

# CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER – No 7



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Welcome to our newsletter of the “*Great Past, Greater Future*” Campaign. As usual we have had lots going on since our last edition went out. In this edition we have a new Patron, an HLF update and much much more. So sit back, have a cup of tea and enjoy the read.

## **Our New Patron!**

After the sad and untimely death of our former Patron Sir David Frost OBE, the Steering Group have had the difficult job of trying to find a new patron who would not only provide the energy and enthusiasm for our Campaign but also someone who had a connection with the area. This was no easy task. Well, drumroll DDDDRRRR... Our new Patron has been chosen – Mr Andy Sawford MP. Andy came to visit St Peter’s Church back in March and showed a genuine interest in the building, so much so, that it was decided to ask him to be our new Patron and of course we are very pleased to announce that he has accepted the invitation. We are all very excited about Andy’s involvement with the Campaign and his genuine concern and enthusiasm to save our Church.

**£1,000 Donation from Cllr Williams:** Cllr Pauline Williams very generously donated £1,000 to our Campaign from the Mayor’s Charity Fund. This was a wonderful boost to our Campaign and it was very gratefully received – we even made it into the newspapers! If you haven’t seen the media articles, check out our website. We would all like to thank Cllr Williams for her continued support and wish her well in her future endeavours now that she has stepped down from the role as Mayor.

**Maureen writes:** As of the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014 we are pleased to announce that the campaign total raised now stands at £94,075.58 this is made up as follows:- £42,782.63 from donations, £8,500.00 from grants, £21,000.00 from pledges, £4762.43 from reclaimed gift aid £16,902.27 from fundraising activities and £128.25 from interest. Well done to everyone on such an amazing achievement!! Many thanks to all who continue to support and donate to our campaign. In the next few weeks we will be concentrating our efforts on the Heritage Lottery Fund application to help fund phase 1 of our project, which is the underpinning of the building. Further fundraising events are being planned. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the campaign, please speak to Eddy Rodman or myself.

**Heritage Lottery Fund:** After the disappointment of the English Heritage application, the Campaign Steering Group has now started a new application with the HLF. Maureen, Ginny and Eddy submitted the ‘Project Enquiry Form’ to HLF in May and we have now had approval to move on to the ‘First Round Application’. This will of course be a lengthy process and may well take up to 18 months before we get a final decision. However, we will of course keep you all up to date on the progress.

**St Peter’s Notelets:** We would like to take this opportunity to thank Carol Woodland for the kind donation of her hand painted notelets depicting the inside of St Peter’s Church. These are for sale in the Church at 50p each, with all proceeds going to the Campaign, along with Eddy & Margaret’s greeting cards. Thank you Carol, Eddy & Margaret for all your hard work.

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