



CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Annual Report 2009 – 2010



Parish Church of SS Probus and Grace, Probos

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(Correct at 12th April 2010)

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Secretary, Simon Coy (Contact details on rear cover)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been both a busy and a successful year at The Cornwall Historic Churches Trust and we have our Friends and supporters to thank for their continued most valuable input into our ability to help the churches and chapels of Cornwall.



HRH The Duke of Cornwall at St Bartholomew's Church, Lostwithiel meeting members of the Trust

Photo: Pure Picture Co Lostwithiel

The highlight of our year was undoubtedly the visit of our Patron, the Duke of Cornwall, with the Duchess, to St Bartholomew's Church, Lostwithiel. All of us on the Executive Committee had the opportunity to speak to both the Duke and the Duchess and to show them photographs of what we had achieved over the year.

Our Annual Luncheon was held in May this year at Ince Castle thanks to the kind invitation of Viscount and Viscountess Boyd. Our warmest thanks go to Simon and Alice Boyd for generously hosting this party. I was unable to be there but I gather from all who went that it was a most enjoyable occasion.

Our Annual Meeting in June at Probus Church, chaired by our President, the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Lady Mary Holborow, was very well attended. We then had the opportunity to hear about collegiate churches in Cornwall, of which Probus is one, from Mr Paul Jeffery from Winchester together with his slides. A delicious tea followed this event thanks to Probus church goers as well as CHCT committee members.

The CHCT Friends enjoyed an excellent outing to Little Petherick and Padstow in June. Thanks to the hard work of Geoffrey Holborow our list of Friends is increasing all the time. No one can be quite as persuasive as he in urging those who are not so to become Friends and we are so grateful to him for all that he does in this regard.

The Annual Sponsored Event (Bicycle Ride) in September took place in glorious weather and it is most gratifying that this event raises so much money year after year. Murray Gowan, with the help of Victoria Tapper, works tirelessly to make this occasion in Cornwall the success that it is. We are most appreciative of all that they do.



Chairman, Helen Briggs, taking part in the Sponsored Event at St Levan Church

Over the past year we have had a new website designed by Gabriella Nonino, www.chct.info, which enables us to let our supporters know what is going on at the CHCT. We are hugely grateful to our two sponsors, Charles Stanley and Co and Scott and Co, who have helped us in a very difficult economic climate to get this up and running.

This year our Christmas Party was held at Scorrier House by kind invitation once more of Caroline and Richard Williams. It was very kind of them to allow this massive intrusion into their home just before Christmas and we thank them both. The tickets were sold out some time before the event, which is always most heartening to the organizers. Those who did go thoroughly enjoyed what was said to be the best way to start the festive season. We thank our sponsors, Savills, for once again helping us to stage this event and to Caroline Tetley and her team of superb organizers and cooks for all their hard work.

Sadly in April, Priscilla Hext died. She had been a stalwart member of the CHCT Executive Committee for many years, but decided last July that it was time to stand down. She had delighted the diners at our Annual Lunches with her Coronation Pheasant dish together with warning notice: may contain shot! We will miss her and send our sympathy to her family and many friends.

There are so many people on the committee who work so hard to help raise the necessary funds to help churches and chapels in Cornwall and they all make the CHCT team a joy to work with. I give my warmest thanks to them all, but particularly to our indefatigable Hon. Secretary, Simon Coy, without whom we could not function, and our Hon. Treasurer Anthony Davidson who keeps us on the straight and narrow in monetary matters.

Finally I am delighted to report that in 2009 we approved grants of £59,500 to 15 churches and chapels of the following denominations: Church of England, Congregational, Methodist, Quaker and Roman Catholic. You will find the details of the grants in this Report.

Helen Briggs

**CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL MEETING ON
MONDAY 14th JUNE 2010 AT 2 PM AT WARLEGGAN CHURCH**

The Chairman and Committee of the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust invite you to their Annual Meeting to be held at Warleggan Church on Monday 14th June 2010 at 2 pm.

The Meeting will be chaired by our Trust President, Lady Mary Holborow and our speaker will be our Vice President, the Bishop of Truro, The Rt Revd. Tim Thornton. Refreshments will be available after the meeting. There is an excellent pub, The London Inn, in nearby St Neot for those wishing to have lunch locally beforehand.

FRIENDS OF CORNISH CHURCHES

Last year we visited Little Petherick and then on to Padstow. Some 55 Friends attended, crowding into the tiny High Anglican Church of Little Petherick. We admired the splendid highly decorated Rood Screen and the Rector, Canon Julia Wilkinson, kindly arranged that their wonderful vestments were on show. Dr. Joanna Mattingly gave us an informative talk as usual.



