

Friends of St Britius Newsletter No 12 October 2012



"Stop the drips at St Brits"

Dear Friend(s)

Now you can see the scaffolding towering over the roof, can you believe that we **did** it?!
We have raised sufficient money and been successful in applying for grants to make restoring the church roof a reality. The fund raising team and the people behind the grant applications have done a truly magnificent job and their reward is to see the scaffolding in place in just under three years. We thank all Friends of St Britius for their tremendous support during this period.



The same contractor will work on both phases and Phase 2 can start immediately following Phase 1 so that we have the whole project complete before the next bat breeding season. We are also saving money by scaffolding the whole of the church in one go.

The table shows the current financial position. Although the costs of Phase 1 are firm, we are still working on estimated figures for Phase 2 and reliant on English Heritage and the Diocese giving the go ahead. We are submitting our figures to English Heritage for Phase 2 and await receipt of their contract and grant monies. We are assuming recovery of the allowable VAT through the Listed Places of Worship (LPW) scheme. The recent news that WREN has offered a grant means that we can cover all the known costs.

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	Phase 1 North Face & Chancel	Phase 2 Nave & Porch	Total Project
Total costs Current estimate (including VAT)	£203,926	£187,934	£391,860
VAT reclaimable	£24,831	£22,883	£47,714
Grants Awarded	£172,753	£136,580	£309,333
Donations	£3,595	£5,234	£8,829
Fund Raising Roof Fund to Date	£2,747	£23,237	£25,984
Total Income!	£203,926	£187,934	£391,860

figures as at 18 October 2012

But we are not stopping here! We would like to keep the Friends actively involved, so we will continue the newsletters next year to keep you up to date with progress, so please stay with us!

Please also do come to a special **Thanksgiving Service** to say thank you to everyone involved. This will be on Sunday 4th November at 9.15 am, an appropriate day to celebrate being our Patronal Festival (St Brit's Day) and Back to Church Sunday. It is designed for all ages, so absolutely everyone will be welcome, including all children who have been baptised in church and all couples who have married at St Britius. There will be refreshments including mulled wine.

Successful Fund Raising Events

Welsh 3,000's, Saturday 21st July

James and his team did very well and would have conquered all sixteen mountains except one member was injured and they all heroically accompanied him off the mountain. They did however raise **£356** including gift aid. Well done!



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Horticultural Show & Cricket Festival, Monday 27th August

The fund raising team provided bacon butties to keep out the cold, wind and rain and filled rolls for lunch. Fred & Kath Bellenger ran a tombola stall and Bob & Margaret Watts an Aunt Sally. Total raised **£181.50**. Many thanks for their efforts.

Ride & Stride, Saturday 8th September

They were lucky with the weather! Jacquie Griffin, Jackie Bellenger, Tammy Howard, Dawn Humphris and Gill Paget walked 13 miles along the Windrush Valley visiting 18 churches and raised **£318 of which half comes to St Britius**. Again, well done! and thanks to everyone who manned our church for all the riders and striders.

St Brit's Ball, Friday 21st September

What can one say? A huge success again thanks to Tammy and the team. The food was delicious, company good and the band great for dancing. Everyone had a great time and we raised the magnificent sum of **£2,497 with additional monies still due**.



Coming Events

Bingo, Tuesday 23rd October at Elderbank Hall



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Tuesday 23rd October
Elderbank Hall
Doors Open 6.30 pm for
Eyes Down at 6.45 pm
Bingo Books
£2.50 for 5 games
Flyers £1
Raffle & Refreshments
Children welcome

 in aid of "Stop the Drips at St Brits"

Accessories Swap Party, Tuesday 13th November 8 pm at The Chequers

"STOP THE DRIPS AT ST BRIT'S"



ACCESSORIES SWAP PARTY

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13th
8 PM AT THE CHEQUERS

Come along and have a drink and browse through a selection of donated items such as jewellery, scarves, bags, belts, hats etc. One person's unwanted gift can be another's lucky find!

If you like something, just put a donation in the pot. With Christmas just round the corner, it's an excellent opportunity to stock up on presents.

And don't forget.....if you have any items to donate, please drop anything off BEFORE the evening to Charlotte at The Chequers. Thankyou!

ALL WELCOME

Following the success of the last Accessories Swap Party, the fund raising committee are planning another one for Tuesday November 13th. Therefore if any of you are going through your things and doing a bit of a clear-out, please hang on to any jewellery, scarves, bags and belts that you no longer want and would like to donate. You can take anything to Charlotte Taylor at the Chequers and she will store them until November. Shoes, boots and some clothes are also welcome but only those in the very best condition as most people do not want to be bothered to try things on. Then on the night, all the lovely items will be displayed in the side room in the Chequers and anyone can come and browse. If there is something you like, you just put a donation in the pot. With Christmas just around the corner, this is an excellent opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents for friends, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, nieces etc.

Don't forget, Sunday 4th November at 9.15 am
- come and give thanks for a job well done!