

Friends of St Britius Newsletter No 1 January 2010



Stop the drips at St Brit's

Dear Friend

Happy New Year and Thank You

A new year, a new venture (this newsletter) and already it is heart warming to report so much fund raising activity for "Stop the drips at St Brit's", our Roof Project.

We would like to thank the following for their most generous donations:

Rosemary & Mike Day
Len and Joyce Duke
Mr & Mrs Roger Eason
Phil & Mary Holmes
Mrs Charlie Pelling
Colin Rowlinson
Cliff & Maggie Smith
Mrs Kath Timms

We wish to record a very generous donation from Julie Smith just before her sad death and to thank her family for including the church in the collection for charities at her funeral service.

Collections for "Stop the drips" were also made at the Songs of Praise Service after the Flower Festival in June (£130), SPCC Foxbury Farm Nativity (£250) and our Candlelit Carol Service at Christmas (£214). Thank you to everyone who gave at these services.

**Total donations and collections to date:
£3,513**

Fund Raising

Fund raising activities got off to a good start in the autumn with the Historic Churches (OHCT) Ride & Stride Sponsored event. Participants included Rev James Maddern, Chris Cook, Jacquie Griffin, Jackie Bellenger, Tammy Howard, Ruth Taylor, Pat Finlayson, Katie Finlayson, Rosie Warrington, Gill and Georgina Pagett, Paula Abraham and Stan Hunt.



£451 of the money raised was for the Roof Fund. It was so good they are hoping to do a sponsored bike ride solely for St Britius now they have the route and the refreshment stops (pubs?) worked out!

Our thanks to Carolyn Peach for organizing the Spot the Leak raffle held at the cricket festival on August Bank Holiday Monday and on Back to Church/Patronal Festival Sunday, and to everyone who donated raffle prizes. This raised **£100**.

Our youngsters are also very keen to help and Katie Strongman and her friends ran a stall to ice and decorate biscuits at the Gateway School Christmas Fair (**£30**) and everyone from Sunday Club made and decorated delicious cakes to sell in church. Thanks to them all and in particular to Paula Abraham for the idea and her “artistic” talents (**£33**).

There is an ongoing sale of books donated by James Maddern in church and this with the sale of Christmas Cards has so far raised **£26**, and Phil & Mary’s holly sale raised **£34**.

**Total raised through Fund Raising to date:
£675**

Also ongoing is collecting 20 pence pieces to fill smartie tubes. This was promoted at the Christmas Services and the Family Service this month and we await the return of many filled tubes, there is a competition to see how many 20 pence pieces will fit into a tube. **£12.40** is the most so far!

There are many more smarties awaiting eating in church so please take one or two tubes if you can or ask any member of the Fund Raising Team to whom they should be returned. Thanks to Jackie Bellenger for providing the smarties and organizing this.

Pledges of Support

Nicola Luxton has a pledge of £500 from Air Tanker for when we reach the first phase target.

Fund Raising Working Party

Members include James Maddern, Joy Douglas, Nicola Luxton, Tammy Howard, Ruth Taylor, Jackie Bellenger, Nancy Barrington-Hines, Phil & Mary Gilham, Lucy Artus, Margaret & Roy Morris, Pat Finlayson, Bob Watts, Anne Hancock and Paula & Phil Abraham.

Grants Working Party

Members of this group, Jackie Griffin, Rosemary Day and Carolyn Peach are hard at work finding suitable grant aiding bodies and filling in application forms. Rosemary Day has obtained a donation from the Bartlett Taylor Trust Fund of £250, and has also asked for the help of Carterton Lions who have offered to assist through their Car Boot sale on 27 March.

**Grand total so far:
£4,188**

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www.brizenorton.org.uk/stbritiusroof**

<i>Coming Events</i>	
Tuesday 16 February Elderbank Hall 6 - 8 pm	Pancake Supper Tickets £5 adult, £2.50 child to include 2 pancakes with savoury or sweet fillings and a drink. Tickets from Rev James Maddern (Church), Jackie Bellenger (A K Timms), Tammy Howard (BN School) & Joy Douglas 842373
Saturday 27 March	Carterton Lions Car Boot Sale Details from Rosemary Day on 841026
Sunday 4 April Easter Family Service 9.15 am at St Britius	Sunday Club Cake Stall Details from Paula Abraham on 846025
Saturday 25 April at 2 pm	Car Treasure Hunt to be confirmed
Look out for in May	Participation in, or sponsorship of Windrush Valley Rotary Club 8 mile walk round Cornbury Park. Details from Jackie Bellenger 844671 Neolithic Marathon or Three Peak Challenge. Details from Rev James Maddern 844175

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF ST BRITIUS AND HELP "STOP THE DRIPS AT ST BRIT'S"

For an annual subscription of £10 (minimum) you will get a welcome pack containing a coloured print of St Britius Church, quarterly newsletters containing fund raising and other activities and how you can help support the church. You will receive our 2011 Calendar and have a chance to buy other items produced for fund raising purposes at a privileged price

To be a "Friend of St Britius" you do not need to be a member of the Church of England, you simply value St Britius Church and its role in the life of Brize Norton.

Friends of St Britius wish to preserve St Britius Church and ensure its future

Who should join?

Present and past residents of Brize Norton and their relations

Those who have been baptised or married in St Britius

Those with relations buried or remembered in our churchyard

Those associated with the village in some way

Servicemen and women from RAF Brize Norton

Veterans who served at RAF Brize Norton

Those having an association with RAF Squadron 99

ACT NOW

Complete a membership form (attached).

We encourage you to use our gift aid envelopes for your subscription/donation so we can claim the tax yielding 28 pence in the £ and therefore turning a £10 subscription into £12.82 for the Roof Project.

Completed membership forms together with your subscription should be returned to the Treasurer, Dr Phil Holmes at Church Farm House, Carterton Road, Brize Norton. Tel. 843856 for further information.

Cheques should be made payable to Brize Norton PCC. Monies can also be paid through online banking to Brize Norton PCC. Bank Sort Code 20-97-48 Acct No. 20205559