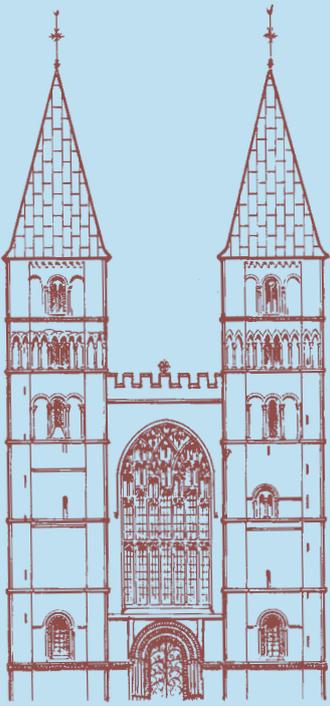


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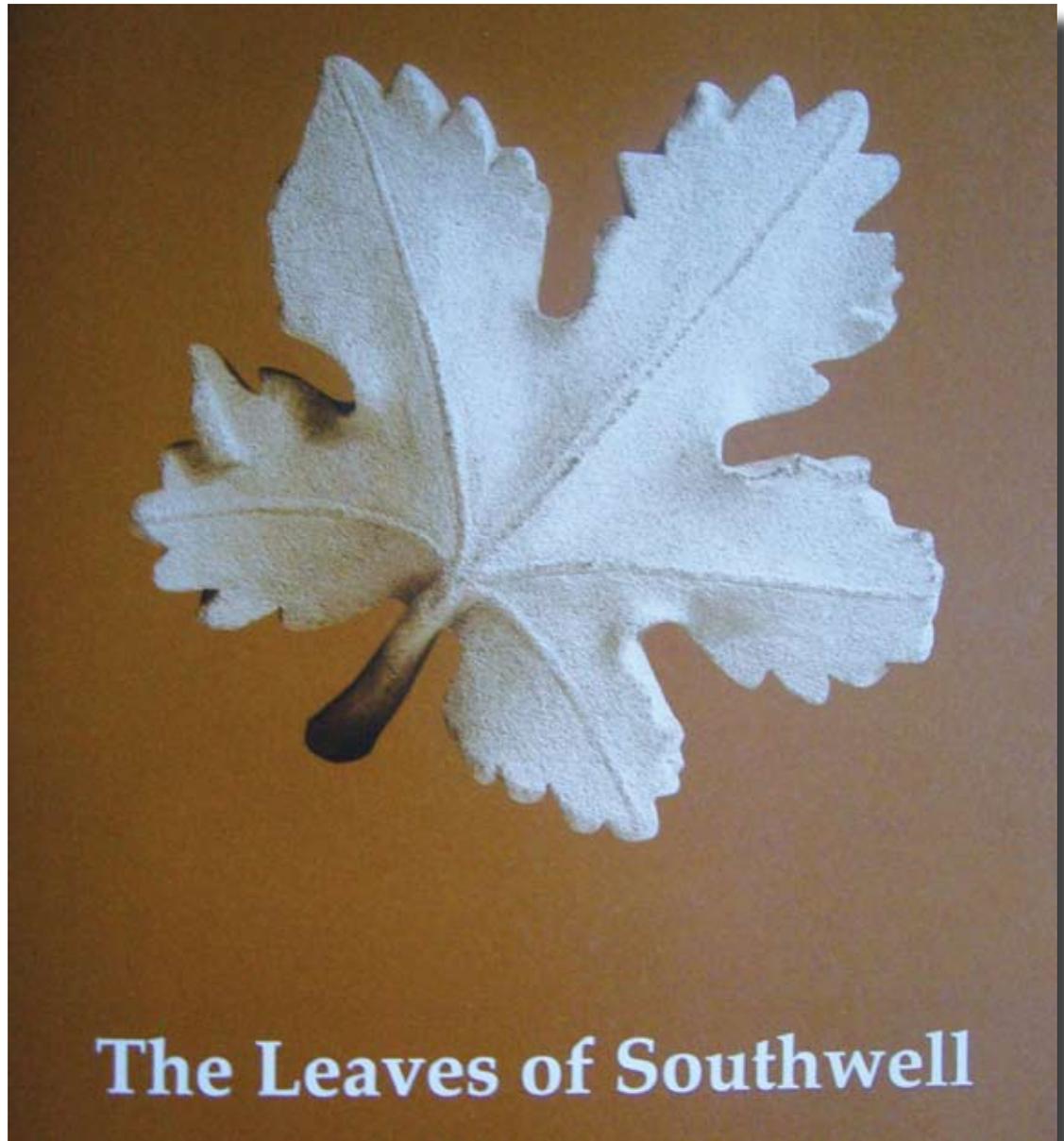
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The Leaves of Southwell

THE LEAVES OF SOUTHWELL PROJECT

The chapter house and its exuberant stone foliage have been widely recognised internationally. Nikolaus Pevsner's *Leaves of Southwell* has long been the standard work, costing 2/- (10p) if you were fortunate enough to buy it new in 1945 (now at least fifty times as much secondhand). As indicated by the review of Simon Jenkins' latest book on page 2, the leaves continue to generate superlative comments.

