

"A Parish Church for a Pilgrim People"

PARISH RAISES £2,000 IN ONE WEEK ...

In the first week of August, a Summer Fayre, a concert entitled "to Walsingham with Love" and sales at the New Dawn Conference raised over £2,000.

Fund Raising National Committee

A committee was set up to coordinate the National Appeal. It held its first meeting on 30 July 2003 and has met at least once a month since then. The members are: David Athey (WA), John Bryden (Student Cross), Sheila Goodchild (UCM), John Hawkes (Parish), Timothy McDonald (Shrine and Parish), Peter Martin (KSC), Antonia Moffat (Parish), Sr. Teresa Moran (Marist Sisters), David Palmer (Financial Consultant), Noel Wynn (Shrine).

The committee has contacted several Grant Making Trusts and will continue to do so. It has organised the two mailings and had publicity material printed. It has also arranged the events for September.

Parish Committee

A special fund-raising committee has been operating in the parish under the chairmanship of Fr. Michael Simison. Its members are: Hazel Clark, Sr. Theresa, Anne Byrne, Claire Rossi, Tom Coleman, Charles Castlo, Bernie O'Neill, Mary and Howard Fears, Sue and Bill Stanley, Margaret Durnford, Sr. Pauline and Margaret Wardle.

The committee has organised several fund-raising events and members have also cooperated with the Shrine in selling Christmas cards and Calendars. Notelets and tea towels for sale have been Parish initiatives.

Walsingham Association

The Association has set itself a target of £100,000 for the new church and intends to give all proceeds from its national draw to the new church fund. Extra tickets have been printed and assistance in selling these will be gratefully accepted.

National Appeal

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor has given permission for an appeal in all parishes of England. He has also agreed to be a Patron. Other Patrons are: Bishop M. Evans, Mgr. A Stark, J. S Gummer M.P.

Archbishop Peter Smith, after consultation with the other Welsh bishops has encouraged us to contact all Welsh parishes.

A preliminary mailing went out to all parishes in mid-July with the aim of raising awareness of Walsingham as the National shrine. Materials to assist in the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, 24 September, were included in this mailing. A second mailing will go out in mid-August requesting

parishes to take a collection on 26 September. This mailing will include an appeal brochure, posters and gift-aid envelopes.

The appeal will be launched officially at 4.30 p.m. on 24 September at a reception for media and press representatives in Elmham House.

Various special events at the Shrine will accompany this launch:

12 September: Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage led by the Cardinal.

23 September: Ecumenical procession to the Slipper Chapel concluding with Vespers.

24 September: Solemn mass followed by Exposition and Solemn Vespers.

25 September: Sung requiem Mass for past benefactors of Parish and Shrine. Evening Concert in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

26 September: Solemn Mass sung by "Pegasus" choir.

A souvenir brochure will be published with details of these events.

Architects and Consultants

Principal Architect: Mr. Terry Norton of Wearing, Hastings and Norton.

Design Consultant: Mr. A. Rossi. Quantity Surveyors: EC Harris, represented by Mr. D. Broughton.

Services Consultants: P. J. Cozens of Norwich.

Structural Engineer: Alan Gentry Structural Engineers Ltd.

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After several delays and postponements the situation at 21 July 2004 was as follows: We are on track to go out to tender by mid September.

Wearing, Hastings and Norton are in receipt of Structural Engineers Drawings.

D. Broughton of EC Harris has supplied a breakdown of the fittings allowance to A Rossi to aid discussion with specialist suppliers.

EC Harris are currently preparing the pre-tender Health and Safety Plan.

T. Norton is in liaison with D. Broughton re. Costs v Budget.

A level 3 Asbestos Survey has been commissioned.

Latest estimate for start of work is late December/early January.



Architect's Impression of the New Church

Walsingham: Shrine/Parish-Development Fund

FINANCES

The total estimated cost of the new church is: £1,000,000

Income

Parish contribution at start of project: £75,000

Contribution from the Diocese: £25,000

Contribution from the RC National Shrine: £300,000

Interest free loan from the Shrine: £300,000

To be raised from local fund-raising and a National Appeal

Approved by Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor: £300,000

£1,000,000

Notes

It is hoped that the Appeal and fund-raising will bring in in excess of £300,000 so that the loan from the Shrine can be repaid.

Two payments of £200,000 have already been made to the Diocese from the Shrine. A third will be made in October 2004.

The parish has already raised £20,000 on top of the original contribution of £75,000

Donations already received by the Shrine and fund raising activities have brought in £36,000 so far.