At Padstow, there was no difficulty in fitting us into the large and impressive 15th C church, where we were welcomed by the Rector, Canon Chris Malkinson. We admired the church and heard more about it from Joanna Mattingly and the Rev. Barry Kinsman. This was followed by an excellent tea in the church hall by the kindness of Padstow PCC and Alice Boyd.

Our membership stands at 578, an increase of some 25, including 106 Corporate Members, mainly PCC's and it is very encouraging how they support us. This year the AGM will take place on Monday 14th June at

Warleggan where we can see this tiny Moorland church and the Bishop will give us an address. We hope as many as possible will be able to come. It is very satisfactory that more of our members are attending the Annual Church Visits and I hope this trend will continue. There is a slip enclosed with this report about our visit on the 1st July, when we go down to the far west to St Levan and St Buryan. 100 could easily get into St Buryan, though we might be a little cramped in St Levan. Do come if you possibly can.

Geoffrey Holborow

Canon John Halkes and Bishop Tim at St Winnow Church for the dedication of the restored window

The Bishop and the dog were taking part in the Sponsored Event

THE SPONSORED EVENT 2009

A dry bright day is always helpful for Event Day and 2009 was just that. A fantastic effort was made across the County despite the economic conditions with the result that over £12,000 was raised to be shared between chosen Churches and Chapels and the Trust. The Trust was able to add £422 to its share through those Sponsors who kindly added Gift Aid to their donations.

As always, an interesting range of activities took place including cycling along the Camel Trail, historic tours and tea parties. Trustees and Committee Members were out and about on the day. I was able to see the start of a Sponsored Walk by a group from St Fimbarrus, Fowey, dedicated in thanks to the Trust for their grant towards the repair of the Church roof. I also visited the Coffee Morning at the Clink in St Tudy. Our Secretary, Simon Coy, cycled from Withiel to St Winnow where Bishop Tim blessed the newly installed stained glass window and thanked the Trust for their grant to this Church.

We are always grateful to those organisations and businesses that support us. We particularly thank the Bazeley Partnership for sponsoring some of our printing. We are also being helped by Mrs. Wendy Creed, a Road Safety and Cycle Training Instructor, who is making Event Day known to a network of Cycling Organisations.

We are aware that difficulties were experienced in some Areas in distributing material for Event Day. This emphasises the value of the work of our wonderful team of Area Organizers. We currently need Organizers for the Launceston and Helston Areas as well as someone who has contact with the Methodist Churches in Camborne and Redruth. If there is anybody who has a little spare time in these Areas, and can help distribute publicity material, then please get in touch with me at 01726 813116 or by e-mail at murros@hotmail.co.uk. There will be opportunity for any volunteers to meet other Area Organizers at the Annual Tea Party which is to be held this year on Friday, 28th. May 2010.

We greatly look forward to this year's Event and to welcome supporters new and old. This year's Event Day will be Saturday, 11th. September 2010. Please ensure that all activities are conducted safely and that children are well supervised.

Murray Gowan.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY 2009

It was lovely to be welcomed back to Scorrier House for the 2009 Christmas Party and our thanks go to Richard and Caroline Williams for so generously hosting the party again. We were delighted to have Savills' continued support and their festive offerings were well received by all. Ally Bolitho decorated the house with Christmas wreaths and arrangements, all of which were purchased by silent auction on the evening. We are indebted to the dedicated committee and to all who support the event by either attending, supporting the raffle or their donations. This year the party raised over £6,000 for the charity. Publicity for the party was covered once again by Cornwall Today and the West Briton; this year we have Geoff Hitchens to thank for being able to include his photographs. Sadly, we had to turn down some ticket applications, as the Party was oversubscribed. Anyone wishing to receive an invitation who is not currently on the list should apply via Simon Coy. This year's party will be held at Boconnoc, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Anthony Fortescue; the date will be Thursday 16th December.

Caroline Tetley



Graham Tyson, Caroline Williams,
Alison O'Connor and Nevil Barker



Anna and Edward Polglase, Charlie
Croggon, Alex Polglase, Emma Croggon
and Hugh Polglase



Meg Weir, Judy Douglas-Boyd, Jenny
Skinnard and Daphne Skinnard



Elizabeth Bolitho, Lady Lavinia Thorpe
and Vanessa Leslie

GRANTS MADE IN 2009

In 2009, the Trust made grants of a total of £59,500. The grants were made to the following 15 places of worship:

Truro Cathedral (Denomination C of E) received a grant of £5,000 to carry out the following work:

Victoria Tower: general repairs and restoration.

Our Lady Of The Portal and St. Piran, Truro (Denomination RC) received a grant of £1,500 to carry out the following work:

Deteriorating lead work over the altar causing damage and disruption required immediate attention. New lead and associated wood and roof replacement needed.

Parish Church of SS Probus and Grace, Probus

(Denomination C of E) received a grant of £3,000 to carry out the following work:



To repair and renovate stonework and stained/plain glass in most of the church windows, including broken pieces (in stained glass windows) and panes (in plain glass windows.) The project also replaced corroding iron window ties with non-ferrous types.