The Leaves of Southwell Project is now seeking ways to re-interpret these works of art and to enhance their physical environment. On page 3 the Dean explores the project in greater detail and more will be revealed in due course.

ENGLAND'S CATHEDRALS

Another book on cathedrals?! As Simon Jenkins makes clear in his latest book, *England's cathedrals*, this is a topic with many precursors, but what he has produced amply justifies his readiness and ability to find something different to say. Those who are familiar with his earlier surveys of churches, houses and Welsh buildings or with his current column in the *Guardian*, will know that he is never at a loss for an original, illuminating, unfashionable or waspish slant, but one with an erudite basis. The present book follows this established pattern and will be appreciated by all cathedral-crawlers, whether on site or chairbound.

So how does this offering differ from its predecessors? It effectively fills the gap left by the omission of cathedrals from his *England's thousand best churches*. There is also a welcome expansion of coverage to include the more notable Roman Catholic cathedrals in England (10 out of 19) in addition to the familiar 42 Anglican buildings and Westminster Abbey. While Canterbury and others of high status are given generous space, none of the less notable buildings are dismissed with a token coverage (10 pages on Lincoln, for instance, and 4 pages for Derby).

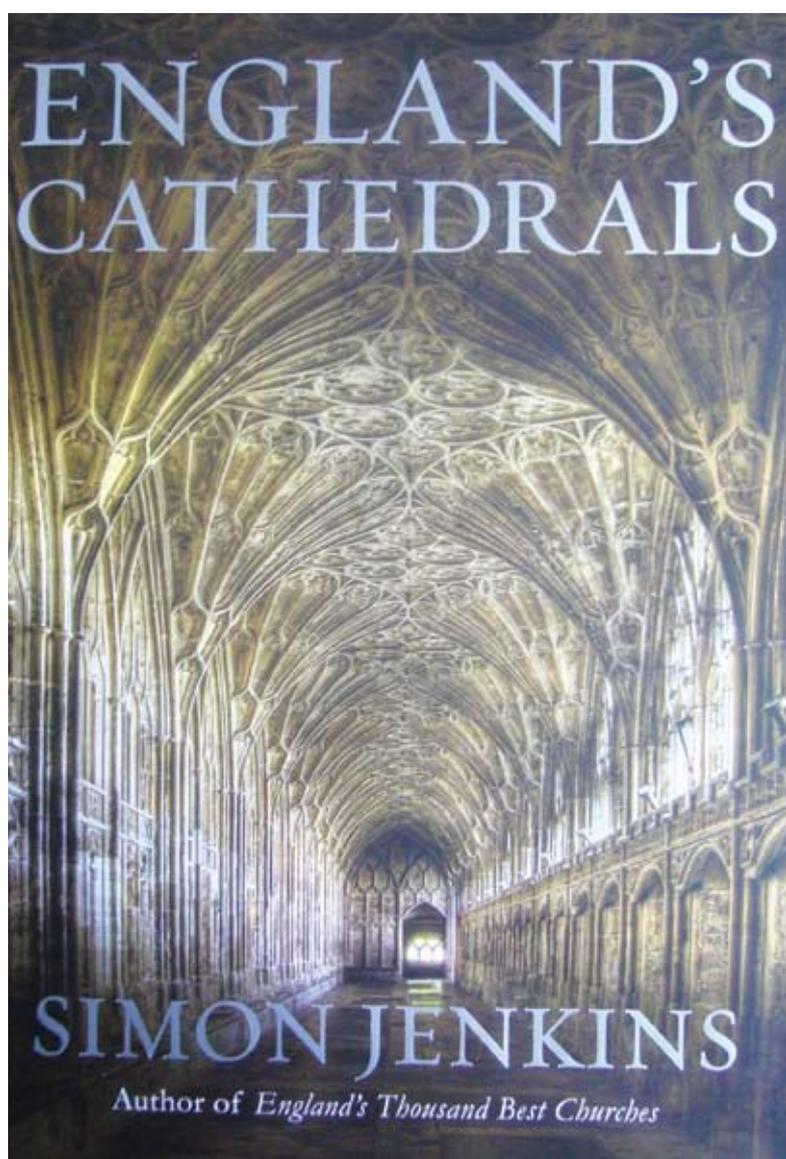
The text for each one succeeds in covering all the distinctive features, but also allows room for asides: Chelmsford 'is like a cheery old lady carrying rather too much baggage' and 'Chester is a boisterous urchin of a cathedral'. This carefully judged flippancy nicely complements the authoritative bulk of the text. The quality of the illustrations matches that of the commentary, even if one very occasionally looks in vain for a feature which the author emphasises. At first glance this alphabetical survey would not allure you to read it from cover to cover, but in fact each entry is so distinctive that historical or aesthetic indigestion is not a danger.

The book opens with a lengthy historical introduction which might easily be skipped by the seeker of specific locations. In fact it provides a succinct and penetrating summary of a millennium or so of Christian history in England which subtly explains matters theological and ecclesiastical without a trace of didactic condescension. This achievement is one of several which perhaps stem from Jenkins' self-confessed position as an outsider looking in to the Church.

