

Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust
Chairman's Report 2013/2014

The Trust welcomed Sandra McCullagh and Collen Walker as two new trustees during the year.

Henry Cator kindly agreed to be the Trust's President following in Michael Falcon's footsteps.

Lady Leicester generously agreed to be the Patron of the Trust. The office of Mayor of Great Yarmouth was appointed a Vice Patron.

Canvassing the Member of Parliament for Great Yarmouth has resulted in reversing the Treasury's edict that VAT on organ restoration is no longer re-claimable. Also other concessions have been made with respect to VAT on repairs on church buildings.

The wording of the constitution was altered to make it much clearer that the Trust is a secular body and stands outside the workings of the Minster.

The Trust continues to be an associate member of the Greater Yarmouth Tourism (£30) and Waveney and Blyth Arts.

The Trust has had an active fund-raising year. Brahams, in Market Row, have continued to sell tickets, for which the Trust is grateful. However, it remains difficult to sell tickets for events and I would urge all trustees to help in this and also to support the events.

A two-month long exhibition was hosted by the Minster entitled Great Yarmouth and WW1. This raised funds and increased footfall in the Minster. Many visited, especially those on holidays and from overseas (Germany, Hong Kong, Holland, Canada, Australia, USA, Israel, etc.) Over 340 people signed the visitor's book for the exhibition. We know by experience that only a small proportion sign visitor's books, so probably over 3,000 attended.

The following events were organised:

Dixiemix Jazz Band

Gorleston Community Choir Concert

Norwich and Ipswich Co-op Society Brass Band

Blessing of the Nets with a herring supper

Christmas Tree and Crib Festival

Afternoon tea with music by Rachel King

Wedding Fair

WW1 Exhibition

Sixties band

Poems and Music of WW1 and cake (this event asked for donations, which from an audience of just over 100 raised £190, whereas if we had charged a reasonable £5 a ticket the take would be considerably more).

A licensed bar has been run at many minster secular events

The Trust has received good publicity with the help of the Yarmouth Mercury, Radio Norfolk, the Norwich Diocesan Magazine and the Advertiser.

It also has a website (www.sncpt.co.uk) and a Facebook page entitled Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust. Both are updated regularly.

The Chairman has performed numerous church and graveyard tours and talks for various groups with the fees being donated to the Trust. Colin Smith has also donated his many lecture fees to the Trust, as has Hugh Sturzaker.

The web-site: www.easyfundraising.org.uk has produced some finance (£194). This site gives a percentage of the cost of purchases made through the site to our Trust. Most of the major firms (eg John Lewis, ebay, Amazon etc) contribute. It is a painless way of raising finance.

It is pleasing to note that progress has been made on the re-ordering of the Minster. The process will take about five years. A Minster project group, with representatives from the Trust, has been set up to oversee this. The money raised for the organ restoration has been ring-fenced. The organ will be restored when the under-floor heating has been installed. The heating installation will raise dust etc, which might damage the organ's pipework.

The Trust acknowledges the excellent secretarial support of Robin Hodds and Karline Smith and their colleagues and the work of Michael Muskett (treasurer). Also, Margaret King, for helping to sell tickets through Brahams.

The chairman thanks the members and trustees for their support over the year, especially those, who have supported and helped at Trust events and sold tickets. However, there have been occasions when more support has been needed and the few trust volunteers at events have had difficulty in maintaining standards and have had to rely on people outside the Trust.

Paul Davies – November 2014

	2009/10		2010/1		2010/2		2012/3		2013/4	
	Tak'gs	Aud	Tak'gs	Aud	Tak'gs	Aud	Tak'gs	Aud	Tak'gs	Aud
Tooke	£443	88	£665	91						
Quiz	£580	58								
Bridge lunch	£345	30								
Childs	£255	70	£780	110			£1,250	147		
Childs			£1,040	c110						
CoFE event	£825	81								
Dannatt	£1,666	166								
Ch Open Dy	£225									
Ch Evensong	£10									
3 Cooks	£2,275	98								
RAF Cycle	£960									
Jazz	£1,695	170	£745	70	£170	45	£1,235	119	£1,450	c160
Sixties	£2,075	145	£879	c80					£784	c50
Tea	£445	53	£360	45	£350	70	£747	c100	£540	61
					£742	123				
Romeo/Juliet	£0	72								
Mayor Char	£5,000		£200		£300				£500	
Elizabethan	£216									
Antiques	£1,056									
Nets	£549	98	£846	100	£859	116	£1009		£986	70
Maasi	£620	78								
Male Voice	£375	64								
Total	£19,615									
Falcon			£670	67						
1940's Band			£400	39						
50 th Buffet			£1,035	150						
N&N fest			£274	33						
Somerleyton			£3,250	50						
Folk band			£352	c40	£110	33				
		Total	£11496							
Walden					£275	35				
Xmas tree					£722		£883		£976	
Grant received					£4000					
Gibson					£325	c45				
Zip Wire					£160		£52			
Boon book					£1,320					
Sturrock legac					£5000					
				Total	£14333					
Carols Rot'y							£173			
Exhibition							£505		£480	c2000
							£137	c400		
Beer Tasting							£250	c20		
Cantus Orien							£490	78		
Brass Band							£335	66	£105	58
Gorl Choir							£757	140	£650	107
Morley Cons							£145	50		
Rose Croix							£984			
						Total	£8952			
Poems WW1									£290	100
Wedding Fair									£935	
GY Rotary									£2516	
FMas Gr Cha									£1000	
Maids Hd Lod									£1000	
Nf Com Foun									£500	
								Total	£12712	

GYMPT Major Funds Received 2009-14