



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2024

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is with great sadness that we have to report the recent deaths of our two Vice Presidents, Patrick Lord Cormack and Neville Camamile. Both have been extremely active and committed supporters of, and contributors to, the Trust since its early days.

Lord Cormack stepped down as a Trustee in 1998, having served many years in that role. However he was immediately appointed a Vice President of the Trust and has been unfailingly active on our behalf ever since that time. He last spoke to us all at the Platinum Jubilee celebration and service at the Cathedral last November and had given many such talks and taken us on Vice President's tours to some of his favourite churches in the north of the county, his place of birth.

Neville Camamile was appointed as a Trustee in January 1973 but he had been Treasurer for a while before that so, when he finally retired as Treasurer in 2002, he had served over 50 years as Treasurer to the Trust and almost as long as a Trustee.

Both of these men have been hugely important in the organisation and inspiration of the Trust's activities for a major portion of its existence and will be missed enormously by us all, I am sure.

On a happier note, we have been waiting for news of the Patronage of the Trust, HRH Prince Charles having been our Patron since 2003, following his accession to the throne last year. We were delighted to be informed recently by the Palace that His Majesty the King is happy to continue as our Patron and this is a huge honour for us.

As we reported last year the organisation of the Trust is going through a difficult time at present, following the death or retirement of a number of our previous key supporters and workers. However we have recently appointed another new Trustee, David Margaron BEM of Louth, who has already proved extremely helpful by participating in the continuation of the good work previously carried out by Nic Ridley and Sarah Roberts in organising the annual Ride and Stride fundraising event. I am delighted to be able to report that last year's efforts raised nearly as much as previous years, so our massive thanks go to all those involved in organising this.

I am afraid we have not been able to arrange for any open gardens this year but we sincerely hope to restart these next year.

Henrietta Reeve

DIARY DATES

SUMMER PARTY FRIDAY EVENING 12th JULY 6.30 ~ 8.30pm AT GRIMSTHORPE CASTLE

We hope you will be able to join us on the evening of Friday 12th July when we are invited by our President, Lady Jane Willoughby de Eresby, to join her at Grimsthorpe Castle for a sparkling reception and fork supper in the Vanburgh Hall, with musical entertainment provided by the Wandering Minstrels. Full details are on the attached poster and invitation.

AUTUMN PARTY TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 11.30 AM AT LEADENHAM VILLAGE HALL

Hon Secretary of the Trust, Graham Cook, will give an illustrated talk about the work to rebuild the top of the spire at Grantham St Wulfram's church 2011~2017, for which he was the supervising Architect. The talk will be followed by a two course lunch. Full details are on the attached poster.

RIDE AND STRIDE SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

The Ride and Stride event will take place this year on Saturday 14th September. Contact your Deanery Organiser for full details in your area. Please support us if you can on this, our main fundraising event of the year.