Despite disdaining the awarding of one to five stars, he does just this. No doubt some will be diverted by assessing why Truro rates only 2 stars while Carlisle is awarded 3. On this aspect readers of *Pepperpots* will discover with appreciation that Southwell scores 4 and the Dean will be doubly gratified that Wells, where she spent 14 years, is for Jenkins at the very top of his list.

JENKINS, SIMON. *England's cathedrals*. Little, Brown, 2016. £30.00.
ISBN 978-1-4087-0645-9

MALCOLM STACEY



DEAN'S COLUMN



The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan writes

We continue to move forward with the 'Leaves' Project. Canon Nigel Coates and Charlie Leggatt, with colleagues, are working hard to meet the 30 June submission deadline to the Heritage Lottery Fund to secure a substantial grant to enable the development phase of the project. This will require intensive further research into these magnificent carvings in and around the Chapter House, as well as exploring new ways in which the interpretation of this aspect of the Minster's history and architecture can come alive to the twenty-first-century visitor. Seventy years after Nikolaus Pevsner's influential volume *The Leaves of Southwell* is there another view of what inspired the 13th century stonemasons' extraordinarily detailed and delicate work?

I have been especially excited to hear some of the theological interpretations of the 'Leaves'. The cathedral archaeologist, Philip Dixon, believes there is evidence that under what we now call the Pilgrim's chapel there was a Saxon baptismal pool near an entrance into what is now the Chapter House and cloister. Fonts and baptismal pools are usually situated at the door of the church, symbolising the threshold into the Christian faith. So perhaps the 'Leaves' are a meditation on Psalm 1, 'Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners....*And he shall be like a tree planted by the waterside; that will bring forth fruit in due season. His leaf shall not wither; and look whatever he does it shall prosper.*' (v 1-4).

We may ponder on what makes for a deeply rooted faith which is vibrant and fresh in the modern age and how the Church is able to offer the fruits of love, hope and Christ-like service to a questioning world. There is also the image of the oasis of refreshment and a calm shelter which we pray will be the experience of all who will rest and bask under the still, quiet beauty of the 'Leaves'.

The Chapter is hugely grateful to the Friends for your financial commitment to the project over a five-year period. Together with pledges from one or two other Trust funds we are able to indicate to HLF that we are serious about taking on what may well amount to a £2.5 million-plus venture. In addition to vital roof repair and conservation work the plan is to introduce underfloor heating and to light the Chapter House. It is a splendid space within the Minster and one which we believe deserves to be developed in an optimum way for future generations to enjoy. By the time *Pepperpots* is off the press we will have held the 'come



This shot of a carving is one of many photographs from the Roberts Archive which was bequeathed to the Friends in 2003 by the late Canon E. Eric Roberts, former Canon Residentiary and member of the Friends' Council.

and see' open events on 11 and 28 March, which we hope will attract wide interest and support. This ambitious project is important for Nottinghamshire and is undoubtedly of national and international significance. Thank you, Friends, for being part of this first stage of the journey.

New Friends

We warmly welcome the following Friends who have joined recently:

Mrs L D Barker	Carlton-on-Trent St Mary
Mr J L Bates (Life)	Caunton St Andrew
Mrs A J Betts-Taylor	Caythorpe St Aidan
Mr B J Bull	Cromwell St Giles
Mrs J Cook	East Leake St Mary
Dr G Cummings (Life)	Greasley St Mary
Mrs S M Dymond	Gunthorpe St John the Baptist
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Mrs C Rowbotham	Norwell St Laurence
Mrs A M Rushforth	Nottingham All Saints
Mr G Turner	Nottingham St Peter
and the following churches:	Radcliffe-on-Trent St Mary
Beeston St John the Baptist	Retford St Swithun
	Sutton-on-Trent All Saints

THE COUNCIL OF THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The governing document is the Constitution and Rules of 4 June 1994, as amended on 13 June 1998 and further amended on 9 June 2001.

The Council meet three times every year to agree the broad strategy and areas of activity including consideration of grant making to the Southwell Cathedral Chapter, financial review and reserves, investments, risk management, publicity and performance. The day to day administration is delegated to the principal officers in particular the Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, *Pepperpots* editor and Events Secretary. All Council members including the principal officers give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits. We were delighted that Dean Nicola Sullivan, who was installed in September, agreed to be our new Chairman and she chaired her first Council meeting a matter of days after taking up her position. We are immensely grateful to Canon Nigel Coates for acting as Chairman over the past two and a half years, guiding us through our Council meetings and chairing no fewer than three Annual General Meetings. Otherwise there were no changes to the Council during the year under review.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Friends of Southwell Cathedral exist to bind together all those who love the Cathedral Church and who desire to help in preserving for posterity the fabric of this ancient and historic building, in maintaining public worship therein and in enhancing its adornment.

The Council has kept in mind the Charity Commissioners' guidance on public benefit. The focus of the Friends' activities remains the fulfilment of the objects of the charity for the benefit of the Cathedral, which welcomes everyone without restriction. Membership of The Friends is open to all, subject to a subscription, the amount of which is at the discretion of the member.

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1039131

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Specific financial contributions and continued financial support to the Minster were made during the year including an initial contribution of £3,000 towards the major cost of repairing the Quire roofs and Chapter House and a pledge to continue with this assistance at £30,000 per year for the next five years.

