

Friends of St Britius Newsletter No 5 January 2011



"Stop the drips at St Brits"

Dear Friend(s)

***A very Happy New Year
to all Friends of St Britius***

One year on from our first newsletter and who would have believed then that we would raise over **£37,000** for "Stop the drips at St Brits" in that time: as we said in the Parish Newsletter, "beyond our wildest dreams!".

However, we must not get complacent as the task ahead is still daunting. Yes, we have been accepted by English Heritage to receive a grant, but it brings with it a time commitment to raise more funds.

English Heritage Grant

The St Britius PCC have formally accepted the offer of a grant from English Heritage. Until EH have publicised that they are giving us a grant we cannot go into the details of the offer. However it is a grant towards the cost of repairs to the roof above the north aisle, vestry north slope and the chancel roof. We need to raise a further **£40,000** to meet our share of the cost of this work. After this we will need to fund the cost of the nave and the porch roof.

Donation from Air Tanker

We have now received the **£500** promised donation from Air Tanker for which we are very grateful.

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

Successful Fund Raising Events

Accessories Swap Party

This was a most successful evening with many people buying and swapping jewellery, scarfs, handbags, etc., hopefully happy with their purchases. Very many thanks to Lucy Artus for organising the party and arranging it all so beautifully in her own home. The total raised was **£471.92**.

Chequers Pub Quiz

Very many thanks to Keith and Jane at the Chequers for organising their second pub quiz in November. Again a great social evening for the village which raised **£242.24**.



Christmas Bazaar

Many people braved the snow, ice and cold to be greeted in church by fairy lights, hot mulled wine, hot mince pies and sausage rolls and many stalls providing produce and Christmas gifts. It was a great atmosphere with everyone milling around and greeting friends as well as buying. Again a fantastic effort by the Fund Raising Team to organise the stalls and decorate the church which resulted in **£509**.

Christmas Cards & Calenders

These were sold at the Christmas Bazaar, but also at the Chequers, Masons Arms, Foxbury Farm, Timms, Brize Norton School Association Bazaar and in church. The Calenders raised **£136.40** and Christmas Cards **£70**.

Foxbury Farm Nativity & St Britius Candlelit Carol Service

Collections at these services raised **£218.11** (Nativity) and **£92.55** (Carol Service) a total of **£310.66** for the Roof Appeal as well as a donation of **£125** to the Oxford Children's Hospital. Our thanks go to Shilton Park Cafe Church (SPCC) members and to Colin, Di & Rebecca Dawes at Foxbury Farm.



Ongoing

Foxbury Farm Dog Bones & Chequers Collections

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 **£456.39** and is ongoing. Many thanks to Di & Colin Dawes for this. Also ongoing is the collecting tin on the counter in the Chequers which so far has raised **£111.83**.

Coming Events

Race Night

This will take place in the Elderbank Hall on Saturday March 19th and will include a ploughman's supper (bring your own drinks). Entry £7.50 or £10 to include a horse. The winning owner in each race will win £20.

Garage Sale

There will be a village garage sale on Bank Holiday Monday, May 2nd, between 11 am and 3 pm. The cost to hold a sale in your garage/drive or garden will be £5 which covers publicity including an annotated map of each venue. Stall holders keep any money that they take.

Please look out for and support the following

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| Saturday February 5th 2011 | "Raise the Roof" Concert in church 7.30 pm | Tickets £5 includes drink & nibbles |
| Saturday March 19th 2011 | Race Night at Elderbank Hall 7.30 pm | Tickets £7.50 or £10. Contact Jackie Bellenger |
| Monday May 2nd 2011 | Village Garage Sale 11am - 3pm | Entry £5 |
| Saturday May 14th 2011 | "Opera in the Garden" at Grange Farm 6.30 for 7 pm | Tickets £12.50. Contact: Lucy Artus 843713 |
| Friday June 17th 2011 | St Brits Ball at Witney Lakes | Tickets £35 Contact Tammy Howard 846123 |

More details will be available on posters and in leaflets as appropriate.

"RAISE THE ROOF"
 ON SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY
 AT 7.30 PM
 IN ST BRITIIUS CHURCH
 BRIZE NORTON

 **Performance** 
 by Charity Opera
 of popular pieces from
 operettas & musicals

Tickets £5 include wine and nibbles.
 Tickets from Jackie Bellenger
 at A K Timms & Sons, Brize Norton
 (tel. 01993 842172)
 or Phil Holmes (tel 01993 843856)

Do come and enjoy!
 in aid of "Stop the drips at St Brits"

OPERA IN THE GARDEN
 Saturday May 14th 2011 at Grange Farm
 6.30 pm Brize Norton
 for 7 pm

Tickets £12.50
 In aid of "Stop the Drips at St Brits"
 Roof Appeal



Bring a picnic and listen to "Charity Opera"
 sing pieces from musicals and operettas.
 Black tie optional. Raffle.
 More info & tickets from Lucy Artus (01993 843713)
Not suitable for children under twelve.

St Brits Ball
 at Witney Lakes Resort
 Friday June 17th 2011



Dinner & Live Band.
 Black Tie. Tables of ten.
 Tickets £25 each.
 in aid of "Stop the Drips at St Brits"
 Roof Appeal.
 More info & tickets from
 Tammy Howard (01993 846123)

Friends of St Britius Subscription Renewal

The time has come, Friends, to renew your £10 annual subscription. We value your interest and support and with our commitment to the English Heritage Grant Proposal we will need that support to continue and to increase. This subscription makes a considerable contribution to the fund raising effort and ensures you receive the quarterly newsletter with all the information you need to support our events.

Please use the enclosed form to return your subscription to the Treasurer, Dr Phil Homes at Church Farm House, Carterton Road, Brize Norton, OX18 3LY. 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 or through Paypal by visiting our special website (see below). Please use the Gift Aid declaration on the form if possible as this adds 22% to your donation courtesy of HM Government! You must sign and date the form to qualify.

Also please consider setting up an annual standing order or direct debit from your bank using the above information, so we won't have to approach you every year.

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