

The battle for Fawltly Tower



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Mattishall and Tudd Valley
All Saints Welborne

How far have we got?

We have received excellent news from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) awarding us a first-round pass of up to £215,100, which represents 83% of the total project cost. The bulk of the other 17% will be received through other grants such as the Listed Places of Worship Scheme.

£28,200 of the grant will be available this year for the development phase ready for us to develop and submit our second round submission by 2nd December. Much of the grant will go towards professional fees, investigations, surveys and the development of the activity plan.

In addition to the tower repairs, we hope to add brand new facilities (including a toilet) so that the church can increase its role as a centre for local cultural activities with tandem with the Village Hall. We hope that a renewed website and heritage guides will encourage people to visit the church and village. In conjunction with local pubs and cafes, we aim to produce a 'heritage church trail' guides for walkers and cyclists. The project will also include training workshops in historic building repair techniques. We hope to develop skills for local people to be able to repair and maintain Norfolk's traditional buildings, including our church, long into the future.

Development of the Activity Plan

When we make our next submission in December amongst many other things we have to convince HLF that we have the support of the village and that you want to preserve all of Welborne's Heritage and not just the church tower for future generations.

In the church we have a Roll of Honour of those who served in both world wars :-

Arthur Barnard 1st Norfolks, Harry Elliott 21st Berks, Cecil John Howard Australian Army,

Edward Holley Royal Navy, Walter William Jones 8th Norfolks,

Charles Reginald Leeds Middx. Regt, Edward Harvey Matthews 8th Norfolks,

William Minns London Regt, Frederick James Morgan Capt, D.S.O.,M.C. 8th Norfolks

Ethel Julia V.A.D., Ernest William Mudd Machine Gun Corps,

Oliver Arthur Lee Neve Attd Royal Engineers, James Williams Smalls 2nd Norfolk

Frank Smalls 8th Norfolks, Charles Smalls The Buffs East Kent,

Edward James Tuttle L/cpl Essex Regt, Leonard William Wythe RAF,

Henry Thomas Guymer 1939-1945

If you have any knowledge or any connection with the above and you would like their history to be recorded or you would like to do some research, please do contact one of us as we would

be very pleased to hear from you. We would like to produce a permanent display in the church and possibly on the village web site.

Open Church

Last year the church was open every Wednesday and Saturday from 1st April to 30th September and 244 people visited on those days. So this year the church will be open every day for the same period and we would welcome volunteers to lock and unlock the church each day.

Spring clean

On Saturday 16th April we will be spring cleaning the church and tidying up the churchyard commencing at 10am to 12.30 during which time tea and coffee will be available. If you have some spare time, even an hour will help and don't mind a little hard work, come and join in the camaraderie and have an enjoyable time. If you can please bring a duster, spade, fork or rake etc. At 12 30pm soup and roll will be served.

If you wish to make any comments about this leaflet, want more information or you wish to help in anyway please contact one of the following:-

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Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet and being willing to help us.