

CAMBRIDGESHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL HISTORY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A visit to Lincoln Cathedral, Saturday 2 September 2023

We are delighted that after the enforced break necessitated by the Covid pandemic we are able to resume our programme of annual visits by coach to cathedrals, led by the Revd Dr Lynne Broughton. This year we shall visit Lincoln, the subject of Lynne's recent book *Lincoln Cathedral: Insights and Explanations* (which will be on sale in the Cathedral shop at a special discount!).



(Photo: Lynne Broughton)

Lincoln Cathedral is one of the greatest buildings of medieval Europe, visible for miles around, spread along its hill-top site.

This is a particularly good time to visit. The west front, with its frieze of Romanesque sculpted panels, is fully visible after more than thirty years covered with scaffolding and hoardings. The wonderful interior boasts among other beauties a broad, light-filled nave and the famous Angel Choir with multiple sculpted figures. In the precinct are the medieval and later library and the vaulted polygonal Chapter House. A new visitor centre contains an interpretation display in which the Romanesque panels can be seen at close quarters.

Those who fancy some exercise can walk down the aptly-named Steep Hill – and up again. If the ascent seems too challenging there is a free bus to get you back to the top. But there is no need to leave the uphill area: in addition to the Cathedral there is a Roman city gate and the castle with its Panopticon prison. Food can be obtained from the Cathedral café or a number of luncheon places along Bailgate, just a short walk away.

Two practical points to note:

1 The coach will pick up at three points: Ely Cathedral, Trumpington Park & Ride (off Hauxton Road, Trumpington) and Bridge Place car park, Godmanchester. Please ensure you indicate on the attached booking form where you will be joining.

The timings are:

Ely Cathdral (coach pick-up point)	07.15
Trumpington park & Ride	08.00
Bridge Place Car Park, Godmanchester	08.50

The return journey will leave Lincoln at 16.30, which should mean reaching Godmanchester at approx. 18.40, Trumpington at 19.20 and Ely by 20.00.

2 Lynne will lead two tours of the Cathedral, at 11.00 and 14.30. We propose a simple alphabetical division here: surnames A -L to take the morning tour, K – Z the afternoon. But if you would wish to take the same tour as someone who falls in the other half of the alphabet (e.g Ms Aardvark and Ms Zoffany) please indicate this on the booking form and we shall do our best to oblige. We will issue a list of people allocated to each tour a day or two in advance.

The cost of the tour will be £31.00 per person (this includes both the cost of the coach and admission to the Cathedral).

A booking form is attached: please return to the address shown by Saturday 26 August 2023.

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Booking Form

Please reserve me place(s) on this excursion @ £31 per person.

I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to 'Cambridgeshire Association for Local History'

I/we will join the coach at (please tick):

- Ely
- Trumpington
- Godmanchester

I would like to be on the same tour as

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I/we belong to (tick as/if applicable):

- CALH
- CHCT
- HLHS

Name

Address

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..... Post Code

E-mail

Note that receipts and tickets will **not** be issued. If you would like confirmation of your booking, please ensure that you give us your e-mail address, or enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you would like it in hard copy.

Please return this form to Mr A Kirby, 3 Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambridge CB22 5AY by Saturday 26 August.