

Friends of St Britius Newsletter No 6 April 2011



"Stop the drips at St Brits"

Dear Friend(s)

Thank you to everyone for renewing your subscription to the Friends. Your support and commitment is vital to our activities and has raised over £500 in subscriptions alone.

Total fund raising to date is £26,488 which with the grants received to date makes a total of £51,000.

English Heritage Grant

Preliminary works: Following procedures laid down by English Heritage as a condition of their grant support, our architect, Andrew Townsend has commissioned various investigative studies involving timber experts, etc., to survey the work required to establish precisely what needs to be done to replace the roof. Once this survey is completed and submitted to English Heritage later this year and a faculty for the main work granted, the north roof and the chancel can be re-roofed during 2012.

As the English Heritage grant will only cover the north slope and chancel roof we have applied for a grant from WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited) towards the cost of replacing the nave roof.

Successful Fund Raising Events

Raise the Roof Concert on Saturday 5th February

The church was full for this concert given by members of Charity Opera, Claire and Stephen Barratt, and Jonathan Todd with Linda Ang on piano. It was not only well supported but very enjoyable, the singers were excellent and the way they introduced the pieces from opera, Gilbert and Sullivan, and musicals was very good and informative. Delicious food was prepared by the fund raising team, huge thanks to them all for organising this event which raised £416.

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Race Night on Saturday 19th March

This was another great turnout of the village, making a really good social event which raised the huge sum of **£650**. It was really good fun, with great food once again, and it was great to see so many young people enjoying themselves and supporting us. One horse never even managed to leave the start line, but hey-ho it was all on the throw of the dice! Many thanks to Jackie Bellenger and her rels. for all the organisation and to the fund raising team again for the preparation of the food and hall.



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Ongoing

Foxbury Farm Dog Bones

If you get dog bones from Foxbury Farm Shop you are invited to put some small change in a collecting box at the till for "Stop the Drips at St Brits". This has so far raised **£482.94** and is ongoing. Many thanks to Di & Colin Dawes for this.

Coming Events

Garage Sale on Monday 2nd May



Start at St Britius Church where maps will be available (priced £1). Refreshments, cakes and donated items will be on sale at the church.



Villagers can enter their garage sale/stall for £5 contact Jackie Bellenger at A K Timms to book. Tel: 842172. The deadline for payment and to have your details on the village map is Monday 25th April. Stallholders keep any money they take.

There will be a village garage sale on Bank Holiday Monday, May 2nd, between 11 am and 3 pm. The cost to hold a sale in your garage/drive or garden will be £5 which covers publicity including an annotated map of each venue. Stall holders keep any money that they take.

There will be refreshments, a cake stall and a "garage" stall at the church where the maps will be on sale for £1

Bluebell Walk on Sunday 8th May

Members of the fund raising team will be taking part in the annual charity walk organised by Rotary Club of Burford and Windrush Valley . If you would like to sponsor them please contact Jackie Bellenger (842172). If you would like to take part the complete circuit is approximately 8 miles

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and starts at Charlbury railway station from 9 am. Sponsor forms are available in church and you might like to liaise with Jackie Bellenger (842172).

Opera in the Garden on Saturday 14th May at 6 pm

Fill the picnic hamper, chill the wine, collect rugs or picnic chairs and a table and get to Grange Farm, Burford Road, Brize Norton in good time to get the best spot in the garden. There will be parking on the hard standing by the barns next door with kind permission of the Barnett family. Charity Opera will be singing from 7 pm till 9 to 9.30 pm. There will be a raffle with a hamper as the main prize and extra drinks will be available for a donation. Children over 12 are welcome and the tickets are £12.50 from Lucy Artus (843713) and Jackie Bellenger (842172).

Brize Norton Village Gardens in aid of the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday 5th June

Twelve village gardens will be open on Sunday 5th June between 1 and 6 pm. The main beneficiaries are the NGS charities and Brize Norton village organisations, the church, over sixties, WI and brownies. Lucy Artus is serving large cups of tea and cakes at Grange Farm in aid of the Roof Fund and WI in aid of their funds at the Elderbank Hall, so there are two opportunities to refresh yourself while viewing the gardens. There will be a Flower Festival in church with donations in the plate going to "Stop the Drips" as will the collection at the Songs of Praise Service at 7 pm after the gardens have closed. This is a lovely service of hymns chosen by the congregation and readings with a garden theme. Refreshments will be served. You would be very welcome.

Foxbury Farm Open Day on Sunday 12th June from 10 am to 4 pm

This year we are sharing the gate money with the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund, but if it's a fine day this should still raise approx. £1,000 for us alone. We will have volunteers manning the gate and organising the car parking and entry is a donation of £2.50 for adults, children free. Lots of activities will be taking place and of course there will be lots of farm animals to see.

St Brits Ball on Friday 17th June at Witney Lakes

We would like to thank all the businesses sponsoring tables at the ball. Their names are on the posters and tickets for this great event. Do come, it is chance to dress up, enjoy a hot two course meal, dance to "Breeze" - a live band - and enjoy good company. Arrival is at 7 pm for 7.30 pm, carriages at 12.30 am. Tickets are £35 from Tammy Howard (846123) or Jackie Bellenger (842172).



Opera in the garden
Saturday May 14th at 6 pm
In aid of "Stop the Drips at St Brits" roof appeal

Bring a picnic and listen to 'Charity Opera' sing popular pieces from musicals and operettas

Grange Farm, Burford Road, Brize Norton
Tickets £12.50
available from Lucy Artus 01993 843713
or Jackie Bellenger at A K Timms

Black tie optional
Raffle: first prize - luxury picnic hamper
Not suitable for children under 12



St Brits Ball
at Witney Lakes Resort
Friday June 17th 2011
7 for 7.30 'til 12.30

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Two course
hot dinner and
a live band - "Breeze"
Black Tie

Tickets £35 each
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More info & tickets from
Tammy Howard (01993 846123) or
Jackie Bellenger at A K Timms (01993 842172)