St Briochus, Lezant

(Denomination C of E) received a grant of £3,000 to carry out the following work: Assorted work to the Tower, lead, rainwater goods and pointing.

St John's Church Truro (Left)

(Denomination C of E) received a grant of £2,500 to carry out the following work: Roof and high level repair

St Martins and St Meriadoc Parish Church, Camborne
(Denomination C of E) received a grant of £5,000 to carry out the following work:

Replace tiled aisles, flooring, heating system, electrics and joinery



St Martins and St Meriadoc Parish Church, Camborne

Tregony Congregational Church, Fore Street, Tregony
(Denomination Congregational) received a grant of £2,500 to carry out the following work:

Part replacement windows

Heating System: replace electric convection with radiators run through from next door hall

St Endellion (Denomination C of E) received a grant of £1,000 to carry out the following work:

Replacement of Lighting System

Come to Good Meeting House (Denomination Quaker) received a grant of £9,000 to carry out the following work:
High level roofing repair and maintenance to the exterior fabric.



Come to Good Meeting House

St Cuby's Duloe (Denomination C of E) (Shown on back cover) received a grant of £10,000 to carry out the following work:
Restore roof and rainwater goods

Fowey Parish Church (Denomination C of E) received a grant of £4,000 to carry out the following work:
Restore main roof

Mullion Methodist Church (Denomination Methodist) received a grant of £1,500 to carry out the following work:
Clean and repair three stained glass windows.

St Newlyn, St Newlyn East (Denomination C of E) received a grant of £5,000 to carry out the following work:
Lead, timber and rainwater goods repairs

St Pol-de-Leon, Paul, Penzance (Denomination C of E) received a grant of £4,000 to carry out the following work:
Window restoration project

Troon Methodist Church (Denomination Methodist) received a grant of £2,500 to carry out the following work:
Repair defective plaster and re-point



St Newlyna, St Newlyn East

2009 ANNUAL LUNCH

Held at the beautiful and historic Ince Castle by kind invitation of Lord and Lady Boyd, this annual event was a fitting venue for our Lectures and Lunches in Beautiful Places. One hundred Friends and guests were able to enjoy a memorable lunch in what has been modestly described as "a new builte bricke house", the first reference to Ince in 1653.

Without an energetic and devoted team of committee members and helpers who transform themselves into cooks, chefs and waiting staff, not to mention the washing-up, the annual lunch would not be possible. A super raffle was organised by Kathy St Germans and Will Gore raising £500, making the total funds raised for the day of £3927. The weather was dry enough for guests to appreciate the wonderful gardens and grounds.

Preparations for the royal visit meant that the Chairman Helen Briggs was not able to be present. However Vanessa Leslie, Vice Chairman, was able to welcome everyone and thank Lord and Lady Boyd for their generosity in allowing the Trust the use of their home.

CHURCH HISTORIES



Would you like to take part in our endeavour to gather short histories of Cornwall's churches and chapels? These histories, which are published on our website, www.chct.info, are a valuable aid for visitors to Cornish churches and chapels. Each submission provides OS grid ref and postcode. If you wish, we can

produce the guide separately as a laminated A4 sheet for use in your church.

Visit the Church Histories section on the website to see what has been produced by parishes so far. To help you with your text, there is a short list of recommended publications. The histories can be just few paragraphs in length, up to an A4 page, and if you have a photograph to accompany the text so much the better. Whilst our aim is to publish historically correct profiles, we won't ignore some of the quirkier accounts of how Cornwall's places of worship have evolved.

We are writing to all PCCs in Cornwall informing them of the Trust's Church Histories venture. If you are interested in contributing, two of our trustees, local historian Joanna Mattingly, and archivist Christine Edwards, can help you. If you would like to get in touch with them, in the first instance contact the Church Histories coordinator, Caroline Tetley, Tetley@chct.info

TREASURER'S REPORT, 2009

Receipts and Payments are shown on page 15, total net receipts amounting to £53,248 compared with £61,031 in 2008 and payments £50,954 compared with £30,482, producing a surplus position of £2,294.

Friends subscriptions continue to make a considerable contribution to our income at £6,997. That figure is actually £804 less than in 2008 but if the Life membership figures are discounted (£300 in 2009, £1,500 in 2008) the valuable regular income from annual paying members is up by £256 (£5,526 in 2009, £5,270 in 2008).

Donations at £19,920 include £14,000 from the Manifold Trust, £3,000 from the Tanner Trust, £1,000 from Cornwall Heritage Trust, £250 from Robert Sloman and £460 each from Charles Stanley and Scott & Co in sponsorship of the website. The final payment from the Manifold is due in January 2011.

