



## Spring Newsletter 2022



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Whilst the weather has been pretty unpredictable of late, there are at last signs that spring is arriving, with many a Norfolk churchyard sporting 'a host of golden daffodils,' or a showing of cherry blossom. As we too start to burst out of our 'bubbles' the Trust's events committee has been busy organising an array of fundraising events for this spring and summer, which they hope you will find enjoyable.

### Dates for your Diary

#### **Stately car Boot Sale, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 10am to 3pm, Sennowe Park, Guist NR20 5PB**

After two false starts, it is third time lucky for the for the Stately Car Boot Sale. Sennowe Park is the beautiful location for the day, with grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs Charles Temple-Richards and Mr Tom Cook. So far 150 pitches have been taken, but we still have room for more. So, if you, like many of us, have been clearing your home during the various lockdowns, there is still time to book your pitch.

As a break from buying or selling there will be a host of quality catering outlets to sustain you through your day, and for the first time this year the event will also be hosting a Farmers Market.



## Patron's Tent

Patron's Tent passes are available which entitle holders to a dedicated entrance and car park, admission to the boot sale itself and champagne and canapes, which will be served in the Patron's Tent from 12pm to 3pm. Passes, which are limited in number, cost £40 for a single pass and £60 for a couple.

**Booking** for the Patron's Tent and pitches can be made via the dedicated Stately Car Boot Page at our website [norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/events/stately-car-boot-sale/](http://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/events/stately-car-boot-sale/)

## Silent Auction

One of the highlights of the day is the Silent Auction, which will open online two weeks ahead of the event with final bids being placed on the day. There are an incredible variety of Lots on offer, too many to list but all have been generously donated to raise valuable funds for the Trust. From a painting by Maggi Hambling to a flight over Norfolk, a private tour of Sandringham to a lesson for six on car maintenance there is something for everyone. Wildlife enthusiasts will want to compete for the opportunity to take a private tour around Holkham Nature Reserve or Wild Ken Hill. Once again we are fortunate to be able to offer lunches, dinners, and tours in special places not usually open to the public and consultancies with garden and interior designers. Paintings, new skills, and extraordinary experiences are all on offer so make your way to our website for a link to the auction when it opens or visit our tent on the day.



## School Art Competition

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100 for the school £30 for the artist – 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 for the school £20 for the artist**  
**Three age categories**

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 ~~~~~ Year 3 & Year 4 ~~~~~ Year 5 & 6



Would your child or grandchild like to win a prize for themselves and their school?

North Norfolk's Bayfield Hall Antiques are sponsoring an art competition to encourage children from primary schools in Norfolk to draw or paint their local church. The artworks, using any media with the exception of photography, should be no bigger than A4. The pieces can be of the whole church, the interior, exterior or even an object within the building, this is their chance to get creative. The Bishop of Norwich will judge the entries, and they will be displayed in the Membership Tent at the Stately Car Boot Sale.

All entries must be submitted by post to Norfolk Churches Trust Art Competition, East Beckham Hall, East Beckham, Norfolk, NR11 8GA and **received no later than 14th April 2022.**

## Stately Car Boot Sale on the day

For those of you who want to come along enjoy the day, meet friends, and indulge in some retail therapy, you are very, very welcome. Entrance, **cash only please**, is £5 per person, under 16s are free of charge. Please note, **mobile and wi-fi signal** is limited on site and card or phone payment may not be possible so please be prepared.

## Gypsy Swing – Oxnead Hall Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 6.30pm

Whilst the twenties might not have been exactly roaring so far this decade, we certainly hope that they will be swinging at Oxnead Hall this April. Here you will have the rare opportunity to see and hear Ben Creighton Griffiths and Adrien Chevalier combining harp and violin to perform their unique brand of gypsy swing Jazz.

Admission is from 6.30pm when you will be able to enjoy a glass of wine in the hall's beautiful gardens before the music begins inside the venue at 7.30pm.

Entrance is priced at £25 per person, please note no tickets will be issued but names will be checked 'on the door', so please include the names of your guests when booking.

More information and booking is to be found on the events page of our website [norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk](http://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk)

The Trust would like to express its thanks to David and Beverly Aspinall for their support and for allowing us to use their venue for our event.

