



## Summer Newsletter 2021

### The new Norfolk Churches Trust website has launched!



After a lot of work behind the scenes the Norfolk Churches Trust has launched its new website. Head over to [norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk](http://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk) to see our new look. There are many new features including the facility to join the Trust or renew your membership online. We have also added a new, free Under 25 membership option. You can also directly book a place online for one of our upcoming events; more details on those below. All of this can now be done using your credit or debit card; you can still of course pay by other methods if that suits

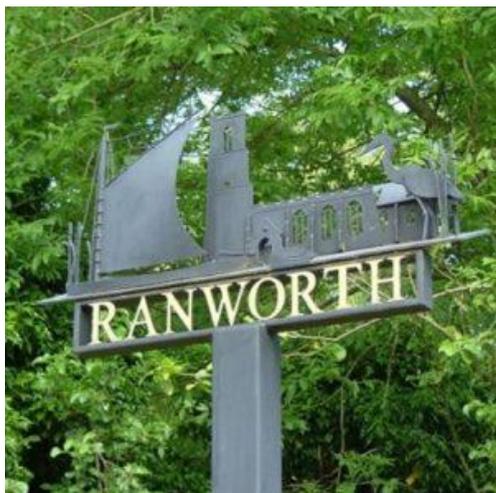
you. The dedicated *Bike Ride & Walk* page has all the information you need for this year's event which takes place on 11<sup>th</sup> September, including the option to register online to take part. Parishes can find information on how to apply for one of our grants, including a downloadable application form. You can also view our recent grants so that you, our members, and supporters, can see how your generosity has helped support churches in Norfolk over the years. Our news page will keep you up to date, not only with the work of the Trust, but other relevant information from around the county.

### Ewe's that in our garden!



There was much curiosity from the girls who had spotted the visitors to their garden at Holme Hale, during the Trust's Open Parks and Gardens event on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Although the weather was not quite springlike 300 people visited the gardens and the fantastic sum of £9,700 was raised, so a big thank you to the garden owners and attendees.

## Upcoming events



### Treasures of Ranworth

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August, you are invited to enjoy a day out in the Norfolk Broads. Meeting at 11am for morning coffee, then join one of the tours of St Helen's Ranworth, 'the Cathedral of the Broads.' Canon Phillip Mair will be your guide to the *Treasures of Ranworth*, which includes the rare 15<sup>th</sup> Century Antiphoner, a beautiful, illuminated service book written in medieval Latin and the most complete and best example of a medieval screen in Norfolk. Bring a picnic to enjoy in the grounds of The Old House, Ranworth, by kind permission of the late Hon. Mrs Jacquetta Cator and her family. Round the day off with afternoon tea in the Ranworth Visitors centre. More details of how to book can be found on our website. [www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/events/](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/events/)

Numbers are limited to please book early to avoid disappointment on what is sure to be an enjoyable day out in the heart of Broadland.

### T.S. Elliot's *Four Quartets* with Peter Wilson

In what has been a difficult period for many charities, Peter Wilson and Holly Gold are planning two performances of T.S Elliot's *Four Quartets* on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October at Litcham, near King's Lynn. The performances are in aid of Homestart Norfolk and the Norfolk Churches Trust – two very good causes whose fundraising has been severely compromised over the last eighteen months. Families in difficulty, and our county's unique collection of medieval churches in need of repair or restoration, do not go away because times are straightened. A minimum donation of £25 pp is requested, and numbers are limited. For more information and booking with the name of the charity you wish to support, please contact Holly direct [hollykempston@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hollykempston@hotmail.co.uk)



### Diva Opera at Holkham Hall



Holkham are delighted to announce that Diva Opera is returning to the venue with two performances this month. They will take place in the Lady Elizabeth Wing which allows for social distancing. Picnics this year will take place in the courtyard or on the lawn just outside the building.

This year's performances are Mozart's *Don Giovanni* on Friday 16th July, and Bizet's *Carmen* on Saturday 17th, July. More information on the event can be found on the Trust website.

Book direct at - <https://shop.myonlinebooking.co.uk/holkham/sessions.aspx?tid=238>

## Sponsored Bike Ride and Walk 2021

The Norfolk countryside will soon be sporting the signs for this year's bike ride. After the phenomenal success of last year's event the Trust's Bike Ride Team are busily preparing for this year's event on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Packs are being collated and will be sent out to the Parish Co-ordinators shortly. As previously mentioned, participants can register online, and find out everything Bike Ride related on our new website [www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk/](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk/)



## Grants Awarded News

At the most recent grants meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July, the Trust awarded £21,976 to six churches. Whilst the number of grant applications this time was low, it is anticipated that more churches will need our help as buildings are opening up and architects and contractors can get on site, now that coronavirus restrictions are starting to lift.

Brooke, St Peter	£5,000	Outwell, St Clement	£5,000
Feltwell, St Mary	£2,768	South Raynham, St Martin	£4,000
Narford, St Mary the Virgin	£2,000	Thrigby, St Mary	£208

As an example of what our grants cover; at this meeting Feltwell St Mary, pictured right, were awarded the full cost of replacing a badly leaking, cast iron down pipe, delays to the replacement of which could have caused serious damage to the fabric of the church building.

Other projects included grants towards the repair of stained-glass windows, tower repairs, and analysis of wall painting evidence.



## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July is Norfolk Day



Norfolk has the distinction of having the largest cluster of medieval churches in the world, so why not take the opportunity to visit one of Norfolk's wonderful churches on 'our' day.

Did you know that the Norfolk Churches Trust has thirteen churches in its direct care? If you would like to find out more information about 'our churches' see our website. [norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/churches/](http://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/churches/)

### Do we have your up-to-date details?

Have you recently moved house or changed your email address? Do not forget to let us now by emailing [info@norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk](mailto:info@norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk)

### Thank you for your support.

As ever, without you our members and supporters the Norfolk Churches Trust could not do our work helping to support the many churches in the county. If you are able to, donations can now be made online on our website, [www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk)

### Other ways to find out about our work.



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