

# Salisbury Cathedral Close Preservation Society

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### **Letter from the Chairman**

This year the summer bulletin again consists of the draft minutes of the AGM, together with this letter from me reporting briefly on developments since then.

There has been no change in the situation described in the enclosed draft AGM Minutes, namely that the Society is in a quiet period in terms of new issues affecting The Close. This is because the widespread financial problems, due to the 'credit crunch', inevitably affect the Cathedral and mean that funds are not available for new ventures. Nevertheless, there are several ongoing matters, which we keep under review and which are discussed when John Wort and I meet the Chapter Clerk.

For instance, the impressive appearance and atmosphere of The Close owes much to the neatly-cut grass and the absence of rubbish and litter. Unfortunately, recent fine weekends have resulted in overflowing rubbish bins and surrounding litter spoiling the appearance on some Sunday mornings. This is an example of where a reduction in standards could creep up and damage the previous high quality appearance. We have urged that this problem should be dealt with and not become habitual.

Another problem affecting the appearance of The Close is the wide variety of notices, some of which are unsightly and others rather ineffective. We understand that an overall review of notices is planned for this autumn and we shall take a keen interest in the outcome of this.

### **The Annual Lecture**

The Society's Annual Lecture will be held in the Lecture Theatre in the Salisbury & South Wilts. Museum, 65 The Close, at 6.30 pm on **Monday, 9 November**, at 6.30 pm. The subject will be '**A Walk in The Close**' to be given by Sue Finniss and John Elliott, who recently published a book under the same title which I referred to at the AGM.

Tickets cost £5 and an order form is attached. There may be some tickets available at the door, but the lectures have proved popular and, to be certain of admission, it is advisable to book in advance as the capacity of the Lecture Theatre is limited. I hope many members will be there and bring their friends.

### **Request from the Treasurer and Membership Secretary**

Chris Dragonetti has asked for the help of members on the following points:

- If we show an incorrect or incomplete address for you please advise him.
- If you have not yet paid your subscription for 2009 please send him a cheque in favour of **SCCPS** for £3 (for an individual membership) or £5 (for a joint membership):

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Finally, I want to thank all members of the Society for their continued support, which enables us to remain active and ready to make a positive contribution when an easier financial environment makes possible major new projects that may affect The Close.

Yours sincerely,



**Sir Robin Ibbs**  
**Chairman, SCCPS**