

# Stop the Drips at St Brits Fund Raising Group

## Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011

### Present

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

### Apologies

Rosemary

### Update

Phil has provided us with the latest draft newsletter. This was read and discussed.

The details of the English Heritage were discussed, the bottom line is that we need to raise another £40k over the next year.

Everyone on this committee is happy to distribute newsletters, updates and fliers etc around the village but no-one liked the idea of knocking to collect donations. It was thought that anyone who is willing to give was already doing so. We do not want to get peoples backs up by knocking but are willing to distribute notes asking for donations to be made. It was suggested that we look into asking friends to set up direct debits so we don't have to ask each year

### Feedback

The accessories swap party went very well, £471.92 was raised. Thanks to Lucy for this good idea and for holding the party.

Christmas Bazaar – We had originally thought this was going to be more of a social event rather than a fund raiser but we made £509. It was very well attended although not many children came for the childrens activities. It had a lovely feel to the evening and the church looked great with fairy lights and candles

Calendars -These collected in £452.80 gross, we do not know how much they cost. They sold well.

Christmas Cards- This project covered its own cost and we think should have raised around £70 once all the money is in. Next year we can split the packs up and sell them off individually and cheaper. All takings will then be profit

### Raise The Roof

Tickets are now on sale from Jackie, Phil and Joy

Jackie will print out some small fliers for door to door delivery. Everyone volunteered for a street

Pat sends her apologies for the evening. We will meet at 7pm to set up

Nicola will bring brushcetta

Dawn – savoury scones

James – wine and soft drinks

Jackie – crisp type snacks and serviettes

Ruth – a surprise

Tammy – cocktail sausages wrapped in bacon

Jackie will advise everyone by email of the number of tickets sold a few days before the event

Pat will investigate getting it advertised in the Witney Gazette

### **Opera In The Garden**

Lucy was not at the meeting so we have no further news on this event

### **St Brits Ball**

Letters are being sent out for table sponsors and raffle prizes. We are trying to sell as many tickets as possible by word of mouth. Anyone wishing to reserve a place should pay Tammy a £10 deposit per ticket by February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will then advertise any tickets we have left

It was suggested we have a good quality card ticket with the details for gift aid on the reverse. When the ticket is handed in on the door we will have the gift aid details

We also plan to find a photographer for photos on arrival – Ruth will contact the photography department at Witney College to see if they are interested.

We are yet to find a table magician

### **Parish Vacations**

Pat has spoken with their representative and given him details of the village. He is now in America drumming up trade for May/June 2012. We need a few more houses to join in

### **AOB**

Nicola pointed out that the cheque from Air Tanker for £500 has been received. We need to check that a thank you letter has been sent.

We would like to ask Judy Gush and Anne Elesmore if they are thinking of doing another bridge drive.

A new idea was a “Bargain Hunt” type field sale like on the TV programme. Jaguar Fayres is one company that organises these type of events

### **Garage Sales**

We will organise a village garage sale on bank holiday Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sell maps of the garages open from the church from 11am – 3pm. £1 per map

Refreshments on sale in the church

Charge villagers £5 to be on the map and hold a sale in their garage/on their drive or garden. The stall holder would then keep any money they take

We might need someone with good computer skills to actually produce the map once we have people willing to join in.

### **Race Night**

Jackie will see if the hall is free on either March 19<sup>th</sup> or March 26<sup>th</sup>

As we are asking village businesses to sponsor tables at the ball we can't ask them to sponsor races at the race night.

We will charge £10 for entry including a horse

£7.50 just for entry

The winning owner in each race will win £20

This will be a race night involving polystyrene horses heads, a grid on the floor, a coloured dice and a numbered dice. Bets will be taken for each race.

You will get a ploughmans super. Bring your own drinks and glasses

**RECAP**

February	Raise the Roof Leaflet drop to renew/ encourage new friends of St Britius
March	Race Night
May	Garage Sale Bluebell sponsored walk Opera in the Garden
June	St Brits Ball Foxbury Farm open day Garden open

**Date of the next meeting**

Monday February 28<sup>th</sup> in the Chequers