctors bursting with talent – if you haven't seen them before grab the chance! The evening will commence with light refreshments at 6.30pm in the Assembly Hall of the OCS.

**Ticket price:** £18 (Non Members £20).



**13 October** – Friends' Autumn Meeting and the Speaker will be a representative of Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Further details to follow.



## Looking ahead to 2020

**Saturday 25 January** – An evening of Magic in the Assembly Hall of the OCS. Ticket price £17.50 (Non Members £19.50). Further details to follow.

*Congratulations are extended to Robin and Mard Selwood who have been awarded the St Piran's Cross.*

Full details of all our events can be found on the Friends website:

**[www.friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk)**

Should you need to contact us please leave a message on our ansaphone, 01872 274986, or via email:

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On behalf of the Fundraising Team I would like to thank you all for supporting our events and for being a Friend of Truro Cathedral.

**Angela Hare**  
Chair Fundraising Team

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**Friends Autumn Event**  
**Sunday 13th October 2019**

10.00am – Sung Eucharist

12 noon – Lunch

2.15pm – Short Meeting

2.30pm Presentation on behalf of the  
Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust  
By Genevieve Rosier



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**Telephone:** 01872 274986 with 24 hour answerphone  
Friends table in Chapter House Restaurant Wednesday.  
morning 10am – 11.30am  
(2nd Wed monthly -table at Coffee Morning  
in Assembly Hall)

## Truro Cathedral Flower Guild

The Guild has enjoyed another busy and interesting year. We have arranged flowers for all services, apart from during Advent and Lent, including baptisms, funerals and memorials as required. The cathedral's flowers continue to be widely appreciated by visitors, not only from overseas, where floral decoration of churches is less widespread than in this country, but also because fewer people are available nationally to arrange church flowers. The Verging team has continued to provide valuable assistance by preparing the flower and foliage buckets ready for flower conditioning every Thursday, for which we are extremely grateful.

Numbers of arrangers have fluctuated throughout the year. We welcomed one new member, a lady with arranging experience who is a valuable member of the team. Sadly three members have stepped down due to health problems and other commitments, although one will return if health permits. Our list currently has 11 active and enthusiastic members, a number which remains constant as we seem to operate on a 'one in, one out' basis. We are keen to continue to arrange the 9 cathedral pedestals and 1 in the Refectory for as long as we are able. A rota of Guild members waters the flowers every day. It is of interest perhaps to note the wide area from which our arrangers come: three from Truro, one each from Shortlanesend, Gram-pound, Mylor, Cusgarne, Tresillian and Probus and two from Perranporth. Six of these also arrange flowers in their own churches.

Flowers rise in price along with everything else and during the past year we have had to make some difficult decisions for economy. The Friends' donation is essential and we cannot thank you enough for it. It is rare for donations to be made, including into the box on the Flower Room door. We recycle flowers from one week to the next whenever possible but almost every week, one pedestal now contains foliage but no flowers. This has been an interesting challenge for us and relies on a good supply of variably coloured/shaped foliage. The Madonna flowers are no longer a pedestal but an arrangement using fewer blooms. In addition, in this 100th anniversary year of the end of the First World War, we used the lovely artificial poppies for the whole of November instead of only Remembrance Sunday. We have continued to use locally grown blooms where possible.

The foliage supply currently comes from a rota of fourteen gardens, one new this year and one returned after a break. We cannot over-emphasise how grateful we are to have such generous donors, without whom there would be no flower arrangements. Collecting the foliage is not without difficulty on occasions. This year sadly we lost Jenny Gason, who had nobly collected for the Guild for many years and Tony and Mary Dyson, donors and suppliers, who moved away. Only two couples on the collection rota are members of the cathedral congregation. We are endlessly grateful for their time, effort and absolute reliability. The rest of the collectors now are flower arrangers – an additional task they undertake with good humour and love but it would help us enormously if we could have more 'outside' volunteers. Training can be given where necessary and in some cases collection provides the opportunity to see gardens otherwise not open to the public.



This year we are investigating arranging flowers without Oasis foam: a plastic product which takes a long time to degrade. Four of us hope to attend a workshop organised by the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies to learn how to anchor large flower arrangements by other means.

Finally, and absolutely not least, we thank Canon Simon Griffiths and Canon Alan Bashforth for their friendship and support throughout the year. The Flower Guild is now incorporated into the cathedral's daily computer calendar, a measure which is already improving our day to day management.

The Guild is always open to new members and we would welcome anyone who would like to learn. Availability every Saturday morning is not obligatory. We are a true team, members going out of their way to help one another with energy and good humour.

We are blessed to be supported by so many people as we decorate the cathedral to the glory of God.

