

# **CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

Annual Report for 2008 – 2009



## **GULVAL CHURCH, PENZANCE**

Grant of £1,500 for repair of bulges in retaining wall enclosing island containing church and graveyard

# CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

(Correct at 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009)

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**CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL MEETING ON  
MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2009 AT 2 PM AT PROBUS CHURCH**

The Chairman and Committee of the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust invite you to their Annual Meeting to be held at Probus Church on

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 at 2 pm**

The Meeting will be chaired by our Trust President, Lady Mary Holborow. Our host is the incumbent the Revd. Andrew Wade and Paul Jeffery from Winchester will speak to us about collegiate churches in general and Probus Church in particular. Refreshments will be available after the meeting. There is ample car parking at the Village Hall and in the village.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

First of all I would like to thank all our Friends and supporters for their help over the past year. Without this our job would be impossible.

2008 was busy year for the CHCT. Our Annual Meeting took place on a glorious day in May at Morwenstow Church. After the meeting, chaired by our President, the Lord Lieutenant, Lady Mary Holborow, the Revd. Peter Abell, the present incumbent, told us about the Church and its former eccentric vicar, Parson Robert Stephen Hawker. We then had the opportunity, thanks to Jill Welby who now lives in the Old Rectory, built by Hawker at his own expense, to see round the house and to observe the extraordinary chimneys based on church towers that Hawker loved. Several groups of people then walked across the fields to see Hawker's Hut and the seascape that met his eye on so many occasions when he helped shipwrecked mariners and gave a Christian burial to those that did not survive. Before leaving we were able to visit the excellent tearooms very close to the Church for a sustaining cup of tea before the journey home. This year we are going to Probus in June when our speaker will be Paul Jeffery who will tell us about collegiate churches of which Probus is one of several in Cornwall.

The Friends of CHCT go from strength to strength thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of Geoffrey Holborow. At the end of May on another fine day he organized a visit for the Friends to both St Michael Caerhays and Gorran Churches. Both were most interesting and we had an insight into both churches from the vicar, Canon Pat Robson, from the archives from Christine Edwards, and in Caerhays from Michael Swift on the stained glass. An excellent tea was enjoyed by all at the end of the afternoon at Gorran Church.

Elizabeth and Peter Prideaux-Brune very kindly invited us to Prideaux Place for our annual lunch in June this year. The house looked stunning and despite the rain falling down outside we hardly noticed as we enjoyed the delicious feast provided by Alice Boyd and her team of cooks. Our warmest thanks go to them all.

On the second Saturday of September the sponsored Bicycle Ride took place all over the county. It was a fine day and I'm sure all those who took part enjoyed themselves. Our thanks go to Murray Gowan and Victoria Tapper who organized this event which raises such a large amount of money year after year for the CHCT.

Our final event of the year was our Christmas Party, held this year at Boconnoc at the kind invitation of Elizabeth and Anthony Fortescue. The house looked so welcoming with beautiful flowers arranged by Ali Bolitho.

The party for all ages went with a swing from start to finish with Father Christmas sending us on our way with pasties in our hands in case we hadn't had enough to eat! Caroline Tetley organized this event effortlessly it seemed and our thanks go to her and her splendid team.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death in February of Diana Luck. Diana was a valued member of the Executive Committee for many years. She was someone who had tremendous style and insight and will be greatly missed by us all. We have such happy memories of her and we send our sympathy to her family.

We are happy to report that grants given in 2008 totalled £43,650 to 13 churches or chapels. Over the last two years we have helped churches and chapels of the following denominations: Church of England, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, Quaker, Roman Catholic.

I would like to say how indebted I am to our Hon. Secretary Simon Coy who works tirelessly on our behalf and to Anthony Davidson our Hon. Treasurer who keeps our books in order. I would also like to thank the Executive Committee for all their hard work and without whom none of the above would happen.

