

CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER – No 8



Carnival Edition 2014

Welcome to our special Carnival Edition newsletter of the “*Great Past, Greater Future*” Campaign. As usual we have had lots of exciting things going on. So we hope you enjoy the read and if you come along to the Carnival don’t forget to come to our stall and say “Hi”

Raunds Carnival – It’s party time!

The Raunds Carnival is being held on the **13th September 2014** at the Amos Lawrence Playing Fields, starting at 11:00am. We shall have a stall at the Carnival. We have a special Teddy Raffle – every one’s a winner! Along with a regular raffle which contains some great prizes donated by John Coggins Motors plus much more – so if you’re feeling lucky, come along and say hello and get some raffle tickets, all proceeds go to the *Great Past, Greater Future* Campaign, so not only are you having fun but you’re raising money for a good cause too!

£1,000 Grant - Yippee: Ginny has been busy applying to various grant making trusts to see if we are eligible for any grants. As you can imagine, this is a painstaking process and she gets lots of rejection letters as a result. She will literally write to anyone if she thinks there is the smallest chance of a donation! Well we are very excited to announce, that her perseverance has paid off and we have received a cheque for £1,000 from the Stephen Clark 1957 Charitable Trust. We are of course very grateful for their generous donation and the money will go towards Phase 1 of our Restoration project. So a **BIG** thank you to The Stephen Clark 1957 Charitable Trust, your support is very much appreciated.

Maureen writes: As of the **31st July 2104** we are pleased to announce that the campaign total raised now stands at **£95,340.98** this is made up as follows:- £43,119.63 from donations, £8,500 from grants, £21,000 from pledges, £5,583.51 from reclaimed gift aid, £17,009.59 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.

Heritage Lottery Fund: As most of you will know from our last newsletter, we have now progressed to the First Round Application in our process for a grant from HLF. Now one of the stipulations from HLF is that we show a ‘heritage element’ by involving the wider community in showing the importance of heritage. We have some exciting preliminary ideas but we will be looking to enlist the help of **YOU**. Do you know anyone who would like to give a talk about the heritage of the church or its artefacts for example? If you can help please contact us on the details below. More in depth information will follow in the next edition of our newsletter in the New Year.

Our Patron – Andy Sawford MP: We reported in our last edition that Andy Sawford had accepted our invitation to become our new Patron. Well we are delighted to announce that the news made it into the Nene Valley News. There was a lovely photograph of Rev. Shena Bell and Andy Sawford. If you missed the article check out our website and look in the “In the Media” section.

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