

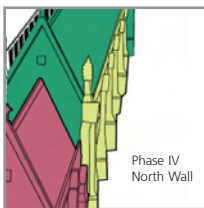


Campaign Newsletter  
Spring 2010



### Pompey Chimes Salutes 'Vision for Entire Island'

It's not often that the Isle of Wight gets its own centre spread, but the Renewal Campaign was given this wonderful recognition in last month's Diocesan Newspaper. As well as describing the three Phases of important work already completed and about to start on the next Phase 4, the feature paid special tribute to the Minster's fast-expanding role in the Island community. This included an incredible 88 events of all kinds hosted in the church in 2009, a seven-fold increase over the first three years of the Campaign.



### Phase Four Postponed

Unfortunately the Pompey Chimes feature turns out to be incorrect. Despite all the very encouraging progress, and even with a firm promise of English Heritage grant funding for the next Phase, we still need to raise the money to match this. But because other Grant income has recently fallen disappointingly short of projections, we cannot after all go ahead with Phase 4 (North Wall) works as planned, after Phase 3 (North Roof) is completed this month.

We are redoubling our fundraising efforts in the hope that this next Phase can begin without many months' delay. New offers of help and support are being requested from all of our Friends and supporters to keep up momentum for the programme.



### The Minster Transformed

This March saw Music at the Minster, a sensational evening of 16 musical acts including a salsa band, didgeridoo players, bagpipes and classical performers! Hosted by IW Radio's Chris Browning, the event was organised by Tina Byers of the Pan Neighbourhood Partnership with a superb buffet provided by community group Pan Together. In thanking everyone afterwards, Tina said "It just shows - there is a tremendous amount of musical talent on the Island".

The event raised more than £1,800 for the Minster Renewal fund. It was supported by Stage Gear, Newport Parish Council and UK Entertainment as well as IW photographers and volunteers from the Renewal Campaign.



### **New Bishop Makes His First Visit**

The next Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt. Revd. Christopher Foster ended his first tour of the diocese last February with a visit to Newport Minster. He was introduced by the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight to the Lord Lieutenant, Maj. Gen. Martin White, the then High Sheriff, Gay Edwards, the Chairman and the Leader of the Isle of Wight Council, as well as Newport Parish clergy and lay worshippers. Bishop Festus Yeboah-Asuamah conveyed greetings from the Anglican Church in Ghana. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Christopher again on Sunday 19th September, the day after his installation, both as our Bishop and. We hope he will also agree to take on the role of Vice Patron of the Friends of Newport Minster.



### **Fundraising Event: Lord Digby Jones**

Lord Jones has generously agreed to be our guest speaker at this major fundraising event to be held in Newport Minster on Friday October 8<sup>th</sup> 2010.

A popular and outspoken Director General of the CBI as Digby Jones, he served until last year as Minister of State for UK Trade & Investment in the Labour Government.

From this experience he gained a unique insight into corporate and political life, as well as a valuable perspective on future opportunities for UK business.



### **Street Wise**

Unless you frequent the High Streets of Newport or Ryde around closing time you may not have seen the amazing Island Street Pastors in action. These volunteers give young people an uncritical helping hand to protect them from the worst effects of late night binge drinking and street violence. Our excellent Archdeacon Caroline Baston is herself a qualified Street Pastor and attests to the respect the Pastors have gained.

The first graduation service and commissioning of new Street Pastors will take place in Newport Minster on Friday 28th May.

<http://www.iowstreetpastors.org.uk/>



### **IW Youth Concert Band team up with Adjutant General's Band**

This April's excellent concert performed to a tightly packed audience of over 350 people and 55 performers. Before the event, the Director of the Adjutant General Corps Band had kindly invited the entire IW Youth Concert Band to rehearse with them at their base in Worthy Down, Hampshire, an unforgettable experience for these young Island musicians. The youngest IWYCB member was just 9 years old!

After the two bands had performed a wide range of popular military band music together, a retiring collection raised nearly £800 to be shared between Newport Minster Renewal Campaign and Help for Heroes.

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