



Now



... And Then

**A Dinner to Celebrate Robert's 60th
At the Crypt**

Saturday December 4, 2004

Les Vins

Laurent Perrier- 1995 En Magnum

Trinity Hill Gimblett Road Chardonnay 2002

Trinity Hill High Country Pinot Noir 2003

Trinity Hill Gimblett Road Syrah 2000

**Perrier- Jouet Belle Epoque Rosé 1997
En Magnum**

Le Menu

Velouté of Purple Potato with Caviar Cream



**Salad of Lobster on a Couscous Risotto
with a Vanilla Dressing**



**Roasted Home-Grown Organic Blackface Lamb
with a Chervil and Salsify Rosti**



Grilled Cabecou with a Chicory and Rocket Salad



Le Gateau d' Anniversaire



Café and Petits Fours

Chef: Pascal Even

T H E C R Y P T

Ely Place, Holborn, EC1 **« A Sense of History .. A History of Celebration »**

The sense of history lies heavy in the Crypt of St Etheldreda's. Its foundations date back to the 6th century ; its rough stone walls, eight foot thick in parts, and its heavy blackened beams to the 12th Century when Ely Place was constructed above The Crypt by the bishops of Ely in Cambridgeshire as their London bishopric.

Ely Palace was not simply a seat of religious learning, it became over the centuries an important centre of commerce for the emerging City of London – the bishops were active in the wool trade with Flanders, a centre of politics – the Ely bishops all sat in Parliament – and a centre of London social life.

In 1531 Henry VIII and his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, hosted a Grand Celebration in the Crypt of Ely Place which lasted for five full days and nights. They feasted on swans, stuffed with larks stuffed with sparrows.