The Friends' 69th Festival and AGM was held on 18 June and began with coffee and cake in the Crossing. At 11am the lecture was held in the Nave, given by Professor Philip Dixon who has been the Minster archaeologist since 1981. His talk was entitled 'Romans, Saxons and Normans, the early stages of the settlement at Southwell' and was most appropriate as the Minster had recently acquired the Minster School Church Street site through a generous gift. It was a fascinating insight into the history of previous and recent discoveries on the site and was well illustrated with maps and photographs.

The AGM was held in the State Chamber and was very well attended. Margaret Bagguley once again provided an excellent tea for us all. Our preacher at Evensong was our President, the Right Revd Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham.

For our first outing of 2016 Sue Hopkin and her Events committee had organised a visit to Tewkesbury on 10 May. Despite poor weather the day was a great success. On 27 September our outing took us to Sheffield Cathedral which once again was very enjoyable, with guided tours, followed by an excellent tea and evensong.

As a fundraising event on 11 November, Charlie Leggatt entertained a large gathering in the State Chamber with a fascinating illustrated talk about his 1976 visit to China as part of a cultural visit. Refreshments were provided by Mrs Margaret Noble.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

As regards financial aspects, 2016 was deliberately planned to be another low spending year in view of the support which the Friends will be giving to the forthcoming substantial Minster roof repairs over the next five years. This has been agreed at £30,000 per year.

We continued financing the usual expenditure expected of us principally to the Needlework Guild £2,742 for their work in maintaining vestments and altar cloths, to the Flower Guild £2,110 as a contribution to the cost of providing floral decoration in the Minster, for the repair and maintenance of the microphone and speaker system, the 'Speech reinforcement apparatus' £3,539, for printing and postage costs of *Pepperpots* £2,264.

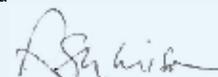
We were very grateful to receive generous legacies amounting to £11,001 and donations of £4,840. Tax recovered from gift-aided subscriptions amounted to £2,054.38. This is a valuable source of income and all Friends who pay UK tax on their income are encouraged to gift aid their subscriptions. Subscription and investment income were maintained at satisfactory levels.

Total income of £48,113 exceeded expenditure of £22,533 by £25,580. Realised gains on the sale of investments were £3,899 and unrealised gains through the rise in the market value of our investments were £55,793 increasing this surplus to £85,272. Total capital funds carried forward therefore amounted to £632,500. Our capital comprises for the most part of a diversified portfolio of investments valued at £547,149 and bank deposits of £90,139 which latter should enable the Council to satisfy approved application for financial assistance from Southwell Cathedral Chapter in the year to come. Council continued to maintain through the assistance of its investment advisers, Brewin Dolphin, its investment policy to generate income and capital appreciation over the medium to long term, whilst adopting an appropriate ethical investment policy.

On behalf of the board



The Dean of Southwell
The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan



Honorary Treasurer
Roger Wilson

THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL

Registered Charity Number: 1039131

Summarised financial statements for the years ended 31 December

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Income and Endowments</u>					
Subscriptions	9,988	10,172	9,630	11,005	11,675
Investment Income	19,498	20,277	18,404	19,187	19,466
Income tax recovered on gift aided subscriptions	2,054	1,861	2,175	2,221	2,096
Donations and legacies	15,841	2,000	19,327	4,633	1,229
Canterbury deposit					525
Charlie Leggatt's China Talk	732				
Ptolemy Dean Lecture			1,510		
Compensation - Royal Mail			204		
Dame Stella Rimington talk				4,381	
Total	48,113	34,310	51,250	41,427	34,991
<u>Expenditure</u>					
<u>Raising Funds</u>					
Investment management	3,276	3,174	3,889	3,024	2,791
Costs of fundraising (Ptolemy Dean/Dame Stella talk - 2013)		30	1,112	668	
<u>Annual financial support:</u>					
Audio tour equipment maintenance	650	656	620	620	605
Flower Guild	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110
Needlework Guild	2,742	2,745	2,653	2,874	2,261
Speech reinforcement system maintenance	3,539	1,708	1,632	11,489	4,601
Vergers/Gardeners workwear	473	305	349	165	1,338
<u>Special financial support:</u>					
Cables - cost of laying beneath paving					630
Cathedral Choir - portable lights					276
College of Canons/Chapter embroidered badges					870
Hospitality cupboard				22	63
Memorial - bronze letters replacement					
Monarchy Exhibition					600
Embroidery Exhibition				2,366	
North Porch: cost of restoration work			13,807		30,000
Chairs for the nave			34,000	16,000	
Ledgerstone - relocation and installation				3,168	
Aumbry rail - supply and fix				300	
Gowns for the Guild of Stewards				200	
Other payments for the Minster fabric	3,779	21,778			
Royal Toast - wine cost					444
Secure donations box for use at exhibitions			2,000		
Contribution to the cost of new boilers			10,000		
Replacement of some leadwork on the Cathedral roof			4,742		
Eric Thiman - support for establishing an archive			300		
Replacement of damaged chair 2014/Walkway 2010			264		
<u>Support Costs</u>					
"Pepperpots" twice annual newsletter	2,264	3,036	2,751	3,227	3,069
Annual General Meeting costs	331	407	240	281	
Computer depreciation 2014/maintenance 2011	333	333	333		
Delegates expense for conference attendance		330			60
Membership leaflets artwork and printing					
Postage, telephone, printing, stationery and sundry expenses	2,112	804	273	136	552
Steeplepeople (Young Friends activities)				35	94
Accountancy and Independent Examiners fee	924	1,410	1,380	1,380	1,344
Total	22,533	38,826	82,455	48,065	51,708
Net (Expenditure)	25,580	-4,516	-31,205	-6,638	-16,717
Gains/-Losses on Investments	59,692	-20,325	-648	40,394	31,840
Net Movement in Funds	85,272	-24,841	-31,853	33,756	15,123
Total Funds brought forward at 1st January	547,228	572,069	603,922	570,166	555,043
Total Funds carried forward at 31st December	£632,500	£547,228	£572,069	£603,922	£570,166

THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL

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Summarised financial statements for the years ended 31 December

BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 31 DECEMBER FOR THE YEARS

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	£	£	£	£	£
Investments at valuation	547,148	507,187	531,689	513,016	557,812
Computer Equipment at cost less depreciation	1	334	667		
Investment income due	1,368	1,396			
Bank and Deposit Balances	90,139	42,251	42,970	95,398	14,247
Amounts owed to Creditors falling due within one year	-6,156	-3,940	-3,257	-4,492	-1,893
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	£632,500	£547,228	£572,069	£603,922	£570,166

Statement of The Council of the Friends of Southwell Cathedral pertaining to the Summarised Financial Statements

The summarised financial statement contains information from the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 December 2016, which adopts the SORP applicable to accounts prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. It is not the full statutory report and accounts, which were approved by the Council on 22 February 2017 and will be filed with the Charity Commission in due course following the Annual General Meeting on 17 June 2017.

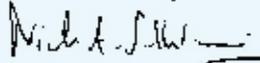
Copies of the full statutory report and accounts may be obtained on application to the Honorary Secretary, Mrs Alison Salter or the Honorary Treasurer, Mr Roger Wilson, c/o The Friends of Southwell Cathedral, The Minster Centre, Church Street, Southwell, Notts NG25 0HD.

The Independent Examiner issued an unmodified report under the provisions of the 2011 Charity Act and the above SORP on the full financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

The 2016 summarised financial information is accompanied by summarised information for the previous four years for comparative purposes.

Approved by the Council and signed on its behalf:

CHAIRMAN *The Dean of Southwell The Very Reverend Nicola Sullivan*



HONORARY TREASURER *R.S.W. Wilson A.C.A.*



22 February 2017

Independent Examiner's Statement on the Summarised Financial Statements

I have examined the summary financial statements.

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the summarised financial statements in accordance with the recommendations of the Charities SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 1 January 2015) and the Charity Act 2011.

My responsibility is to report to you my opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full financial statements and the Council's Annual Report.

Having conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners, I can report that the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full annual financial statements and the Council's Annual Report.



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Date: 24/2/17

THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL

Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting

held in the State Chamber in the Great Hall at 2.00pm on Saturday 18 June 2016.

Present: President The Right Revd Paul Williams
Acting Chairman The Revd Canon Nigel Coates,
 Acting Dean
Hon Treasurer Mr Roger Wilson
Hon Secretary Mrs Alison Salter and
 approximately 100 Friends

Canon Nigel welcomed the Friends to their 69th Annual General Meeting. Bishop Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

1 **Apologies** were received from Mrs Fiona Allen, Mrs Sue Hopkin and Mr Tim Richmond, all members of Council, and 70 Friends.

2. **The minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting**, included with the Spring 2016 edition of *Pepperpots*, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **Matters arising**

There were none

4. **Report from the Chairman, the Acting Dean of Southwell**

I'm sure those of you present this morning will agree that we were treated to a most interesting and stimulating lecture from Philip Dixon and you will know now that the reason we invited him was associated with the extraordinary gift of land that we were pleased to receive from an anonymous donor, who was keen to acknowledge his debt to Southwell. It scarcely needs saying in this company but we have a wonderful heritage. We could say much more about our surroundings but in this report I want to focus on our building.

You will be aware from Alison's report that there have been a limited number of projects this year and this was because we knew we were in for some major expenditure that we needed to plan carefully for. So I want to tell you where we are in that regard. The last three quinquennials have warned that the Eastern roofs are in need of replacement. To mix metaphors the slate roofs above the Quire and the two Quire aisles have reached the end of their shelf life. They were done in the 19th century and they now require major expenditure of around £2 million.

Several things have happened that have affected our strategy. Firstly you may remember in the budget that George Osborne made available some £20 million for cathedrals in a World War I centenary fund. This was an acknowledgement that cathedrals deserve some public money as a consequence of activities provided by way of commemoration. We have for example held a number of major services commemorating the war, an exhibition which Friends kindly helped with and not least a major project led by the lieutenancy of the County regarding a new window in the South Quire aisle.

Now £20 million among some 60 cathedrals is not going to go far, so we approached HLF for further funding. They naturally encouraged us to try the World War I funding first and this we are doing. Specifically we have asked funding for the South Quire aisle knowing that at best we might get £300k and knowing that that's quite a good estimate of the cost. Also knowing of course that that part of the roof is precisely the bit over the window which may help our cause but also knowing there is no need for matched funding in the bid.

