

# The Chandler Family Association

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

During May 2016 American members of the **Chandler Family Association** will be touring their ancestral roots in Hampshire, Somerset, Wiltshire and London.

The touring group of 35 will arrive in Wells on Friday 13th May and will be staying at the Swan Hotel, Sadler Street.

On **Saturday 14th** they have a full morning of sightseeing with visits to the Cathedral, Bishops Palace and the Market Square where they will also visit the Crown Inn to see the commemorative plaque recording the presence in 1685 of William Penn (founder of the US State of Pennsylvania).

The Town Crier will greet them in the Square and the Mendip Morris Men will be giving a short display.

During the afternoon they will attend St. Cuthbert's Church where they will present a United States flag to replace the one originally given to St. Cuthbert's in 1944 by American troops stationed in Wells, shortly before they left for the battlefield in Europe following D Day.

The American troops had adopted St. Cuthbert's as their parish church during their time in Wells.

That flag hung above a commemorative plaque in the church for many years until it was stolen.

This re-dedication service will be attended by the Royal British Legion and others, possibly including the Mayor of Wells and representatives from the United States Embassy, London.

The Chandler connection to Wells is strong, dating from the christening of Thomas Chandler at St. Cuthbert's in 1418. In 1452 he was appointed Chancellor of Wells Cathedral.

He was also chaplain to King Edward IV.

The tour party leave Wells on the morning of Sunday 15th May.

Your coverage of their visit to Wells will be most appreciated.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

Errol Chandler

UK representative, CHANDLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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