Finally, am also delighted to be able to tell you that I have recently received a letter from the Bishop of Truro saying, "I will be honoured to accept the post of Vice President and would you please thank your President and your co-trustees." At the start of the letter he says, "I am delighted to learn of your work and am very grateful to you and all those who support you for the assistance that you can give to the churches here in this county."

We are very grateful for the Bishop's warm interest and much look forward to his future involvement in our activities.

Helen Briggs



*The Rt Revd Tim Thornton, MA*

## FRIENDS OF CORNISH CHURCHES

The main event for the Friends is the visit to Cornish Churches when we hear from a knowledgeable speaker about each Church and we conclude with an excellent tea provided by the kindness of the Church we visit and Alice Boyd. We try to ring the changes and go to different areas in the County. Last year we went to St. Michael Caerhays and Gorran which seemed very popular as we had a record number attending. This year we go to Little Petherick on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 2 pm** and then on to Padstow. The main purpose of the Friends is to extend the interest



in and knowledge of Cornish Churches and Chapels and to give a wide range of people a chance to support our work with their subscriptions, many of which are generously much in excess of the minimum sub. The subscriptions with the Gift Aid refund provide a substantial and important part of the Trust's

income.

### *St. Petroc Minor, Little Petherick*

To be a member of the Friends entitles you not only to visit and learn about Church buildings, but to attend our annual subscription lunch and Christmas party where you will see some of Cornwall's finest houses. This year the lunch will be at Ince Castle, Saltash on the 14th May. Applications for lunch tickets are with the Annual Report papers. In addition to these events, Friends are invited to our AGM where we have a speaker of note. The year before last, Bishop Bill gave an excellent and amusing address and this year the AGM will be at Probus on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 2 pm**, and our speaker will be Mr Paul Jeffery, a well known authority on English Churches. Our membership is slightly up on last year with 454 individual members and 102 corporate members being mainly PCCS. Those members who inevitably and sadly drop off are made up by new members applying. We would, however, like to see more members.

Geoffrey Holborow

## THE SPONSORED EVENT 2008

The weather did its best to encourage everyone on Event Day 2008. The effects of the Credit Crunch were beginning to spread widely and, in common with County Trusts across the Country, we were going to have to bear our share of the burden. However, a great effort was made by all with the result that a Grand Total of £13,722 was raised to be shared between participating Churches and Chapels and the Trust.

So we warmly thank all those who took part and helped. The usual variety of activities occurred and in my own tour round

about, I was able to meet up with some keen walkers and cyclists. I was particularly pleased to meet some of those kind people who were available to greet visitors to their Church or Chapel. I hope they themselves were sponsored. I know the Vicar of Par did a sponsored cycle ride whilst one inventive couple, realising that they were neither joggers, walkers or cyclists sought sponsorship for the number of Places of Worship they could visit in one day by using their bus passes. In the Roseland great success was achieved by Cousin Jack and his dog, Toffee, who had been created by the enterprising seamstresses of the Churches in Tregony.



*Cousin Jack, Toffee and friends raising money for the CHCT*

We are also grateful to those persons who added Gift Aid to their donations as well as to the businesses and Press who supported

us. In particular my thanks go to KallKwik who helped with our Poster as well as to all the Area and Local Organisers who do all the spade work. We know that we will have to work hard to make the Event a success this year. Please ensure that all activity for Saturday, 12th. September 2009 is conducted safely and that children are well supervised. If I can help then please let me know.

Murray Gowan

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### THE ANNUAL LUNCH

The 2008 Annual Lunch was held at Prideaux Place by kind invitation of Peter and Elizabeth Prideaux-Brune. A great deal of help was forthcoming from them and their helpers for which we were extremely grateful. Drinks were held in the drawing room and the hall and then we ate throughout the rest of the house including upstairs in the Susanna chamber where we were able to



enjoy the marvellous plaster work during lunch. As is not uncommon on our lunch day, the weather was fairly awful, but some intrepid people were able to explore and admire the garden which has been restored over the last decade. As usual it was a sell out and with the raffle (£540)

made £4,143.