But then HLF said something which was in fact music to our ears and something that has been a twinkle in our eyes ever since the 2010 conference Green as a Leaf. They encouraged us to apply for the balance but also to include something

that would be more attractive to them than the roofs alone, namely the Chapter House. Could we offer a new interpretive project? This might also involve underground heating, better lighting, appropriate cleaning of the stonework and the removal of the wooden dais.

You will be aware that not since Pevsner 70 years ago has there been much work done other than the very helpful booklet by Norman Summers. Now we really believe that this is a wonderful opportunity for us to make the Leaves of Southwell better known. They are of international repute and we have a once in a generation opportunity to promote them in a way which could be of enormous contemporary significance.

Pevsner's great gift was to help us understand their architectural context and of course they spoke profoundly to him after the dark days of war in central Europe. But now we think there is every opportunity to build on this in offering theological, artistic, scientific and environmental interpretation which has particular relevance to our present day, to our county and to our wider culture. Let me finish by hinting at how we might do this.

You may have recently heard the historian Helen Castor's Radio 4 programmes 'England made in the middle' and she made the case for Mercia and the place of the Midlands in our history. She argues that we should use the word centre not middle. Middle is a term which is rather middling. We speak of being in the middle of a storm or something being average. We should use the word centre. Centre is a place of energy and renewal. The East Midlands has been at the heart of our nation's history, as we heard this morning, from Roman to Norman times but also from the mediaeval period to the Enlightenment to the Industrial Revolution.

So in a nutshell our project would simply be to put Southwell where it's always belonged back at the centre of the cosmos. You will forgive me for mildly understating the case. But the point is that what began as a necessary but rather mundane project concerning roofs could become a wonderful transformative one that could be of huge benefit to the region and to a Minster built to the glory of God. But how we use our heritage is critical. We are not a National Trust property.

So let me just instance one example of how we can use heritage to speak of the living God when we take the place seriously. We know the Chapter House is built adjacent to at least one baptism pool which the passageway would once have overlooked. In other words the pillars are trees planted by the waterside and what we have are leaves which do not wither, we have green men which speak of human flourishing. It is a meditation in stone of Psalm 1. Not only is it an ordered and diverse garden of Eden but being eight sided it is symbolic of a new creation under God. It takes us back to the roots of Christian identity in baptism. Like Jacob's well in the biblical story of the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman here is the place where living water is offered. Jacob's well was a place where Samaritans and Jews had common heritage and Jesus used that to speak of God.

Just one theological example but we would offer rafts of interpretation appropriate to children and adults and ranging from aesthetic to the botanical, from the artistic to the environmental. Such a project will require your prayers, your ideas, your support and very specifically, unlike the World War I fund, HLF will require matched funding. The Friends' Council have generously agreed to contribute and I want to say thank you and ask for your continuing interest and support.

There are a lot of ifs and buts but we think we have had sufficient encouragement to proceed.

5. Observations from members on the above

Martin Everitt said he thought the future scheme sounds excellent.

Chris Richardson mentioned that he had met a clergyman from North Walsham, where Charles Simpson came from. Maybe there should be links with all the other carvings in the Minster and how about the *Springwatch* and gardening programmes?

6. Report from the Hon Treasurer - Roger Wilson

The Honorary Treasurer began his report saying he would base his presentation on the summarised financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 published in the Spring issue of *Pepperpots*. These were an extract from the full accounts, which run to seventeen pages, and had been produced to save postage costs. Copies of the full accounts were of course available at this meeting, if required.

He said that the summary was a complete extract of the financial statements from the full accounts and included the previous four years to enable comparisons to be drawn. He invited the meeting to ask any questions they wished during his presentation and there would be an opportunity at the end for further questions.

He said that there were essentially three major elements to the accounts – the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the Independent Examiner's Report. The latter report, printed in the full set of accounts, stated that proper books of account had been kept, the financial statements agreed with those books and there were no other relevant matters outside those already in the accounts which should be reported. The Treasurer then considered the Statement of Financial Activities. He described this as being essentially a list of income received and a list of expenses paid out. He began with the Income for the year totalling £34,310. Subscriptions amounted to £10,172. He cautioned that there was an underlying decline in both subscriber numbers and in income, clearly showing over the last five years. This decline needed to be arrested and he urged members to persuade friends and relatives to become Friends.

Investment income included £19,649 received in dividends, being £2,045 up on the previous year. Income tax recovered on gift-aided subscriptions amounted to £1,861, and claimed on the previous year's subscriptions. The tax claimed is a valuable extra source of income and if Friends are tax-payers and not gift-aiding their subscriptions already, they might consider doing so. We were also grateful to receive a legacy of £2,000 from David Inglefield.

Expenditure totalled £38,826 for the year. Whilst a low spending year had been planned in view of a commitment to provide funds to defray Minster roof repair costs possibly over the next few years, there was still a small loss of £4,516 and this was easily funded by reserves. Included in expenditure were investment advisor fees of £3,174 (the entire portfolio being managed), and the usual annual costs, at similar levels to previous years of the audio tour equipment maintenance (being the equipment which visitors can hire), of the Flower and Needlework Guilds (responsible for flower displays for the services and maintenance of vestments and altar cloths) and the Speech Reinforcement system maintenance.

