



Newsletter March 2012

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Dear Member

This is the first of a new-format newsletter. Your committee feels that we need to communicate with our members more frequently than twice a year (Spring newsletter and Annual Report). So the plan is to have a short newsletter three times a year plus the Annual Report so you will hear from us quarterly. I am delighted that Toby Wood has agreed to pull each edition together. With superb timing you will notice that we are doing this just as the cost of postage is due to rise! But for future issues we plan to e-mail the newsletter to those members whose e-mail addresses we have.

Henry Duckett, David Jost and Toby Wood are currently extremely busy bringing the exciting "Peterborough and its villages in Detail" project to fruition, so I do hope you will subscribe to it. And I look forward to seeing you at our Chairman's Evening on 22nd May and our summer visits. Please use the booking form over the page.

Peter Lee Chairman

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to these new members who have joined the Society in the last six months:

- Paul and Gerrie Ballard of Netherton
- Roger and Patricia Dangerfield of Oundle Road
- Chris and Claire Dawson of Thorpe Road
- Mr & Mrs John Miller of Longthorpe
- Bill and Dinah Watkins of Orton Longueville
- David and Caroline Worth of Longthorpe

A special welcome to a new Corporate member:

- Engineering Services Partnership Ltd – Darryl Kent

HENRY PENN WALK

**Henry Penn Walk plaque unveiling
Thursday 10th May – 12.30 p.m.**

There will be a gathering on Thursday 10th May at 12.30pm for the unveiling of a plaque to Henry Penn the 18th Century Peterborough bell-founder. It is sited at the Town Bridge end of Henry Penn Walk on the City Centre side of the river. The plaque is the product of joint efforts by your society and Michael Lee, historian of Henry Penn and tower captain of Fotheringhay Church bell-ringers. There will be a couple of pieces performed by the Castor Hand Belles and a résumé of the life of Henry Penn So if you are in town on the 10th May do join us!

Other forthcoming events and dates for your diary INSIDE



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SUMMER VISITS 2012

Tuesday 19th June 2012: Walk and Talk at Nene Park

James McCulloch is the Chief Executive of Nene Park Trust and will be our host.
The programme is:

6.30 p.m.: tea/ coffee at The Green Café

6.45 p.m.: Meet at John Horrell Room (in the visitor centre next door to the café) for outside tour followed by PowerPoint presentation and questions

Cost: £2.50 per person

Wednesday 11th July 2012: Guided Tour of Apethorpe Hall

Apethorpe Hall is one of England's great country houses, playing host to Queen Elizabeth 1, King James 1 and King Charles 1. After years of neglect and decay the Jacobean mansion fell into total disrepair until 2004 when English Heritage stepped in and undertook a massive programme of repair with a view to its eventual sale. We will have a tour by one of English Heritage's knowledgeable guides.

Meet at Apethorpe Hall at 3.15 p.m. for our 3.30 p.m. tour. Possible car-share - see booking form.

Cost: £7.50 per person

PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM REOPENS

On **Saturday 31st March** Peterborough Museum is re-opening following extensive refurbishment.

The Museum is recognised as one of the city's most popular attractions – drawing in tens of thousands of visitors each year. It is also one of the city's most historic buildings, dating back to Georgian times. In order to improve their service, and provide visitors with an even better experience, they have carried out some essential restoration work.

They've also radically redesigned some of the Museum's exhibition galleries to display more of the 227,000 items they have in their collections and offer a more hands-on and interactive experience. It should be interesting to see the improvements.



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Chairman's Evening

You are invited to a Peterborough Civic Society 60th anniversary special event:

ENGLAND'S HISTORIC CHURCHES: the greatest conservation challenge?

A talk by Matthew Saunders M.B.E.

Secretary, Ancient Monuments Society

Director, Friends of Friendless Churches

**In the Becket Chapel, (beside the Norman Arch)
Minster Precincts
Peterborough PE1 1XS**

**Tuesday 22nd May 2012
7.00 for 7.30 p.m.**

Tickets: £5

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The Ancient Monument Society is a consultee on all proposals to demolish listed buildings and the Friends of Friendless Churches has taken on the ownership of more than 40 churches which have closed but are too important to be demolished. In addition to these roles, Matthew Saunders has recently completed a term as Trustee of the Heritage Lottery Fund. Author of books and articles on subjects ranging from railway architecture to the adaptation of churches for new uses, he was awarded his MBE in 1998 for services to Architectural Conservation.

Note: Parking (other than for disabled people) is not available in the Precincts, but attendees will be able to access the Chapel from both Cathedral Square and Midgate/Wheel Yard.



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PLANNING UPDATE

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BOOKING FORM

Name Tel

22nd May: Chairman's Evening: England's Historic Churches

Please reserve me tickets at £5 each (cheque enclosed)

19th June: Nene Park Walk and Talk

Please reserve me..... places at £2.50 each (cheque enclosed)

11th July: Apethorpe Hall guided tour

Please reserve meplaces at £7.50 each (cheque enclosed)

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