*Peter and Elizabeth Prideaux-Brune.*

I am extremely grateful to the Chairman and all the many other people who contributed to the success of the event by cooking and clearing up. It is a wonderful team effort. This year's lunch will be at Ince Castle, Saltash on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009.**



Alice Boyd

## GRANTS MADE BY CHCT IN 2008

**Lostwithiel, St Bartholomew:** A grant of £4500 for work on Spire. The grant is additional to one of £4,500 made in September 2007.

**St Eval:** A grant of £4000 for rebuilding the tower pinnacles.

**St Piran & St Michael's Church, Perranuthnoe:** A grant of £3500 for tower restoration (*picture below*).



**Lanner Methodist Church:** A grant of £2500 for roofing work.

**St Blaise:** A grant of £1000 for a new heating system: required to maintain the good condition of recently restored roof.

**St Paternus, North Petherwin:** A grant of £2500 for tower and parapet work.

**St Winnow:** A grant of £8000 for the restoration of important stained glass window. This included a £4,000 extra-ordinary grant.

**St Stythians:** A grant of £4000 to re-slate the north slope, and to repair southern lead valley (*picture below*).



**Gulval:** A grant of £1500 to repair bulges in retaining wall enclosing island containing church and graveyard (*picture below*).



**St John's, Treslothan:** A grant of £350 for the removal of dangerous masonry.

**St Sampson, Golant:** A grant of £5000 for the removal of cement pointing and replacement with lime mortar. Replace wall plates to bell chamber; replace floor in deadening chamber. Unseal window in chamber and replace with louvers.

**Zion Congregational Church, St Ives:** A grant of £4500 towards replacement of the Church Hall roof (used for occasional worship).

**St Symphorian, Veryan:** A grant of £4000 for work on windows (*picture below*).



**Thirteen grants made in 2008 totalling £43,650**

## The Christmas Party 2008



*David Rashleigh*

Our heartfelt thanks this year go to Anthony and Elizabeth Fortescue, who hosted the 2008 Christmas party. Two hundred and fifty people descended upon Boconnoc and created the most wonderful atmosphere.



*Andrew Leslie, Helen Syrett, Mark Syrett*

This was the first Christmas party the house had seen post-restoration and it looked magnificent. David and Dolly Scott and Sarah Williams joined the organising team this year and were a great addition to the

committee. Once again, Savills generously sponsored the event and was a tour de force helping on the evening. Cornwall Today and West Briton covered the evening and it is thanks to Stewart Girvan ([www.stewartgirvan.co.uk](http://www.stewartgirvan.co.uk)) that we are able to include the photographs.



*Elizabeth Fortescue, Jill Jobson, David Scott*

There was a fabulous raffle, which helped us achieve an extremely worthwhile result; our thanks go to all of you who supported us in any way.

For the 2009 party we are very pleased that Mr and Mrs Richard Williams

have once again offered us Scorrier; the date will be **Monday 21st December 2009**. Anyone wishing to receive an invitation who is not currently on the list should apply via Simon Coy (Contact details on Page 3).



*Amanda Hedley, Victoria Thompson, Piers Thompson*

Caroline Tetley

## TREASURER'S REPORT, 2008

Receipts and Payments are shown on page 15, total net receipts amounting to £61,031 compared with £45,262 in 2007 and payments £30,482 compared with £42,003, producing a surplus position of £30,549. Donations at £24,248 are £17,282 up due to the Manifold Trust now paying us £14,000 instead of £2,000 and a generous gift of £5,000 from the Henry Hoare Trust as well as £2,000 from the Tanner Trust, £1,200 from Trusthouse Charitable Foundation and £1,000 from Cornwall Heritage Trust. Smaller donations include £400 from Carlyon Bay Golf Club. Friends subscriptions have done very well indeed at £7,801, showing an increase of £1,442 over 2007.