Other payments for the Minster fabric of £21,778 included £757 for the cost of a Quire pew carving repair, flowers for the Easter garden, Bishop's Installation service and shrubs planted to provide a renewable source of foliage to be used by the Flower Guild and thereby help to keep costs down. The final and major part of this £21,778 was a payment to Chapter of £20,000 to ease pressure on its cash flow. This had been requested in January of last year and because of its unusual nature had taxed the minds of the Council as to whether payment should be made and if so under what conditions. A decision was reached in April to allow the payment, reliance being based on one of the Constitution's objects which was "to maintain public worship" and also that in the past such payments had occasionally been made.

The payment, however, was made on condition that this was a single payment and not one of a series and no precedent would be established.

Support costs included the printing and postage expense at £3,036 of two issues of *Pepperpots*, slightly understated as £371 postage had been included in the £804 expense of postage, telephone, stationery and sundry expenses. This £804 figure also included some 2014 year costs billed late by Chapter. The final expense related to the accountants and independent examiner's fee of £1,410, which was subsequently renegotiated to a lower figure of £1,194.

Not surprisingly, the valuation of our investment suffered from the downturn in the Chinese economy and the uncertainties concerning the EU leave or remain referendum. We incurred a realised loss of £1,516 on investments sold in the year and an unrealised loss of £18,809 from the overall reduction in value of investments retained from the previous year and those bought during the year. The loss for the year increased therefore to £24,841 and reduced our capital to £547,228.

As regards the Balance Sheet with capital standing at £547,228, a major part lies in the investments valued at £507,187 at the Balance Sheet date. Some comfort can be derived from knowing that these have an underlying cost of £441,675 showing a gain since purchase. Investments are indeed for the long term and generally increase in value over time. Our bank funds standing at £43,647 comprised the other major asset. Amounts owing to third parties totalled £3,940 and these have all been paid since the year end and that concludes my report. There were no questions asked. Canon Nigel thanked Roger for all the very hard work he does on the Friends' behalf.

7. Election of Independent Examiners

The Treasurer put forward the proposal that Brooks Mayfield, Chartered Accountants, of 12, Bridgford Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, should be elected as accountants and independent examiners to replace Lemans. He explained his reasons for the change.

Marlene Simpson proposed and Shaun Boney seconded this change.

These were accepted by the meeting and Brooks Mayfield was duly elected.

8. Report from the Membership Secretary - Margaret Waddington

We have a total of 593 members altogether. 450 are individual memberships. Since the AGM last year we have lost 16 individual members: 8 have died, 4 have resigned, and 4 have been lapsed because they have ceased paying and have not responded to our reminder letters. We still have some who join because they want to make a donation but do not carry on after the initial donation.

Of the individual memberships 95 are joint, 34 are Life Members and we have 11 Honorary Members. 13 new members have joined during the year. There are 143 corporate members, 3 more than last year as 3 have joined our free membership for PCCs list. Corporate Membership includes free membership for PCCs, groups and Cathedrals, although some PCCs make an annual donation.

The Chairman thanked Margaret for all she does as Membership Secretary.

9. Events Report - Malcolm Stacey gave this report on behalf of Sue Hopkin

Sue Hopkin apologises for not being able to present this report in person, but in fact her thorough and enthusiastic planning in the previous twelve months more than compensates for her absence. The group which backs her up (Pearl and Roy Pearson and Malcolm and Mary Stacey) are well placed to see the responsibility which she has carried so willingly

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FRIENDS' FESTIVAL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 17 June 2017

Full details of the Friends' Festival Day appear on pages 4 to 9 including most of the formal paperwork. Please make sure you bring this copy to the meeting. If you would like to see the full accounts, please contact the office (see back page). The programme for the day is below. Friends are invited to make their own arrangements for lunch.

- 10.00 Coffee in the Minster Crossing
- 11.00 Address by Peter Day, broadcaster familiar to listeners to BBC Radio 4 and World Service
- 12.45 Lunch break
- 2.00 AGM in the State Chamber of the Great Hall
- 3.00 Tea in the State Chamber
- 4.30 Evensong. Preacher: the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan

SOUTHWELL MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017



Southwell Music Festival is an annual, top-quality classical music festival taking place each August Bank Holiday to celebrate classical music, to raise the profile of the town and its magnificent medieval Minster, and to inspire local musicians – especially young people. Like the previous three Festivals, the 2017 Festival will be held over the Bank Holiday weekend **Thursday 24 - Bank Holiday Monday 28 August 2017**

Further details can be found at www.southwellmusicfestival.com

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over the past 22 years. The excursion to Bolton Abbey and Bradford Cathedral in May was a real success, Bradford in particular was a cathedral which most of those taking part had no previous experience of – nor of their catering. In complete contrast the autumn event in the Minster tapped a new market to some extent and allowed Friends who are reluctant to commit to a long day out to take part. A record number of about 80 were not only delighted with the horn recital given by Robert Parker, accompanied on the piano by Anthony Clare, but also appreciated Bishop Paul Williams' introducing himself at his first Friends' event.

