

## *The FRIENDS OF AYLESBEARE CHURCH*

Have you ever wondered how you can help to keep Aylesbeare's ancient and attractive church in a sound and "waterproof" condition for the years to come? Aylesbeare's Church Council has done wonders to pay for most of the expensive repairs which have recently been carried out to a standard approved by the Church of England for a Grade II listed building. These have included a new roof and re-rendering the whole of the west side of the tower, BUT the FRIENDS OF AYLESBEARE CHURCH have helped substantially towards these and other repairs and assistance for example:

2003/4	roof	£10,900
2008	gully at North Side	£5,000
20013	Tower	£5,000

Nearly £30,000 in total since 1982.

How have the Friends raised such large sums? Mainly through generous donations from Aylesbeare Parish residents since 1982, but also occasional fund raising in the Village Hall.

Who are these residents? Mainly people concerned that we in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century continue to keep our village church in good condition. But also business men and women and those who have been baptised, married or had a relative or friend laid to rest here. However, many donors are not Church of England worshippers, some are not of the Christian faith, but all feel that we should not be responsible for letting a beautiful and historic building fall into disrepair by neglect.

The funds raised by the Friends are not used to support church services, nor to pay for any running expenses or the salary of a vicar – we are independent of the local church council, but hope to be able to respond with financial assistance if and when requests come from the PCC.

Please think about joining the Friends to ensure that future maintenance work takes place before it is too late ... ring the present Treasurer Neil Lindup on 01395 232225, or drop in to see him at Caryes, Church Close. Or send an email to the Secretary at [houltfamily5@btinternet.com](mailto:houltfamily5@btinternet.com). The Friends have a proper constitution, their AGM is usually early in the New Year, when all are very welcome to attend. Donations can be "one off" but most now give an annual donation through a standing order and tax payers usually agree to Gift Aid. No one is obliged to continue their support when personal circumstances change.

**The Friends of St Mary' Church, Aylesbeare**

Please send your application form to the Treasurer:  
Neil Lindup, Caryes, Church Close, Aylesbeare, Exeter, EX5  
2BU  
Or Telephone: 01395 232 225 for a Standing Order Form.

I should like to make a donation of..... to the 'Friends'

Signed.....

As a UK Taxpayer, I should like this donation, and any future  
donations that I may make, to be considered under the Gift  
Aid scheme.

Signed.....

Name (caps).....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....