



Friends of Westmill Church

February 2012

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£37,000.00 !!!!

The above figure is the total amount that has been raised in just over a year to repair our Church Roof. This is a wonderful achievement for our small village with a total population of only 269 people. **Thank you Westmill for your support.**

At our first Annual General Meeting held in late January 2012 the fund raising committee was unanimously re-elected for a further three years (details of committee members are printed on the back page of this Newsletter).

Not only do we have the good news of our total fund raising events, but we understand from the Churchwardens that English Heritage have accepted their application for grant aid towards the costs of roof repair. English Heritage annually receive many more applications for grant aid than they are able to support, and the Churchwardens tell us that the Officer they met from English Heritage was very impressed with the amount of money that had already been raised in our Village. English Heritage will be announcing to the Churchwardens the figure of financial support they are willing to pay during the next few weeks. The Churchwardens' have been informed that the grant will be substantial. We await the Churchwardens' announcement with baited breath. We are sure you will be informed as soon as they know

All this good news does not mean that we fund raisers can sit back, we still have a job to do and are and looking to you all for your further generous support,..

**WE NOW LIST A FEW OF OUR FUND RAISING IDEAS
BUT WOULD WELCOME OTHER SUGGESTIONS**

With this letter you will find a small collection box. Would you please put your small change in the box during Lent which starts on **Ash Wednesday 22th February**. Many people during Lent give up some luxury, so we thought you might like to put the savings from your luxury into our Roof Appeal Box. We will arrange to collect the boxes just after Easter. Thank you.

On the **27th March** Lord & Lady Carter from the Pump House Coles Park are having a Coffee & Daffodil picking morning, our grateful thanks to them; this has been a very popular event in previous years.

On the **5th May** our Vicar Rev. Ian Hill will be abseiling down a Water Tower in Harlow please do sponsor him.

On the **7th & 8th July** the Gardens of the Pump House at Coles Park will be open to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme to raise money. All entry money goes to Cancer Research. This event is advertised nationally and attracts visitors from a very wide area. FOWC have been given the right to provide all the refreshments during the opening period to raise funds for our Charity.

Each month our Lottery takes place. During the last year we have made **12 people £50 winners** and many smaller winners too. Do speak to Jan or Liz if you wish to join this elite set of local winners.

We can arrange Investment advice to winners if required!!

Friends of Westmill Church. (FOWC)

U.K. Registered Charity No 1141322

The Five Trustees are:-

David Mills (Chairman)
Rev Ian Hill
Diane Bowtell
Winston Pickup
Michael Thody

Committee Members for 2012 are:-

Michael Thody	Chairman
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