



The Friends of  
Newport Minster

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### 'Vision of the Minster' exhibition

We owe a real debt of gratitude to all competitors, judges sponsors and organisers of the successful Minster Summer Photo Competition. Thanks to their hard work, hundreds of visitors were able to enjoy the treat of seeing fifty outstanding new views of the Minster exhibited in the South Aisle from June to September. The winning entry was Nick Kidd's stunning image of the Minster at sunset. Runners-up were Roger East and Vanessa Harris. Their prizes were presented by Minster trustee Rodney Hogg at the annual IW Photographer of the Year Awards held at the Quay Arts Centre last month.

These beautiful images have excited a great deal of interest and favourite views are now available as a set of five postcards The Friends will be showing the Vision of the Minster exhibition again in the New Year, by popular request.

### Christmas at the Minster: a Time for Celebration



Mary Snell

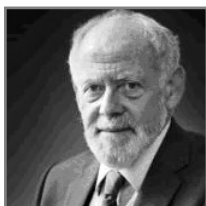
Advent is here and our hard-working builders are close to completing essential roofing repairs. Dust screens are down and the North Aisle are beginning to be filled with visitors to a host of busy Christmas events. Packs of the popular new Christmas card by M.Snell, are now available from the Minster Bookshop.

Special dates for your diary:

- 11<sup>th</sup> December 1900: Hospice Carol Service
- 15<sup>th</sup> December 1900: Turn Up and Sing Messiah
- 17<sup>th</sup> December 1000: Newport C of E Primary Christmas Service, 1900: Minster Carol Service
- 24<sup>th</sup> December 1300: IW Public Services service, 1500: Minster Christingle Service

Sincere thanks to our exhibitors and visitors for their cheerfulness in coping with months of debris and changed arrangements. And especially to the cleaning volunteers for keeping all the dust and dirt under control during this difficult period.

### Strong new support for the Campaign



English Heritage

Professor Sir Barry Cunliffe CBE spoke at the Minster last May about the new dig at Brading Roman Villa. We are delighted to say that he recently agreed to serve as a Vice Patron of the Newport Minster Renewal Campaign. As an English Heritage Commissioner and chairman of its Advisory Committee, Sir Barry brings a wealth of experience and wisdom to his new role. He will be most valuable ally for the exciting challenges ahead.

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### Future Proofing



Roger East

One of the most valuable ways you can help the Appeal is by making a specific gift to the Renewal Fund in your Will. This gift will not only help secure the funding of future phases but will help build a Fund to pay for essential works, repairs can then be undertaken as need arises, instead of leaving a much bigger problem for our successors in 50 years time.

If you could be interested in helping us in this way, please call Penny Codd, Campaign Officer, in confidence on 01983 559257.

### Phase IV



Michael Taylor

The blackened stonework on north exterior is in a poor state and work is due to start soon after Easter 2010 at an estimated cost of £255,000, grants from English Heritage and other sources will cover nearly £140,000 of this sum and a number of other grant applications have been made.

As for the earlier phases, the rest must be raised from your excellent support of events, renewal pledges and donations. Please call the Campaign Office (01983 559257) if you would like to talk about how you can help.

Online, it is very easy to make a donation through [justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com) either in your name, or anonymously.

### Calling all Musicians



Newport Minster will be holding a special evening of musical entertainment in March to raise funds for the Renewal Programme. Organizers of the event hope that it will encourage the performers and their friends to see the church not only as part of Newport's heritage but also as the great performance venue that it is.

Anyone who plays an instrument or sings is welcome to be part of this event: for more information about it please contact Tina Byers on 07805 272 745.

### Make your bill make a difference!



Newport Minster has recently reduced its running costs by buying gas, electricity and phone services through the Utility Warehouse Discount Club\*\*.

Under the Utility Warehouse charity fundraising scheme for every Minster supporter joining the Discount Club the Minster Appeal also receive a percentage of your (reduced) bill for every month you remain a Club member.

To find out more about how to **Make Your Bill Make a Difference** to yourself and to the Minster Appeal, call 0800 13 13 000 today or visit

[www.show-me-how-2-save.co.uk](http://www.show-me-how-2-save.co.uk)

\*\* Which? magazine voted The Utility Warehouse Discount Club "Best Supplier" for Gas and Electricity (Oct '09) and "Best Buy" for telephone and broadband (Feb '09).

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