



# NEWSLETTER

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

## Fund Raising Reaches £87,000

We are thrilled to report that we have reached this level and it represents an increase of £12,000 since our last Newsletter. We are most grateful to the Ruan Revellers who donated the generous sum of £2,500 following their February 2024 pantomime - Dick Whittington. During the year we have had four musical events with Jazz in the Garden, Jazz evenings at the Village Hall and the Cadgwith Singers performing at Grade and these have raised over £2,800. We are pleased to be supported by Annie Wood who is raising funds for both churches and our Buy A Slate on Just Giving is continuing.

A grant application has been made to the National Churches Trust and we have reached Stage 2 and should hear whether or not we have been successful towards the end of July. We are also receiving help from Cornwall Council's Strategic Historic Environment Team for a pre-application enquiry to the Heritage Lottery Fund. It is very important to get a positive indication that an application would be appropriate and we hope that Lottery Funding will enable us to significantly improve the churchyard, byway approach to Grade Church and the enjoyment of visitors as a whole. We are hoping to do some planting reflecting the heritage of the Cornish landscape and make the church surroundings a welcoming and sensory experience.

It has been a long hard winter and the church roof has suffered, inflation is sending the cost of the work higher and higher at approximately £190,000 for the Phase One roofing works. We are so grateful to all those who support our fundraising efforts.



# SEARCH SEVEN CHOOSES GRADE

By Annie Woods

Senior Paid Media Executive at Search Seven

I'm part of the team at Search Seven, a search marketing agency who are committed to making a positive impact. We pledge 7% of our profits to charity each year because our close-knit team has a passion for giving back.

Our latest initiative, the #Share177 campaign, aims to raise £177,000 for charity! All of our 15 charities, each lovingly selected by a member of the team, will benefit from the funds raised.

I'm pleased to share that I've chosen The Friends of St Ruan and St Grade as my charity. These churches hold special memories for me, having grown up in Ruan Minor and Cadgwith and attending Grade Ruan primary school.

Some of these include shuffling into the Church every Friday morning to sing hymns with my friends and sneaking the sweets from my orange during the annual Christingle service. I find it so sad to see such an

important part of our culture in such desperate need of care and I'm so happy that I can do my bit to help save these beautiful buildings.

In addition to our team fundraising, each year, every team member undertakes an individual challenge to fundraise for just their charity. For my challenge, I set out to complete 200,000 steps throughout January. It was quite a task for someone like me who spends most days at a desk 9-5! Despite the rain and early darkness, I surpassed my goal taking **over 263,000 steps** – roughly 110 miles. Together with Gift aid we have raised £573 so far!

**If you'd like to show your support my fundraiser is still open!**

**Simply hover over the QR code with your phone camera and tap the link to contribute online – every little helps!**

I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported my fundraiser so far, especially my mum Sharon who joined me on many of those steps, my dad Antony and my great gran Betty for spreading the word and collecting donations.





**DOUBLE THE FUN**  
Saturday 6th July

# ANGELA'S TEAS

**The Old Post Office**

**2 - 5.00 pm**

**Cream Teas, Cakes & Raffle**

Come Along Bring a Friend

**Raffle Drawn at 5.00 pm**

(Raffle Tickets on sale at both events and at The Store, Ruan Minor)

**There will be Flowers in the Church**



# Music in the Rec

**Come and relax at the Pavilion listening to a  
selection of music from local musicians**

**2 - 4.00 pm**

Also join the Tea Party at Angela's

**All Proceeds for the St Grade Roof Appeal**

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