Sue Hopkin's inexhaustible supply of destinations produced a visit to Tewkesbury Abbey in May 2016 where the welcome, hospitality, guiding and worship relegated the dismal weather to a minor mishap. Plans are now complete for a visit to Sheffield Cathedral on Tuesday 27 September. Again this has taken into account those who might welcome a shorter trip and it will leave Southwell at 1.00pm. A few places are still available, but applications need to be made quickly. In spring 2017 the destination is likely to be a parish church on a cathedral scale when we plan to visit Thaxted in Essex.

Sue and her committee were thanked by the Chairman for arranging Friends' outings.

10. *Pepperpots* report – Malcolm Stacey

The two issues of *Pepperpots* in 2015 produced no surprises for readers. They colourfully reported on past

and forthcoming events and on developments around the Minster. A specially moving and illuminating appreciation of the late David Leaning was a highlight and another was the reporting of the national conference of Cathedral Friends which put Southwell firmly in a wider context. The Editor continues to twist the arms of Friends to contribute items and is never disappointed. Two years ago a review of *Pepperpots* after its first twenty years was alluded to, but deferred until a new Dean was appointed. Perhaps there will be developments in 2017.

The Chairman thanked Malcolm for all he does in the production of *Pepperpots*.

11. Any Other Business

Canon Nigel showed everyone the picture by Christine Measures to be given to the donor of the land next to the Minster. Several people would like a copy of the print. Malcolm Stacey paid tribute to Canon Nigel, who as Acting Dean had chaired all the Council meetings, and the last three Annual General Meetings.

12. Date of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

This will take place on Saturday 17 June 2017.

Following the AGM tea was enjoyed in the State Chamber, kindly provided by Margaret Bagguley.

At Festal Evensong the preacher was the Rt Revd Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER SERVICES



SUNDAY

- 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer and the Litany (BCP)
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30 a.m. Family Eucharist (CW1)
- 11.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist (BCP)
- 3.30 p.m. Evensong/Evening Prayer (BCP)

MONDAY

- 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (CW)
- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW1) *Sacrista Prebend*
- 5.45 p.m. Evensong/Evening Prayer (BCP)

TUESDAY

- 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW1) *Pilgrims' Chapel*
- 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CW)
- 5.45 p.m. Evensong/Evening Prayer (BCP)

WEDNESDAY

- 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW1) *St Oswald's Chapel*
- 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CW)
- 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (CW1) *Sacrista Prebend*
- 5.45 p.m. Evensong/Evening Prayer (BCP)

THURSDAY

- 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) *Airmen's Chapel*
- 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CW)
- 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) *Airmen's Chapel*
- 12.30 p.m. Silence and Meditation *Pilgrims' Chapel*
- 5.45 p.m. Evensong/Evening Prayer (BCP)

FRIDAY

- 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW1) *St Oswald's Chapel*
- 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (CW)
- 5.45 p.m. Evensong/Evening Prayer (BCP)

SATURDAY

- 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (CW)
- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (CW1) *Pilgrims' Chapel*
- 5.45 p.m. Evensong/Evening Prayer (BCP)

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PEPPERPOTS

NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL

Sue Hopkin writes:

I am writing this just after a meeting to discuss the Thaxted outing on 9 May and before I move on to our second outing in September I would like to say how splendid it is to have the help and friendship which four Friends bring to the meetings: Pearl and Roy Pearson and Mary and Malcolm Stacey.

The next outing will be on Tuesday 26 September 2017. I am sure all readers will be delighted that Bishop Paul and Mrs Sarah Williams will be with us all that day. Having been asked if they would join us and choose a destination, they very clearly thought carefully and came up with **Eyam** in Derbyshire, where the plague broke out and tragically many of the villagers died. Indeed the 'plague cottages' are easily seen. All will be revealed when we go.

We are leaving from outside the Minster Shop at 10.00am. On arrival it is possible to look in the museum or walk around the village. We shall have our usual soup-and-sandwich lunch at the Miners' Arms before moving on to the church where we shall have a guided tour and a service organised by Bishop Paul and the Vicar of Eyam, the Revd Mike Gilbert. We aim to be back in Southwell between 4.30pm and 5.00pm when we are very kindly invited by Bishop Paul and Sarah for a

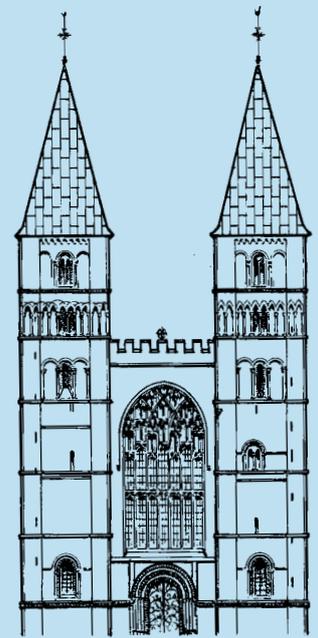
OUT and ABOUT



cup of tea and cake at Bishop's Manor.

The cost of the outing will be £21.00 to include the coach, driver's tip, lunch and donation to the church. Admission to the museum, if desired, is £2.50 (£2.00 concession). Please apply on the enclosed form by 30 June.

If you have ideas for visits in 2018, please let me know (01636 830446).



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