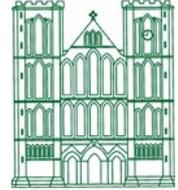


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Update from the Chairman

Dear Friends,

I trust you are keeping safe and well.

An update on our plans for this autumn and 2021

The Council of the Friends met last week, in the digital space, and in the light of the ongoing uncertainty about large social gatherings and with your health as the primary consideration, we reluctantly decided to cancel all the events planned for this autumn. The AGM has also been postponed to a date yet to be agreed.

We are in the process of putting together a full programme for 2021 reinstating the postponed Lincoln Holiday and the Summer Lunch at Parceval Hall. The provisional date for Lincoln is May 19/20/21 so please save the date. The calendar for 2021 which is our 80th Anniversary year will be available in the autumn. We shall also be playing host to the National Conference of Friends of Cathedrals, in partnership with Bradford and Wakefield. A busy exciting year ahead.

We are looking into the possibility of an 80th Anniversary Lunch, early in the New Year. The Annual Report for 2019 is in preparation and will be ready and circulated in late June.

Communication by email

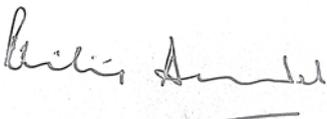
I am grateful to those members who last year who gave us their email addresses and consent to use them which means we are now able to reach by this means some 146 people of our current total membership of 315. In these present circumstances it would have been quicker and more cost effective to have corresponded electronically.

We have no desire or intention of excluding those without emails but I would urge all of you to complete and return the enclosed form to our Membership Secretary, Jocelyn Brooks. If you're not sure, like me, whether you returned it last time please send it again. I promise not to bombard you with emails.

Further communication

I will write to you all again in the summer (by post) to circulate the Annual Report and with a further update. Should you need to contact me before then please email me on: chairman@friendsofriponcathedral.org.uk

Meanwhile my best wishes to you and your families in these unusual times and I look forward to being able to resume our activities, enjoying each other's company and fellowship



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