

## **CHURCH PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

Carbrooke Church is a vital part of the village, not only as a place of worship, but also as a beautiful and historic building, important within Carbrooke, Norfolk and even further afield!

Organisations which may have donated money for restoration work previously, are cutting back in the current economic climate. This comes at a time when the church Quinquennial inspection (a 5 yearly inspection to all churches to determine their state of repair, and any essential maintenance which must be carried out), and was carried out in 2012 gave us quite a list of essential work to be done.

The tower is in a dangerous state of repair, which may affect our permission to ring the bells in the near future.

Many of the windows are in desperate need of repair where the stonework has deteriorated, and the roof needs replacing in certain areas, (we already have leaks here and there). This may come as a bit of a shock to residents of Carbrooke who can remember the roof being replaced around 1990.

This is on top of general day to day running of the church, and doesn't include the niceties such as redecoration. Naturally, any work or repairs carried out in such a historic building, must be done in accordance with strict guidelines, and generates masses of paperwork!

The longshot of all this, is that Carbrooke Church needs to raise **£200,000** to carry out this work!

The task begins here.

### **CARBROOKE CHURCH PLUMBING! Or: 'SPEND A PENNY NOW'**

Believe it or not, Carbrooke Church doesn't have any plumbing! We have no running water. All water has to be carried to the church in containers, (including that to make your tea, coffee or squash). Perhaps this is our link with the past, although we are lucky to have plastic containers these days, instead of wooden or metal buckets. We have no drains, so used water must be 'thrown out.'

What we really miss though, is a **TOILET**, we do not have one of these either, which can makes things awkward for the elderly or disabled. (I believe children use their initiative if necessary!). This also makes hosting events (such as concerts or meetings) in the church a little awkward, when a trip to the village hall may be required during concert intervals.

And now, at long last Carbrooke Church has been granted permission to install a toilet and small kitchen area in the old Vestry. The only problem being, this will involve us raising another £25,000 on top of the repair bill we have. Building work in old churches always costs much more than similar work in a hall, school or domestic house.

You may have noticed the **CARBROOKE CHURCH TOILET** already.



We need to fill it....with money please!

We are beginning our money raising campaign.

Please give generously if you can, every little helps and you never know, one day you may need to use it!

**PLEASE NOTE This toilet is not plumbed in!**

**Please do not use it for the purpose it was intended!**