The breakdown for all areas of income is shown on page 15, separated between receipts and payments, but calculated net the fund-raising events total £16,346 compared with £18,740 in 2008 – a drop of £2,394. The real money-spinners were again, chronologically, the Lunch which brought in £3,990, the Sponsored Event £5,919, and the Christmas Party £6,437. (These figures include any late receipts and Gift Aid relating to the previous year's events.)

Last year's total was also exceptional due to the inclusion of £813 Gift Aid from David Scott's imaginative Carriage Drive. Purely financial comparisons, however, can be dangerous and detract from very enjoyable and successful occasions. The various hosts and organisers have quite rightly been acknowledged by the Chairman in her report on page three.

Investment Income amounted to £9,985, a decrease of £258. Grants paid out totalled £47,750 compared with £28,550 and administration £3,205, which includes £920 for the website, compared with £1,890. As we started the year with funds of £81,231, we finish with £83,525. The breakdown is shown on page 15, where they are split between the three headings of Designated Capital Reserve, Designated Expendable Reserve and Income. In order to cover the known liabilities of outstanding grants approved (£58,900) £6,214 has been transferred from Expendable Reserves to Income Funds.

The Investment Assets at £174,388 show an increase of £17,112 over the twelve months (compared with the fall of £63,387 the year before). Our total assets, less known liabilities, now stand at £206,248, an increase of £12,981, compared with a fall in 2008 of £48,031.

My traditional finish with three feel-good statistics:

- Since the Trust was formed in 1955, 563 grants have been approved, totalling £665,827;
- Since the Sponsored Event was introduced 23 years ago, net receipts total £189,281;
- Since the Annual Lunches started 20 years ago, £47,892 has been raised.

Anthony Davidson
Hon Treasurer

**CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009**

| | Designated Capital Reserve £ | Designated Expendable Reserve £ | Income £ | Total £ | 2008 £ |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | - | - | 19,920 | 19,920 | 24,248 |
| Friends of Cornish Churches subscriptions | - | - | 6,997 | 6,997 | 7,801 |
| Fund raising events | - | - | 19,095 | 19,095 | 21,867 |
| Investment income | - | - | 9,985 | 9,985 | 10,243 |
| Total receipts | - | - | 55,997 | 55,997 | 64,159 |
| Less cost of fund raising events | - | - | 2,749 | 2,749 | 3,128 |
| Net receipts available for charitable application | - | - | 53,248 | 53,248 | 61,031 |
| Charitable payments | | | | | |
| Grants | - | - | 47,750 | 47,750 | 28,550 |
| Administration | - | - | 3,204 | 3,204 | 1,932 |
| Total charitable payments | - | - | 50,954 | 50,954 | 30,482 |
| Net receipts / (payments) for the year | - | - | 2,294 | 2,294 | 30,549 |
| Transfers from expendable reserves | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds at 31 December 2008 | 30,839 | - | 50,392 | 81,231 | 50,682 |
| Cash funds at 31 December 2009 | 30,839 | - | 52,686 | 83,525 | 81,231 |

**CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST - STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009**

| | Designated Capital Reserve £ | Designated Expendable Reserve £ | Income £ | Total £ | 2008 £ |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Cash funds | | | | | |
| CBF Church of England Deposit Fund | 27,250 | - | 40,750 | 68,000 | 48,000 |
| Bank deposit account | 3,589 | - | 7,907 | 11,496 | 24,485 |
| Bank current account | - | - | 4,029 | 4,029 | 8,746 |
| | 30,839 | - | 52,686 | 83,525 | 81,231 |
| Other monetary assets | | | | | |
| National Savings Income Bonds | 4,000 | 4,000 | - | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Premium Savings Bonds | 10 | 10 | - | 20 | 20 |
| | 4,010 | 4,010 | - | 8,020 | 8,020 |
| Investment assets | | | | | |
| 4,795,643 M&G Securities Ltd Charifund Income Shares | | | | | |
| Market value (cost £78,512) | 25,709 | 22,602 | 3,107 | 51,418 | 47,224 |
| 12,000 CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares | | | | | |
| Market value (cost £66,360) | 61,485 | 58,378 | 3,107 | 122,970 | 110,052 |
| | 87,194 | 80,980 | 6,214 | 174,388 | 157,276 |
| Total assets | | | | | |
| | 122,043 | 84,990 | 58,900 | 265,933 | 246,527 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Grants approved not yet paid | - | - | 58,900 | 58,900 | 52,475 |
| Independent examiners' fees | - | - | 785 | 785 | 785 |
| | - | - | 59,685 | 59,685 | 53,260 |

The above figures are an extract from the financial statements which were approved by the trustees on 25 March 2010, and independently examined by Winter Rule, Chartered Accountants.
A copy of the full annual report and financial statements will be submitted to the Charity Commission and may be obtained on request from the Trust.



St Cuby's Duloe
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