



Spring Newsletter 2017

This newsletter highlights the Trust's forthcoming events. Further details of these and all of our other events can be found online at www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk. To be the first to find out about our events and to be notified when bookings for these open, please send your email address to membership@norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk

Tour of the churches of the STANTA Training Area – Friday 7th April. 1:45pm

We will visit West Tofts, Stanford, Langford and Tottington (*illustrated*) where there will be a short Evensong service. Members of the Trust will be given priority. Tickets £10.00 for members, £12.50 for non-members. Please contact the Secretary (details below) for further information.

Please note there will be a certain amount of walking on rough ground. Bring sturdy shoes, plus waterproofs if necessary.



Stately Car Boot Sale – Sunday 30th April

Sennowe Park 10am-4pm. Anyone who has been in previous years will know how much fun there is for all the family. For more information email statelycarboot@gmail.com

Talk by The Very Revd Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster on Friday 16th June

Westminster Abbey and the Reformation on Friday June 16th at Binham Priory: St Mary and the Holy Cross, Warham Road, Binham NR21 0DQ. The talk will follow drinks and canapes at 6pm. The suggested donation is £25 per person. For more information email Fiona Fraser fmfraser7@googlemail.com



Exhibition of paintings by Richard Foster – 8th and 9th July

Over the weekend of the 8th and 9th of July an exhibition of Richard Foster's work will be held at East Lexham Church, including his three paintings in the recently restored St Andrew's church. This project was conceived in the 1960's but only started in 2005 and is due to be completed in the spring. The exhibition will be open from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. On the evening of Saturday 8th July, the artist will be giving a talk about his work in aid of The Norfolk Churches Trust. Wine and canapes will be available from 6.00pm and the talk will begin at 6.45pm. Suggested donation: £25 per person. Please apply to Sara Foster: sara.foster@btconnect.com

Holkham Opera – 28th and 29th July

Friday 28th July La Boheme – Puccini's passionate and timeless story of love among four artists in Paris

Saturday 29th July La Cenerentola - Rossini's story of Cinderella set in 18th Century Italy.



Tickets will go on general sale in May: for more information and to register interest, please contact Shirley Browell 01328 713104 or email s.browell@holkham.co.uk



Church Tours – Sundays from April to July

All tours start at the first church listed at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us and all tours are free, though donations are encouraged at every church. Teas will be provided by one of the churches during each afternoon. The tours normally end with a form of Evening Prayer at 6.00pm or 6.30pm.

Sunday 23rd April: Ranworth, South Walsham, Upton & Fishley;
Sunday 21st May: Saxlingham, Fildes Dalling, Langham & Binham; **Sunday 18th June:** North Lopham, South Lopham, Fersfield & Diss; **Sunday 16th July:** Weasenham St Peter, Weasenham All Saints, Great Massingham & Little Massingham

For more details please contact Lyn Stilgoe (jastilgoe@aol.com) or telephone 01328 738237

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Norfolk Churches Trust AGM – Tuesday 12th September. St Mary's Barningham Winter at 5:30pm

Major repairs completed at All Saints Cockthorpe and St Peter's Corpusty

Thanks to substantial grants from HLF in the case of Cockthorpe and the DCMS Roof Repair Fund at Corpusty the Trust undertook the final phases of long-term repair projects at both churches in 2016. Complex repairs to the chancel roof, as well as renewing the nave and porch roofs at Cockthorpe mean that for the first time in several years the church is free of scaffolding and the whole of the interior can be accessed. At Corpusty all the roofs were repaired and now thanks to a group of local NCT supporters the churchyard is being cleared of scrub and nettles. Gravestones have emerged from the undergrowth and wild flowers are much in evidence.

HLF grant for urgent repairs at All Saints, Snetterton

Work is starting on the development stage of a major repair project at Snetterton. Further funding is needed to complete all the urgent work but the HLF grant means the repair of serious cracks in the tower and chancel arch, plus masonry repairs can be done. The church is currently closed.

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