

Friends of St Britius Newsletter No 4 October 2010



"Stop the drips at St Brits"

Dear Friend(s)

More Fantastic News!

The total amount raised to date is

£35,088

This is an increase of £18,869 since our last newsletter. £8,000 of this is a grant promised from Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT) and £6,000 from All Churches Trust. We expect to hear around 15 December if we have got through the second round with English Heritage.

Successful Fund Raising Events

The Three Peaks Challenge, July 9th & 10th

All sponsor money is now in and the total was a magnificent **£1,884**. Very well done and many thanks to Team St Brits which included James Maddern, Phil Abraham, Jon Holmes, David Ashton, Phil Donigan, Andy Iwasiuk and 2 guys from Cotswold Camping Bicester.



For online donations and all news and updates see our special website at
www.brizenorton.org.uk/stbritiusroof

Smartie Collection

The final total was £1,032. A massive thank you to everyone who contributed.

Horticultural Show & Cricket Festival, August 30th

At the very last minute the fund raising team organised to run the hot dog and burger stall and, in spite of a minor mishap with spitting fat, worked hard all day cooking and raised £317.30, many thanks to them all. The treasure map and aunt sally raised £40, thanks to Bob, Margaret and Joy.

Historic Churches Ride and Stride, September 11th

This year, to be different, the team of Jacquie Griffin, Jackie Bellenger, Tammy Howard, Ruth Taylor, Pat Finlayson and Gill Pagett decided to walk between the churches in Oxford rather than ride their bikes. They visited 21 churches and raised £347, half of which goes to OHCT and half to St Brits. Many thanks to them all for "striding" all that way.

Harvest Supper, September 25th

This was another successful social event for the village, providing a two course meal with wine to the accompaniment of the group - Saxophony. Everyone had an enjoyable evening and the tickets and raffle together raised £515. We would like to thank everyone who came, everyone who helped and the band who gave their services in return for home made apple pie etc.! We also thank Foxbury Farm for giving us a generous discount on their home cooked ham and other produce.



Chocaholics Party, October 6th

Over £500 of chocolate was sold, and 10% of that we can spend on chocolate to sell and use at the Christmas Bazaar (see below). Many thanks to Jackie Bellenger for organising this event.

Ongoing

Foxbury Farm Dog Bones Collection

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 **£361** and is ongoing. Many thanks to Di & Colin Dawes for this.

Coming Events

Accessories Swap Party, November 9th

Lucy Artus is holding this event at her house, Grange Farm, on Tuesday November 9th at 7.30 pm. She would like any jewellery, scarves, belts, handbags, hats, gloves, shoes, etc., if possible a few days before. Then on the night you may take whatever you like for a donation. If you can't come then please just donate, if you have nothing to donate then please just come.

Christmas Cards and Calenders

We have produced two different packs of four different Christmas cards (£2.25 per pack or £4 for a pack of each), gift tags (10 for £1) and 2011 calenders (£5) which include school term dates, bank holidays and festivals plus 2012 preview. These will be on sale at the Chequers, Masons Arms, A K Timms and in church and also at the Christmas Bazaar (see below).



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
ON THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER
FROM 6.30 PM
IN ST BRITIUS CHURCH



Enjoy a free glass of mulled wine
while you browse a selection of gifts for sale:
handicrafts, cakes, pickles and preserves,
mince pies, sausage rolls,
Christmas cards and calenders

Lucky Dip, Name the Reindeer, Tombola, Raffle
Decorate a biscuit and other children's activities



Do come and enjoy!
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Please look out for and support the following

Tuesday November 9th	Accessories Swap Party at Grange Farm 7.30 pm	Contact: Lucy Artus 843713
Thursday December 2nd	Christmas Bazaar in church from 6.30 pm	Contact: Jackie Bellenger 844671
Saturday February 5th 2011	"Raise the Roof" Concert in church 7.30 pm	Tickets £5 includes drink & nibbles
Friday May 14th 2011	"Opera in the Garden" at Grange Farm 6.30 for 7 pm	Tickets £12.50. Contact: Lucy Artus 843713
Saturday June 17th 2011	St Brits Ball at Witney Lakes	Tickets £35

"RAISE THE ROOF"

ON SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

AT 7.30 PM

IN ST BRITIUS CHURCH



Performance



by Charity Opera
of popular pieces from
operettas & musicals

Tickets £5 include wine and nibbles.
Tickets from Jacquie at Timms and Phil Holmes
in church



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Christmas Church Services

Sunday 12th December - 3.30 pm - Foxbury Farm Nativity
will be different this year with all the children taking part
on the day, some with speaking parts. Come dressed as shepherds,
kings, angels, camels, donkeys, little people of Bethlehem, etc.
Tickets to include a hot drink and mince pie £4.

Sunday 19th December - 6 pm - Candelit Carol Service at St Britius
all children welcome to come dressed as nativity people/animals
Coffee and hot mince pies.

Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass - 11.30 pm.

Christmas Day - Family Communion Service - 9.15 am
children may bring their presents to show.