



# Friends of Westmill Church

May 2012

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**£42,623.00 !!!!**

Since the beginning of January 2011 you have helped us to raise this amazing figure. Thank you. I am sure that when English Heritage studied the Churchwardens' application for funds for the Church Roof Repair they realized how determined we were as a community to raise funds to repair our Church roof, and now as we all know English Heritage have allocated **£99,000** towards the repair cost. The Churchwardens have also been offered from a number of other charities a total of a further **£25,000...**

We are informed by the Churchwardens that an Architect has now been formally appointed to supervise the project and that David McMullen has agreed to help the Churchwardens by supporting the Architect with this project. Because of the many buildings that McMullen's brewery own, David has vast experience of building repairs, and is the right man to keep an expert eye on this project. On behalf of us all thank you David for your input. We also understand it is hoped that the project will start in the spring of next year (2013)

**On 27<sup>th</sup> March** we held our Coffee and daffodil picking morning at the Pump House, Coles Park. The weather was perfect and our many visitors enjoyed walking round the beautifully kept grounds, picking daffodils perusing the book stall, having a cup of coffee and eating large pieces of homemade cake.. Thanks to Lord and Lady Carter for opening their gardens for us and thanks also to the team of ladies who provided the coffee and cakes. During the morning we raised **£325** to add to our funds.

**On May 5<sup>th</sup>** our brave Vicar Ian Hill climbed the metal staircase of the Water Tower at Harlow (the tower you can see at the side of the M11) went out on to the roof and then abseiled down to the ground. Ian wishes to thank all those people who sponsored him; his total sponsorship money amounted to just over **£700**. Well done Ian

During Lent our small collecting boxes raised **£525**. Thanks to all for the many small coins we received, they all add up to a very useful total.

**Future fund raising events:**

**First Tuesday in every month** Village Lottery average monthly prizes total £170 details from Jan or Liz

**June 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** Kevin Foskett and a friend are cycling 274 miles along the North French Coast raising funds for FOWC and making a £50 donation to the Royal British Legion. Do please sponsor them; each member of our committee, as shown on the back of this note, has a sponsorship form, do speak to one of them if you wish to donate.

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** Local Tennis Tournament in Westmill further details from Sally Cousins.

**July 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** Open gardens at the Pump House, Coles Park. This is a National Open Gardens event held for the benefit of Cancer Research (who will receive all the entrance money on both days) We FOWC will have the benefit of all refreshment sales, do come and try again our delicious cakes.

**September 9<sup>th</sup>** Band Concert in the Gardens of Tillers End Farm by kind permission of Hilary & David House More details later.

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>** Photo exhibition in the Church, from photos taken around the Village. The most popular photos will be used to form a Westmill calendar for 2013. Entries must be placed by 7<sup>th</sup> September. More details later. Get snapping now!!

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** A very popular Visiting Choir from Welwyn will be singing for us in the Church. More details later.

**THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT:- Michael Thody.**

**Friends of Westmill Church. (FOWC)**

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**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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