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Welcome to our “*Great Past, Greater Future*” Campaign Newsletter. We have held numerous fundraising events since our last edition went out. So sit back, have a cup of tea and catch up on just a couple of things that have been happening.

Medieval Wall Painting Talks: On the 6th August, Rita Chantrell organised for award winning author and lecturer Roger Rosewell to give an illustrated lecture about the meaning of the wall paintings and how they were made. This event proved to be very popular and raised the magnificent sum of £362.49. A lovely afternoon was had by all. Thanks to Rita and her team.

Art Auction: We would like to extend a big thank you to Sarah Walker who organised an Art Auction for the Campaign on the 7th September. Sarah received a variety of items from generous donors – everything from signed football shirts, paintings, sporting memorabilia to a Tour of Parliament! Sarah raised an impressive £861.03 with more to come. Many thanks to everyone who donated items and to those who came along to support the event.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk With the run up to Christmas and all the Christmas shopping, please remember if you shop on line to use the above link. With stores such as Argos, Tesco, eBay, Littlewoods, Waitrose plus many more, it’s never been easier to raise funds for the Campaign at no extra cost to you. Simply register free with ‘easyfundraising’ using the link below and see your donations grow. Don’t forget to spread the word to family and friends and help boost our Campaign total.

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As of the 30th September 2013 we are pleased to announce that the campaign total stands at £ 84,406.39. This is a tribute to the people of the town and the Church for the magnificent sum of money raised so far. It speaks clearly of your love and regard for this historic Church and your concern that it remains a part of the heritage of Raunds.

Shena writes... The Churchwardens, PCC, people of the Church and I were very sorry to hear of the untimely death of Sir David Frost, who was so well known and respected, and who had generously agreed to be patron of St Peter’s Restoration & Refurbishment Campaign. We offer our sincere condolences to his family. The steering group are at present considering an approach concerning the position of patron. We move into another phase of our search for funds to help keep this Church building standing. **As you know English Heritage has made two pronouncements.** 1. They placed the Church very firmly on the “Buildings at risk” register. 2. They dispute the amount of underpinning necessary at present. The disagreement lies in the way the work is to be done. The Church architect Bruce Deacon, a man of great experience in working with Church buildings, has engaged two structural engineers on our behalf. Both have given reports outlining the extent of underpinning needed to secure the safety of this building for many decades to come. EH structural engineers, also highly qualified and vastly experienced, are more cautious. They look at the North West Corner of the Church, which has been a problem for thirty years now, and insist we do the work there first and then step back and see what happens to the rest of the building. The Churchwardens, PCC and I, are not experts in this area so as you can imagine we have struggled with this conflicting information. We want to do the best we can for the building in the most cost efficient way. Very practically of course, we can only do work for which there are funds to pay. At the moment the PCC have made the decision to apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund (who now administer grants for EH). We will have to apply for part of the work to be done - the most urgent underpinning, but we are also encouraged to apply for grants for repair of damage (resulting from past movement) and reordering. The Churchwardens expect figures for this work to come from the architect, as I write. Once we have this information, we will apply for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. As soon as we have more information we will let you know.

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