Friends of St Britius Newsletter No 8 October 2011



"Stop the drips at St Brits"

Dear Friend(s)

Successful Fund Raising Events

Cricket Festival and Horticultural Show on Monday 29th August

The BBQ on Bank Holiday Monday run by the Fund Raising Team raised **£329** thanks to a lot of hard work with the team cooking all day long. Aunt Sally raised **£60** (thanks to Bob and Margaret Watts) and Name the Bear **£31** (thanks to Jane at the Chequers who donated the huge bear).

Ride and Stride on Saturday 10th September

Our grateful thanks to Team St Brits, Jacquie Griffin, Jackie Bellenger, Pat Finlayson, Tammy Howard, Ruth Taylor and Jill & Georgina Pagett who visited 18 churches on their bikes, riding 25 miles through Oxon and Glos. The rain showers conveniently coincided with their lunch stop at Lechlade Garden Centre. In total they raised £475, exactly half of which comes direct to St Brits, the rest to Historic Churches Trust which has already given us a grant and may do so again.



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Quiz Night at the Chequers on Sunday 2nd October

Another enjoyable quiz night at the Chequers raised £155. Our thanks go to Jane and her staff at the Chequers for their continuing support. The collecting box on the bar has raised £156.77 in total so far.

Also 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 on the counter for "Stop the Drips at St Brits". This has so far raised **£549.37** and is ongoing. Many thanks to Di & Colin Dawes for this.

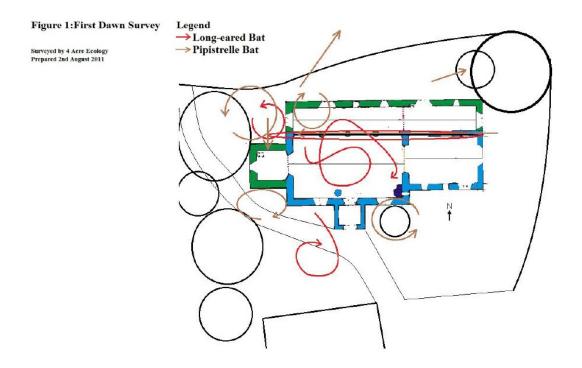
Collection tin at A K Timms & Sons

This has raised £115. Many thanks to Jackie Bellenger and all at Timms.

Grants and timing of re-roofing

The first phase (north slope and chancel roof) will be covered by grants totalling £195,000 and fund raising of £25,615. The estimated cost of phase 2 (nave and porch) is £157,226, with grants so far of £15,500 and £6,235 fund raising. With pre-existing funds of £6,950 this leaves us still £128,540 to raise, although English Heritage are considering a second grant for us, the outcome should be known by Christmas.

The architect is working on the tenders for the phase 1 work. The re-roofing cannot start until September next year as we have to wait in case any bats are maternity roosting.



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Coming Events

Hippocampus Evening on Tuesday 1st November at Grange Farm

Lucy Artus is holding a Hippocampus Evening at Grange Farm on Tuesday 1 November, 7 - 9.30 pm. There will be a chance to buy seasonal gifts, jewelry, children's toys, photo frames, handbags and accessories, ceramics, garden and home wares. Ten percent will go to the roof fund. This is a great opportunity to get ahead with buying Christmas presents. Mulled wine will be served and there will be a raffle. Lucy's telephone 843713.

Pudding Night on Saturday 19th November at 6.30 pm

This will be held in the Elderbank Hall and will include a competition to find the best pudding. You have the chance to enter your pudding and/or test all the other entries during the course of the evening. You can also play bingo in between sampling these puddings.



Cheese & wine, and flower arranging evening on Friday 2 December

This will be held in church at 7.30 pm. There will be a demonstration of arranging Christmas flowers and/or garlands and cheese and wine will be served. Tickets are £5 from Jackie Bellenger (842172).

Christmas Season Social and Christmas Draw on Tuesday 20 December

We shall be serving wine, beer and Christmas nibbles from 7.30 pm in church which will be candlelit and decorated for Christmas. Raffle tickets will be on sale for the Christmas Draw which will take place that evening. The first prize will be a Christmas Hamper. There will be Christmas music, a slide show and fairy lights. Safari Supper tickets will also be on sale.



Events to look out for in the New Year

Safari Supper on Friday 3 February 2012 Pancake Supper on Tuesday 21 February 2012 in Elderbank Hall Details in the next newsletter

Planned for later in 2012

Golf Tournament Clay Pigeon Shoot Pub Grub Menu Competition, courtesy of the "Chequers", Queen's Jubilee - Beer Festival with The Sports & Social Club on May 27, courtesy of the "Masons Arms" Cream Teas in Painswick House Garden next July Bridge Lunch Opera in the Garden