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The regular newsletter of the
Rochester Cathedral Campaign
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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK *Summertime and the living is easy*

The Summer is traditionally the time when things slow down, and life assumes a gentler pace. From a fundraising perspective it can often feel like fallow time, when people aren't around and trusts aren't meeting.

But the Campaign is far from quiet over the Summer. To start with, you will see the scaffolding going up again – this time around the Lady Chapel and South Transept, as the next phase of the high-level conservation work gets under way. It's good to see things getting done, and to know that the Campaign is bearing fruit.

Then there is all the work that will be going on behind the scenes, in readiness for a busy Autumn. We are preparing a major application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. We will be launching the Business Guild. We are in talks with 4 major trusts. We are planning some major fundraising dinners in September. We will be submitting another application to English Heritage. We will be promoting and marketing the wonderful CD that our choirs recorded earlier in the year. There is the Women's Hydro Active Challenge in Hyde Park, and there's another Auction to be planned in West Kent. So things are far from idle. Thank you for your continued support – keep it coming, and enjoy the Summer!

Adrian Newman

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Did you know that you can give on-line to the Rochester Cathedral Fund Raising Campaign?

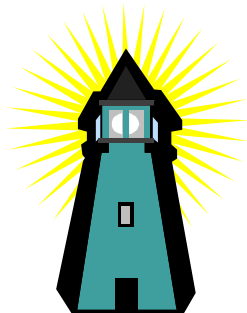
We were thrilled recently to see a £1,000 anonymous donation on the web site for which we are really grateful. If you would like to give in this way go to:

www.justgiving.com/rochestercathedraltrust

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL BUSINESS GUILD

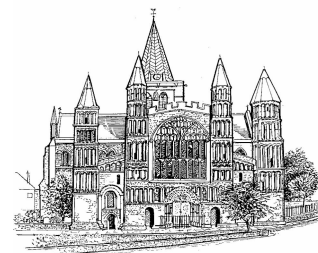
As you may already be aware The Thames Gateway Chamber of Commerce have appointed Rochester Cathedral as an honorary member. In order to cement our relationships with local business, Rochester Cathedral is launching a Business Guild. This means that for an annual membership fee, local businesspeople can have the opportunity several times a year to network with their peers who have a strong focus on ethics and good business practice. These opportunities will take the form of an annual dinner in the Crypt, a reception at the House of Lords, an annual Cathedral Service, and various opportunities to gather to listen to high profile speakers with a message for the world of business. If you would like further information, or would like to enrol your business, please contact us.

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**CAMPAIGN
TOTAL
TO DATE
£ 2,351,819**



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OLD ENGLAND CHARITY CRICKET MATCH

Kings School, Rochester are hosting a cricket match in the Paddock on Sunday 1st July 2007 between The Old England XI and an Old Roffensian XI. The Old England XI is managed by the former England wicket keeper Jim Parks and captained by John K Lever.

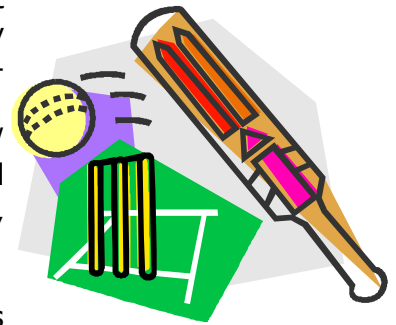
The day will begin with a reception in the garden of Oriel House followed by a cold buffet lunch starting at midday in the School Hall. This is a chance for you to entertain your friends, relatives or business colleagues as your guests, with the opportunity for a former England player to join you at your table. Tables seating up to a maximum of 8 (including an Old England player) are available. Tickets are £40 each. Clive Emson will very kindly be auctioneering items such as a framed English cricket shirt; an England cricket bat; a framed print of the England overseas tour party; a hot air balloon ride; a framed original painting of the Paddock Cricket Ground by Hugh Cushing and the Lord Taverners 50th anniversary England's Captains bat.

The match on the Paddock will begin at 1.45pm and each innings will last for 2 1/4 hours with 30 minutes for tea (served in St Margaret's Conference Centre for those who are ticket holders). The match should finish at 6.45pm. For those people who wish only to watch the game, entry to the Paddock can be either from Vines Lane or King Edward Road at the cost of purchasing a programme at £5 on the gate. This charge will not be made for young children. Temporary seating is available for hire but spectators may bring their own more comfortable seats if desired.

Those who would like to purchase the remaining tickets for the reception/lunch/auction/tea should please contact: Michael Bannar-Martin, The Old Roffensian Society Ltd, c/o Montague Place, Quayside, Chatham Maritime, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QU.

Phone 01634-899800 or email: michael.bannar-martin@reeves-neylan.com

Raffle tickets are available at £1 each from the Campaign Office for prizes ranging from wine and Champagne, to P&O family Ferry car tickets, a Euro-tunnel car ticket, Twickenham International Rugby tickets, one day membership of Kent CCC, to tickets to Loseley House and Gardens, and more.



WOMENS HYDRO ACTIVE HYDE PARK RUN/WALK

Entry forms for this sponsored walk/run taking place on 16th September are available from the Campaign Office at Garth House.

Come on ladies—you still have time to register!!

MEDIEVAL BANQUET

The Events Committee are planning a Medieval Banquet to be held in the Crypt on the evening of Thursday 11th October. Although the evening is themed, it is not a requirement for the guests to dress in costume. The plan at this stage is to have entertainment as well as the meal and drinks.

We anticipate that there will be seating for approximately 100 people and would like to know at this stage whether there would be any interest from our readership to come to such a banquet. Please let the Campaign Office know your thoughts.

Email: campaign@rochestercathedral.org

AUCTION—WEST KENT

Following our very successful Auction last year, held in Rochester, plans are well advanced to stage a follow-up event at Kippington Hall in Sevenoaks on 15th September. This was the idea of our Trustee Diana Paul, and John and David Sandon will be on hand to assist once again.

At this stage, with almost three months to go, we need your help in either donating items or pledges, or in contacting friends or associates whom you believe may be able to provide something of interest? Do you have any celebrity contacts who might give us something? Do you have contacts with Leisure Centres or Tourist Attractions? Or perhaps Shops, Supermarkets, Hotels, Restaurants or Local Businesses? Almost anything in fact!

The recent, most successful, Antiques Roadshow found lots of interesting items and we would love to include a selection of antiques and collectibles. David and John will be only too happy to advise you regarding anything you feel may be suitable for our Auction? Please contact Lynne in the Campaign Office on 01634 817930, or David Sandon on 07963 771034 (email dsandon123@aol.com).

With your help we are sure this will prove to be another enjoyable and profitable event for the Campaign so do please get in touch with us as soon as possible; we really do want to hear from you!

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