

# Stop The Drips at St Brits Fund Raising Group

## Minutes of the meeting held on Monday April 11th 2011

### PRESENT

Tammy, Ann, Nicola, Ruth, James, Nancy, Pat, Jackie and Dawn

### APOLOGIES

Rosemary and Lucy

### UPDATE

Phil had prepared an update based on the end of year church accounts and the minutes of the APCM. With all events, grants etc banked the total now stands at £51,000

The friends of St Brits subscription renewals has raised £516, 40 friends now registered

Race night was a very good event, everyone had enjoyed themselves and had great fun. It raised £651.75

Mary and Phil are working on the April newsletter. Any ideas or photos please let them know

### Garage Sales May 2nd

Jackie now has 15 people interested in holding a sale on their drive/garden. The door to door fliers are done

Any items for sale on the church stall can be donated at church

Phil will draw up the maps to be sold in church for £1.

We discussed the idea of writing a quiz, one answer to be found at each open garage. We decided to have a childrens animal trail. They can buy an answer sheet at the church for £1. An animal will be on show in each garden they visit. When they hand a complete list back in at church they will be rewarded with a lolly or packet of haribo or something

**WE NEED LOTS OF CAKES** to sell in church on a cake stall. Meet in church at 1030am for setting up Jackie will organise tea/coffee/sugar/ milk and biscuits for the refreshments – also soft drinks

### Bluebell Walk May 8th

Sponsor forms were handed out and James was given a handful to distribute in church

A door to door flier has been delivered back to back with the garage sale advert

We don't really have to do much else for this just collect sponsors!

### Opera in the Garden May 14th

Lucy was not at the meeting but had sent an update

14 posters have been put up in Brize and the surrounding villages

150 tickets have been printed. Lucy has sold 14 and Jackie 9 although it is still early days. Door to door leaflet drop will take place week commencing April 18<sup>th</sup> – Lucy is away this week and we thought it would be silly to do it while she is away incase people try to ring up straight away.

The singers are coming to see the garden on Good Friday

Raffle prizes are coming in – main prize will be a picnic hamper full of goodies donated by various people.

Could still do with a bottle of champagne if anyone has any ideas?

Lucy would also like a florist if anyone has a contact?

Pat will try and get an advert in the Witney Gazette

The main thing to do is try and sell more tickets

#### National Gardens open June 5<sup>th</sup>

Please could everyone donate a cake to Lucys refreshments

#### Foxbury Farm Open Day June 12<sup>th</sup>

We need volunteers to man the gates and car park

Slots of one hour and a rota basis are suggested.

Names will be collected at the next meeting

We did not think that we would have enough manpower to run a stall as well as the gate and ar park

#### St Brits Ball June 17<sup>th</sup>

Tickets are on sale. Posters will go up in a couple of weeks once Tammy returns from her holiday as her name and number is on them as a contact.

We haven't found a photographer yet.

We have a magicians details but he is just over £300, if we sell all 160 tickets we will consider trying to book him but until we have sold lots of tickets it is silly to spend such a lot of money

Once again the emphasis is on trying to sell more tickets

#### Parish Vacations

No further news

#### Bowling/skittles

No more information as Ruth hasn't been able to get in touch with the right person

#### Ladies Day at Ascot

Nicola has the ticket prices for this year, obviously they may go up in 2012. It will be around June 14<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> 2012

We see it more of a social day out rather than a money making day

Grand stand tickets are £69 with access to the parade ring

Silver tickets £29 each but no parade ring

16 seater minibus at the moment would cost £288 plus car park of £60

33 seater coach is £583

With these as cost prices we do not think we can charge more and make a profit

#### Wine Tasting

No one came forward as being responsible to looking into a wine tasting evening

August Bank holiday Monday

The cricket club have not yet thought about getting organised for this event but Jackie has expressed our wishes to run the barbecue

More ideas

Jackie apologised but she had not had time during the last week to email everyone and remind them that we need more ideas. Will try again next month

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2011, 7.30pm in the Masons