**A UNIQUE JAZZ RECITAL**  
In aid of the Norfolk Churches Trust reg. Charity.

IN THE BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS OF OXNEAD HALL

Jazz music from the 1930s in the style of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli

**GYPSY SWING**

Featuring International harpist **BEN CREIGHTON GRIFFITHS** and New York's premier gypsy jazz violinist **ADRIEN CHEVALIER**

Booking essential

19TH APRIL OXNEAD HALL  
Arrive at 6.30pm for a glass of wine and a stroll around the garden. concert begins at 7.30pm £25

Full details: [www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk)

## Private Guided Tour of Salle and Cawston Churches

This special private guided tour of Salle and Cawston churches. led by Justin Nolan, a former Head of History of Art at Eton College sold out in a matter of hours. Thank you to all those who booked and to those who were disappointed but have expressed an interest in future tours, the Trust is hoping to run more in the future. To ensure that you receive information about future events, make sure that you are on our mailing list.

## Norfolk Churches Trust Summer Party – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 5.30pm

Whilst more 'Shallow East' than 'Deep South' the Norfolk Broads will be the location for the Trust's summer party in June. You will be welcomed at Horning Church with fizz and strawberry scones, before



boarding the Mississippi paddle boat, *Southern Comfort*, to 'cruise' to our destination of the atmospheric St Benet's Abbey. The Norfolk Broads is where landscape and history unite, and this event will offer the best of both, as you cruise along to your destination. The evening includes a two course fork supper on board, a guided tour of St Benet's Abbey and an optional compline service at the site of the high altar, all before returning to Horning for 9pm.

Full details including booking information will shortly be emailed to you and will also be available on the events page of our website.

## Latest news for the Sponsored Bike Ride and Walk 2021

Harry Steel is the 2021 winner of the Prince of Wales Certificate. He raised a very impressive £4,057.00 in the name of his nominated church Baconsthorpe, St Mary, a big well done to Harry. Brampton St Peter was the most improved church for 2021 and will therefore receive an additional cheque for their church to the tune of £1,000. The photography competition is currently being judged and the winning entries will be seen on our website soon.

The 2022 Bike Ride will be taking place on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**.

The Trust hopes that you will enjoy the events already listed, we are hoping to add more to the calendar for later this year, so keep an eye on your email in boxes. The proceeds from fundraising enables the Trust to support church buildings throughout the county. To that end, please find details of those churches who have been recipients of grants awarded by the Trust recently.

## Grants Awarded News

The Grants Committee met in March and have awarded £75,592 which has been split between the following nine churches. The funds are to assist repairs identified in recent Quinquennial Inspection Reports. In most cases these are the commonly identified problems with roofs, towers, windows, and issues with rainwater drainage. However, in the case of North Tuddenham, the church has been subject to extensive repair work to its tower, which at one point was in danger of collapsing. The Trust has awarded the church £12,000 to get them over the finishing line so that St Mary's can sit proudly in the Norfolk landscape once more.

Amner, St Mary	£10,000	Pulham Market, St Mary Magdalene	£6,000
Brisley, St Bartholomew	£15,000	South Burlingham, St Edmund	£4,000
Geldeston, St Michael	£10,000	Wacton, All Saints	£7,500
Kettlestone, All Saints	£6,092	North Tuddenham, St Mary	£12,000
Limpnhoe, St Botolph	£5,000		

## Grants Work Completed



In November 2021, Caston Holy Cross in Breckland, was awarded £3,000 to refurbish its clock and for repairs to two of its north nave windows. Repair work has now been completed and as you can see from the pictures here they are looking splendid and just in time for the spring sunshine to flood dappled light into the church.



## Royal support for the Norfolk Churches Trust

In November our Patron, the Prince of Wales hosted a reception at Sandringham House to celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Norfolk Churches Trust. This was an opportunity to thank those who work behind the scenes, often for no financial reward, to help the Trust support the many wonderful churches of the county. Those invited included, local key-holders, fundraisers, previous winners of the Prince of Wales Certificate for the Bike Ride and professionals including architects, structural engineers, and contractors specialising in heritage building repairs and conservation of stained glass windows. Without their support and hard work, the Trust would not be able to fulfil its role in offering advice and grants for urgent repairs to churches across the county. The Norfolk Churches Trust would like to express its thanks for His Royal Highness's continued support and interest in the work that we do.



His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, with new Trust Chairman Dr John Maddison

**And of course, as ever a big thank you to our members, donors, and supporters, we could not do what we do without you.**

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



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