

CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER – No 11

Welcome to our latest edition of the “*Great Past, Greater Future*” Campaign Newsletter. As usual we have had lots of exciting things going on and we have had a busy time since our last issue. This issue includes an update on the Campaign Totals and our continued progress with the Heritage Lottery Fund as well as details of how **YOU** can help.



April 2016

HLF Open Day: Heritage Lottery Fund along with members of the Restoration & Refurbishment Campaign held an Open Day in St Peter’s church on the 13th February to recruit volunteers to help with giving guided tours of the church once repair works are under way, volunteers to meet and greet people in the church as well as administrators who will show visitors and schools around the church whilst updating them on the progress. The day was well attended with people from the local Historic Society as well as interested local residents, all keen to see that the church remains open.



St Peter’s Church/HLF Open Day 7th May at 10:30am:

After the positive response from the first Open Day, there will be a follow up on the 7th May at 10:30am in St Peter’s Church, Raunds. This is for an update on the current progress and to discuss a way forward for the Campaign. Don’t worry if you couldn’t make the Open Day back in February, you are still welcome to join us on the 7th May and sign up to be a volunteer. The more the merrier and everyone is welcome.

Maureen writes: As of the 31st March 2016 we are pleased to announce that the campaign total raised now stands at **£124,804.24**. This is made up as follows: £66,217.73 from donations, £9,500 from grants, £21,000 from pledges, £7,305.50 from gift aid reclaimed, £20,007.79 from fundraising activities and interest from the deposit account of £773.22. Many thanks are extended to all who continue to support and donate to our campaign.

Heritage Lottery Fund: *Progress report by Maureen Windust.*

We have now received **90%** of a grant for the ‘development phase’ costs of our project from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This enabled us to procure the services of a ‘Lead Professional’. Mr John Ruddy. John is a Conservation Accredited Structural Engineer, who was appointed as the ‘Lead professional’ by the Project Group in September 2015. The grant also funded the cost of numerous surveys which have been carried out, including reports on the wall paintings and the glazing. In the interests of Health & Safety, it has been necessary to close off the west end of the Church. We hope this is causing the minimum of disruption and ask everyone to bear with us while these necessary works are completed. The second round application for the ‘delivery phase’ of this project will hopefully be submitted in the next few weeks.

Many thanks are extended to all who continue to help, support and donate to our campaign.

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