

Stop the Drips At St Brits  
Minutes of the Fund raising meeting held on Monday February 28<sup>th</sup>  
2011

**PRESENT** James, Ann, Tammy, Nicola, Bob, Lucy, Pat, Ruth and Jackie

**APOLOGIES** Rosemary, Dawn and Nancy

**UPDATE**

The total raised currently stands at £38,700. A fantastic amount that we should all be very pleased with.

**Raise the Roof feedback** – The evening was very enjoyable and was very well supported. The singers were excellent and the way they introduced each piece was very good and informative. We had some very good feedback from people who attended. The evening raised £416

Pat to ask Dawn if she has sent a thank you to the singers

Pat emailed the Witney Gazette and managed to get the evening advertised in a side column free of charge. We will try this for more events in the future

**RACE NIGHT**

Posters are now up and tickets on sale. If anyone wants to buy a horse, Jackie is selling the tickets. For general admission Jackie, Phil and Tammy are selling tickets. Meet at the hall to set up at 6pm. We will need to set out chairs and tables, prepare the food and mark out the race track on the floor. Please come along and help if you can.

Several committee members offered to donate homemade chutney for the ploughmans supper. Jackie will sort out the rest of the food once numbers are known. We will use paper plates to cut down on washing up

We will have a raffle. Also a short game such as “heads’n’tails” or “roll-a-pound”.

**GARAGE SALES**

Jackie already has the money for 1 garage entry and has names of 4 others

We will sell refreshments from church – tea and biscuits

We will also have a cake stall in church and sell the maps for £1

We will also collect donations of items that we can sell on our own table, like we did for the car boot sale last year

Pat, Tammy, Nicola and Jackie all offered to be in church. Other members wanted to open their garages

We will put up posters and do a village leaflet drop during the first week of April

We will ask Phil to do half a dozen posters and Jackie will run off some little fliers for the door to door drop

### **OPERA IN THE GARDEN**

At the same time as the garage sale leaflet drop we will deliver an "opera in the garden" flier. Jackie will pinch Phils design from the last newsletter and print them off. One of the fliers will be on a different colour paper.

Lucy has been thinking about the details she wants on the posters and will discuss this with Phil.

Tickets will be sold by Lucy and Jackie. £12.50 each, children over 12 years old welcome. Gates open 6pm, singing start around 7pm. To end around 9/9.30pm. It can't go on much later as it will be too dark. Parking will be on the hard standing by the barns next door to Lucys with kind permission from the Barnetts.

The singers are coming to assess the garden but we would like to sell between 100 and 150 tickets.

Lucy is emailing all her contacts as well as her husband's contacts with an aim of trying to attract different people rather than always asking the same people.

Portaloos are booked and will be in the field

Raffle tickets will be sold on the gate and someone will wander around selling more

Lucy will have extra drinks available in return for a donation should someone either forget theirs or run out

We really need some more raffle prizes. Lucy would like to make up a hamper as the main prize. It was decided that she would write to shops that sell food and get small donations to build up a bigger prize.

At the next meeting we will need to decide how many volunteers we have for car parking, raffle ticket selling and collecting the tickets on the gate etc.

### **ST BRITS BALL**

Poster are planned as we now have 17 business sponsoring the tables at £25.00 each. We would like to get their names on the advertising.

We have so far received the deposits for 30 tickets. We have lots of names of people wanting to come but are yet to see any cash.

Tammy will see Phil with the details for the posters and also the tickets. We would like, if possible, a card ticket that has the gift aid form on the back. Lucy will also see if she can do this with the opera tickets

Arrival will be 7pm, seated at 7.30pm carriages at 12.30

We don't yet know what time we can arrive to set things up but imagine we could pop up in the afternoon to sort out seating plans, balloons etc. Tammy will find out

### **PARISH VACATIONS**

Pat has had an email which states that they are looking for an American church based group to come and visit us. The do stress that due to the general economic climate the programme has been substantially curtailed

### **BLUEBELL WALK**

This will take place on Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>

### **OTHER**

Ruth is going to look into holding a tenpin bowling or skittles night, although we are not sure how we could make a great deal of money from it

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> is gardens open day but we have no big ideas of what we could do on this day

Nicola is going to look into organising a coach trip to Ladies Day at Ascot

Keith and Jane have expressed that they would like to get more events going in the pub and would like to get another quiz night organised

Jackie will get in touch with the cricket club and tell them that we would like to do the barbecue at the fete on August bank holiday Monday. We will also try and come up with some more things we could do on this day

Someone was going to look into holding a wine tasting night but I have omitted to record who said that?

At the next meeting Jackie will produce a list of events that we have not yet covered from the original list made over a year ago.

Jackie will also email everyone asking for new ideas

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7.30pm in the Masons