**Pam Dodd**



## Truro Cathedral Sewing Guild

This last year has been busy with the usual repairs to embroidery, garment seams and pockets and of course the ongoing refurbishment of kneelers. In addition we have been asked to produce items we would never have expected to do.

One of these was a funeral pall to cover coffins and trestles which may be overnighting in one of the cathedral chapels before the funeral takes place. The finished pall was in beautiful purple material measuring 15 feet by 10 feet with 110 feet of gold braid around the edge. It was a lot of work to be done in a short time but realising that its first use was to be the funeral of Mrs Dorothy Walker we were all extremely happy to do it for such a lovely lady.

On a different level we were asked to produce a very large towel with ornamentation to welcome Bishop Philip at his installation. A lot of fun although we learned the hard way how difficult it is to stick anything to felt!

After that a new kneeler and two new cushions for Epiphany House seemed rather easier if still lot of work

We are now finishing the refurbishment of all the kneelers along the communion rail at the High Altar after which we have 4 stoles to make.

During the year we have lost the services of Dee Gordon Jackson – an extremely busy lady – and Annie Gooch, a long term, very valued member who we will be very happy to greet as a guest sewer and advisor, whenever she feels inclined. We have welcomed to our number Brenda Bashforth and Pearl Dunstan who have quickly become invaluable. With Sue Odgers and myself we are a team of four.

So if anyone out there wishes to join us as we face a forever eventful journey you are more than welcome. Being an expert seamstress or seamster (if that is the male description) is not necessary just knowing how to hold a needle and maybe operate a sewing machine.

**Mary Prior**

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or from the Friends table in the Cathedral Restaurant  
on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 11.30am.**

*Thank you*

# Truro Cathedral Lay Assistants Guild

The Guild has had another busy Christmas period with an honorary lay assistant joining us in the narthex for many of the special services. That lay assistant was none other than our very own Canon Chancellor, Alan Bashforth, who was keen to live the “narthex experience.” Well, he made it through his “work experience” and did a thoroughly good job. He has now returned to normal duties but I’ve got my eye on him as future recruit!

Talking of new recruits, we have another brand-new lay assistant who you all know, Mrs Lois Bush. Welcome to the Guild Lois, your experience of church life will be greatly valued.

In January the Guild held its annual gala dinner in the cathedral restaurant. We were joined by the clergy and the vergers who joined in with the feasting and general merrymaking. Thank you to Marilyn and her team for making this a fantastic evening. Some of you may have recently noticed two large pink seals on the cathedral steps. This was, unfortunately, for a funeral which was very well attended by the most colourfully attired and made up group of mourners I have ever seen. Quite an experience to say the least. There’s never a dull moment in the Guild!

**Adam Starr**  
Warden

## ***LEAVING A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL***

The Friends and therefore the Cathedral have benefitted greatly from those who have continued their giving by leaving a legacy in their will. Gifts range from specific sums to a share in the Estate once other gifts have been made. If you are reviewing your will, or making a will for the first time, could you consider including a gift to the Friends.

Any gift received will allow us to continue the support of the Fabric, Ministry and Life of our wonderful Cathedral.

**A possible form of words for such request:**

*I bequeath to the Friends of Truro Cathedral, The Old Cathedral School, Cathedral Green, Truro TR1 2FQ registered Charity Number 1075211 the sum of £....(for a specific sum) or the residue (or a ....share of the residue) of my Estate.*

## Friends of Truro Cathedral Membership Report 2018-19

This is my final report for the Friends following six years of doing the administration of new Member applications and payments, I leave the Council at the AGM after the conclusion of the permitted period.

In the last year we have welcomed 16 new or returning memberships. This includes one new Life Membership.

The year started with the hiatus over the move of the Cathedral Office to the Old Cathedral School, and as a result my operations moved along with the Friends Ticket sales to the Restaurant, the use of which on Wednesdays we very much appreciate. Back office functions moving to the OCS. It's been re-assuring to see the take up of the new membership forms introduced over the last twelve months, although the numbers signing up are unfortunately still low.

I'd like to encourage members to try to gather new members of the Friends so that the organisation can flourish in the future.  
I wish my successor well.

**Christopher B Rowe**  
Membership Secretary

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SUNDAY 19th MAY 2019 – 12NOON**

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**MENU**

Carvery  
Beef or Lamb  
Vegetarian Option  
Seasonal vegetables

Cost £15 per person

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Address  
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An S.A.E. for the tickets is appreciated but not essential.







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## NOMINATION FORM

I have pleasure in nominating

For the position of  
CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY/TREASURER/MEMBER OF COUNCIL  
(indicate as appropriate)

Signature

Print name

I am happy to second this nomination

Signature

Print name

I am willing to accept  
this nomination for the position of

Signature

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