

NEWSLETTER

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The Friends of St Ruan and St Grade Historic Church Buildings Registered Charity No. 1164632

WE'RE HALF WAY THERE!

Brilliant news - we can announce we have reached the half way point in Step One our appeal to rebuild the roof of St Grade Church. Since the Appeal started cost estimates have risen from £100,000 to £140,000 but we are thrilled to be able to announce that the current total of funds raised or pledged is now a fantastic £71.155.

This means we are now in a position to approach grant providers who need half the required funds to be raised. This will still be an uphill struggle as average grants awarded for projects such as this are not high. Once the roof is built we still have other works such as the tower and masonry repairs but the roof is the most urgent priority

We would like to say a special thank you for two recent boosts to our funds.

Very generously the Ruan Revellers agreed that all their profits would be donated to the Roof Appeal. This resulted in an amazing £2,300 and was one of the best Christmas presents we could have received. It was a marvellous production directed by Angela Agutter and we are extremely grateful to everyone involved.

The New Year has also started with another unexpected boost. The Grade Ruan Community Trust have agreed a grant of £2,500 for the Appeal which is a brilliant start to 2023.

It is heartwarming to have such community support for our Appeal and whilst we still have a long way to go it really is a remarkable achievement that so much has been raised and our thanks go to all who have given us so much support and encouragement.

2023 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Up and Coming Fund Raising Events

RAISE THE ROOF

JAZZ IN THE HALL

OLD FAVOURITES FROM THE

AMERICAN SONGBOOK







AND MANY MORF

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18 Free Admission

RAFFLE

Ruan Village Hall

PLUS OUR SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA 8th July 2023





2023 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

It's that time of year again when Membership Subscriptions are due.

The continuing support of our members is crucial to maintaining the Friends and we value your support hugely. If you would like to pay by Standing Order then please email our Membership Secretary at friendsofstruanandstgrade@gmail.com and a form can be sent out to you. Membership fees have not increased and all details are overleaf on our Membership Form.

Please share with any friends or relatives who might be interested in joining and helping to support not just the Friends but our massive fundraising effort to preserve Grade Church for future generations.

BUY A SLATE GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH OVER £10,000 RAISED

It's hard to believe that the Buy A Slate Scheme has already raised over £10,000 since it was first launched. Over £6,000 of this has been through our Just Giving Page



On of our latest purchases through our Just Giving website was from visitors Teri and Rob Coulson who were enchanted by Grade Church. This is the personalised slate that we have prepared following their specific instructions. You too can send us your details and we will scribe a slate for you - only £15 for a personalised slate, £10 for a plain slate or 12 for only £100.

To reach our Just Giving page either go to https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ StGradeAppeal or scan this QR code.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Registered Charity No. 1164632

Name
Address
Post Code
TelEmail
Please mark appropriate membership.
Single Membership (£10) Joint Membership (£15)
Family Membership (£25) Life Membership (£250)
If you would like to make a Donation please indicate amount:
£50 £100 £250 £500 Other amount £
Gift Aid - for UK tax payers only
I wish the friends to reclaim the tax on my donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years until further notice. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.
Please indicate if joint gift aid, HMRC accept one signature
Please make cheques to The Friends of St Ruan and St Grade Historic Church Buildings. Payment can be made to Account No: 84322222 Sort Code: 09-01-28 Santander, Bridle Road, Bootle, L30 4GB Standing Order forms are available on request.
Our website accepts membership payments by PayPal: www. friendsofstruanandstgrade.co.uk
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Please send to The Membership Secretary, The Friends of St Ruan and St Grade Historic Church Buildings, Glenhurst, Ruan Minor, Helston, TR12 7JN.

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