The breakdown for all areas, separated between receipts and payments, but calculated net the fund-raising events total £18,739 compared with £22,590 in 2007 – a decrease of £3,851. The real money-spinners were again the Cycle Ride which made £6,332 (though £1,666 down on 2007), the Christmas Party at Boconnoc £6,725 (£1,437 up) and the Lunch at Prideaux Place £4,143 (£1,089 up). Last year's total was exceptional due to the imaginative Carriage Drive by David Scott which produced £5,302.

Investment Income amounted to £10,243, an increase of £896.

Grants paid out totalled £28,550 compared with £39,200 and administration £1,932 compared with £2,803. As we started the year with funds of £50,682, we finish with £81,231. This is 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 (£52,475) £2,083 has been transferred from Expendable Reserves to Income Funds. The Investment Assets at £157,276 show a fall of £63,387 over the twelve months. Our total assets, less known liabilities, now stand at £193,267, a fall of £48,031 compared with a fall in 2007 of £8,841.

My traditional finish with three feel-good statistics:

- Since the Trust was formed in 1955, 548 grants have been approved, totalling £606,327;
- Since the Sponsored Event was introduced 22 years ago, net receipts total £183,362;
- Since the Annual Lunches started 19 years ago, £43,857 has been raised.

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**CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

	Designated Capital Reserve	Designated Expendable Reserve	Income	Total	2007
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	--	--	24,248	<b>24,248</b>	6,966
Friends of Cornish Churches subscriptions	--	--	7,801	<b>7,801</b>	6,359
Fund raising events	--	--	21,867	<b>21,867</b>	24,940
Investment income	--	--	10,243	<b>10,243</b>	9,347
<b>Total receipts</b>	--	--	64,159	<b>64,159</b>	47,612
Less cost of fund raising events	--	--	3,128	<b>3,128</b>	2,350
<b>Net receipts available for charitable application</b>	--	--	61,031	<b>61,031</b>	45,262
<b>Charitable payments</b>					
Grants	--	--	28,550	<b>28,550</b>	39,200
Administration	--	--	1,932	<b>1,932</b>	2,803
<b>Total charitable payments</b>	--	--	30,482	<b>30,482</b>	42,003
<b>Net receipts / (payments) for the year</b>	--	--	30,549	<b>30,549</b>	3,259
Transfers from expendable reserves	--	--	--	--	--
Cash funds at 31 December 2007	30,839	--	19,843	<b>50,682</b>	47,423
Cash funds at 31 December 2008	30,839	--	50,392	<b>81,231</b>	50,682

**CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST - STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008**

	Designated Capital Reserve	Designated Expendable Reserve	Income	Total	2007
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	27,250	--	20,750	<b>48,000</b>	27,250
Bank deposit account	3,589	--	20,896	<b>24,485</b>	14,237
Bank current account	--	--	8,746	<b>8,746</b>	9,195
	30,839	--	50,392	<b>81,231</b>	50,682
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
National Savings Income Bonds	4,000	4,000	--	<b>8,000</b>	2,000
Premium Savings Bonds	10	10	--	<b>20</b>	20
	4,010	4,010	--	<b>8,020</b>	2,020
<b>Investment assets</b>					
4,795.643 M&G Securities Ltd Charifund Income Shares					
Market value (cost £78,512)	23,612	22,570	1,042	<b>47,224</b>	69,697
12,000 CBF Church of England Investment Fund Income Shares					
Market value (cost £66,360)	55,026	53,985	1,041	<b>110,052</b>	150,966
	78,638	76,555	2,083	<b>157,276</b>	220,663
<b>Total assets</b>					
Total assets	113,487	80,565	52,475	<b>246,527</b>	279,365
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Grants approved not yet paid	--	--	52,475	<b>52,475</b>	37,375
Independent examiners' fees	--	--	785	<b>785</b>	692
	--	--	53,260	<b>53,260</b>	38,067

The above figures are an extract from the financial statements which were approved by the trustees on 26 March 2009, 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 Petroc, Padstow**  
***Friends Visit Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009***