



NOTICE OF AGM 2014

22nd May 2014 at 3.00pm

St Charles Borromeo (RC) Church

The Presbytery, Hampton-on-the Hill,

Warwick, CV35 8QR

Tea and coffee on arrival



Summer event 2014

**Don't miss an evening with Helen Castor
Saturday 5th July 2014**



We are delighted that Dr Helen Castor, recent presenter of the BBC series 'She-Wolves – an exploration of the lives of the early Queens of England' has accepted our invitation to speak at

Astley Church near Nuneaton. Her subject will be 'Queens and Power in Medieval and Tudor England: the case of Lady Jane Grey'. Astley is the perfect setting, being adjacent to the newly restored RIBA award winning Astley Castle, the Grey family home during the 15th and 16th centuries when the manor was at the centre of national events.

As part of our 'Meet the Trustees' series we are delighted to introduce Bryan Stoten who has been a trustee of WCHCT since 2012.

Bryan has been involved in many aspects of the NHS including having opened the new University Hospital of Coventry and Warwickshire, chaired NHS Warwickshire and been chairman of the Health and Well-



being Board for Warwickshire. He is currently chairman of the UK Public Health Register and HealthLink Malawi which is linked with St Anne's Hospital in Nkhota-kota where David Livingstone negotiated the end to slavery in East and Central Africa. Bryan lives in South Warwickshire where his wife runs a Contemporary Art Gallery

A big thank you.....

To our Ride & Stride Coordinators for all your help and support with our event each year. We couldn't do it without you!

Join us on Friday June 6th at Ilmington Manor for thank you drinks in the garden and an opportunity for you to pick up your event packs and hear more about Ride & Stride 2014. More details to follow.....

Other dates for your diary

- 06/06/14** An evening in the garden Ilmington Manor
- 13/09/14** Ride & Stride Sponsored Event.....



Grant News

In addition to grants awarded by Warwickshire & Coventry Historic Churches Trust, we are also in a position to apply, on behalf of churches, to the National Churches Trust for what are known as Partnership Grants. The NCT work with us in targeting grants of between £ 2,500 and £ 10,000 for urgent repair projects with estimated costs between £10,000 and £100,000. Applications for a Partnership Grant cannot be made directly to the National Churches Trust but our practice is to consider every grant application as a potential candidate for such a Grant. The NCT's particular preferences this year are for a range of denominations and for churches in less affluent areas but these preferences do not exclude other churches and we will continue to consider all applications. Churches we believe would benefit by a Partnership Grant will always be consulted before our application is submitted.

Is your church a member of WCHCT?

One of our aims in 2014 is to increase the number of church members. The cost is £ 50.00 each year. Would your PCC like to join us?

Last year the trust made grants totalling £14750 to the following Warwickshire churches:

St David, Newbold on Stour with Armscote	£ 500
St Deny's, Little Compton	£ 2000
St Giles, Chesterton	£ 2000
Holy Trinity, Morton Bagot	£ 4000
Holy Trinity, Stratford upon Avon	£ 1500
St John the Baptist, Wappenbury	£ 750
St Marks, Bilton	£ 1500
St Mary's, Warwick	£ 1000
St Peter's, Grandborough	£ 1500

Deadline reminder

Please submit applications for our next grants meeting to Jane Webster ejane@lilley2.plus.com no later than 31st August 2014

Grants approved in March 2014

St Andrews, Wilmcote	£ 2000
St Edmunds, Thurlaston	£ 2000
St Mary the Virgin, Pillerton	£1500
St John the Baptist, Wasperton	£ 500

WCHCT helps mend Morton

Holy Trinity Church, Morton Bagot benefitted from a grant of £4000 from WCHCT in 2013. Church warden, Sue Kinnersley, explains how the grant was used:

This lovely, small, historic Church has now had repairs carried out which we hope will carry it on well into the future. Your generous grant has helped us achieve this outcome. We had a great deal of water ingress into the nave of the Church. The nave and



bell turret are now watertight and the appearance of both the interior and exterior has been much improved.

Do you have financial experience and an interest in church buildings?

We are looking for another volunteer to get involved with our bookkeeping and accounts and Lesley Read our treasurer, would love to hear from you. Please email Claire Ragg for further information



Top Tips for Church Photography

“Churches can make wonderful subjects to photograph, quintessentially so much part of the British landscape, so full of history they define our nation’s rich and eventful past”.



James Kerr is a trustee and vice chairman of the WCHCT and a professional landscape and architectural photographer. Here are his 6 top tips to help you get started...

You don’t necessarily need the latest ‘gizmo camera’ costing £££’s to get great photographic results, you can use your camera phone with just as good results. Get inspired with these 6 top tips to help you get the best from your photos of church buildings.

1. **Position:** To get the whole building in without a wide angle lens stand back - possibly outside the churchyard or beyond and try and photograph the church in its setting. Keep the camera steady and level.
2. **Weather and Seasons:** A bright summer’s day with scudding clouds may be perfect but why not try something different such as a snow shot or even a misty morning with glinting sunlight for some drama!
3. **Direction of the sun:** This is important especially on a bright day; always have light from behind you or to one side for a safe shot. Shooting into the light can create a striking shot but is more difficult, you may end up with a silhouette.
4. **Time of day:** Professionals often choose dawn or dusk to get their shots. The warm light will radiate on the building bringing the picture to life.
5. **Don’t forget close ups:** Churches are full of interesting objects - perhaps an altar, stained glass window or an interesting tomb. All make for fascinating photographs.
6. **Interiors:** Can be challenging, avoid using a flashgun and use a tripod for best results. Try a long exposure in evening light; you will amaze yourself with the results. If you are going to take interiors, just check with the vicar or a church warden that it’s all right.



You can obtain James’s book ‘Shakespeare’s Scenery’ on his website: www.jameskerr.co.uk

This is a beautiful coffee table book of Warwickshire with a forward by our patron Dame Judi Dench



RIDE + STRIDES

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I am pleased to say that last year's Ride and Stride was a great success given that we almost didn't have one! The total amount of sponsorship you raised was **£7,670** with the nominated churches receiving 50% of the sponsorship raised through their riders.



This year's Ride & Stride will take place on Saturday 13th September 2014. If you have anything special planned for the event or have a rider or strider going the extra mile to raise sponsorship then please let us know so that we can feature this in our next newsletter as well as on our website

The WCHCT Contact Details

Chair: Dr Kevin Bond **Deputy Chair:** James Kerr

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Visit www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk for more information

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1. [Click Get started on our homepage](#)
2. Log into your JustGiving account via Facebook or by entering your email. If you haven't set up an account yet, you'll be given the chance to create one after you've entered your email
3. Search for the charity you wish to support i.e WCHCT (Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust)
4. Let us know what you're doing to raise money. There are for choices to pick from – you are taking part in an organised event.
5. You will need to create your organised event. Search for Ride and Stride and it will give you an option to create your own event. Name it Ride & Stride 2014.
6. Finalise your selection by confirming if you are doing the event in memory of someone, if the charity is contributing to the cost of your fundraising, and if you'd like to stay up to date with all your charity's and JustGiving's news.
7. Choose your JustGiving web address
8. Click Create your page

Job done! Your page is set up and ready to accept donations. Now you can start on the fun stuff [personalising your page](#) and [sharing it with your contacts](#).

Does your church have the will but not the way.....

If you need a rider or strider for the 2014 event then let us help you find one. Contact Claire Ragg on 07880 568946 or email Claire@everythingbutthetea.com



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