

News in brief...

Subscriptions

- The Friends are planning to make payment of subscriptions by direct debit available to members in 2019. This payment system will be familiar to those who pay council tax, water rates and charitable subscriptions by this method.

It involves completion of a simple instruction to your bank to enable the Friends to take your payment. We will, of course, send you written confirmation before any payment is made and you can cancel at any time.

The Friends benefit from this simpler and more efficient way of collecting subscriptions and it removes the



Tamaris Ryan (left) and Deirdre Walker admire a painting by Sally Pond entitled English Oak, which formed part of Salisbury Florilegium Society's exhibition on Friends' Day. Many of the designs have been used to create the notelets that are sold for the benefit of the Cathedral and used for the Friends' gift membership pack.

need for members to remember to send a cheque or cash each year.

More details will follow in the Easter newsletter.

Gift membership

● If you're stuck for an idea for a Christmas gift for a friend or relative, why not consider Friends' membership?

Membership costs £20 for a single membership and £30 for a joint membership.

Your gift will comprise a membership form for your friend or relative to complete and a gift number.

These will be enclosed in one of our beautiful Salisbury Florilegium

Society notecards, which are sold for the benefit of the Cathedral.

For more details, contact the Friends' office at 33a The Close, Salisbury, SP12EJ, telephone 01722 335161.



Friends' holiday

● The 2019 Friends' holiday will be to Durham and Northumbria and will take place from 24th to 28th June.

The trip will take in Banburgh Castle and Holy Island, visiting the Priory ruins and Lindisfarne Castle. There will be a boat cruise along the River Wear, visits to Crook Hall and Gardens, Warkworth, Alnwick and Auckland castles, and Durham Cathedral.

If you are interested, please see more details on the separate sheet enclosed.

Open gardens

● The 2018 Secret Gardens of the Close afternoon was such a success, with nearly £11,000 raised for Cathedral projects, the Friends are holding the event again next year.

This time, it will be held on 9th June to enable visitors to enjoy the roses.



Friends enjoying the 2018 Secret Gardens event

There will be new gardens open, as well as stalls and teas.

More details will be available early next year.

Canon Precentor

- As our newsletter reaches you the Cathedral community will have bid farewell to Canon Precentor Tom Clammer, who has held the role since 2012.

His last service was on 24th November.

Dean Nicholas Papadopoulos said the Cathedral “will continue to support him as he discerns a new direction for his ministry in the future”.

“Our life has been hugely enriched by Tom’s immense liturgical skill, musical gifts, and wisdom as a teacher,” he said.

“He and Emma have been generous hosts and we will miss them enormously.”