

# Friends of St Britius Newsletter No 11 July 2012



## "Stop the drips at St Brits"

Dear Friend(s)

The past two months have seen the most amazing results from the very hard work of our Fund Raising Team.

### ***Successful Fund Raising Events***

#### ***Beer Festival, Sunday 26th May***

We were blessed with incredibly good weather for the Beer Festival. Most of the village, Shilton Park and Carterton seemed to be on the recreation ground. It was great to see so many families with young children sitting enjoying the refreshments, sunshine, music and each other's company. The live bands were really good, we thank them and everyone else involved whether serving beer, cider and Pimms, cooking on the BBQ, serving teas and home-made cakes, running the Aunt Sally or taking money. We would like to thank Tim & Judy Gush and everyone from the Sports & Social Club for their efforts with this shared event. We must also thank our sponsors for making the festival possible. The festival raised a fantastic **£3,240.47** for the Roof Appeal, the most money raised from one event!



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[www.brizenorton.org.uk/stbritiusroof](http://www.brizenorton.org.uk/stbritiusroof)

## ***NGS Gardens Open Day, Sunday 10th June***

Many thanks to Lucy Artus for serving tea and cakes for "Stop the Drips" in her garden during this event, also thanks to everyone who made cakes, resulting in £67 profit.

## ***Opera in the Garden, Grange Farm, Saturday 23rd June***

Well we couldn't expect a repeat of the very fine weather at the Beer Festival, but it was a shame it had to rain virtually all evening. Spirits were not dampened though, everyone was snug in their gazebos, drinking Pimms, picnicing and eating strawberries while the brave singers of Charity Opera deserted their gazebo and sang heartily under the shelter of umbrellas. Lucy & Mark Artus were brilliant hosts, the raffle was full of excellent prizes you would wish to win and their sons' band (The Edge) rounded off the evening well. Our thanks go to Charity Opera who provided a programme full of patriotic, Jubilee themed music just made for joining in! All Lucy & Mark's hard work was rewarded with a profit of £1,556 for the roof, a fantastic amount and a very enjoyable evening.



## ***Cream Teas in Tim & Judy Gush's Garden, Sunday 1st July***

This time it did not rain, the sun came out and made sitting in Painswick House garden very pleasant. The scones and home made cakes were delicious, but who could have expected otherwise with our formidable fund raising team in charge, cooking, serving, organising the raffle, setting up gazebos, tables and chairs, and washing up! There were games for the children plus the trampoline. Thanks to Judy & Tim for sharing their garden and giving up their Sunday afternoon for us to make **£257**.



## ***Coming Events***

### ***Lew View Sponsored Walk***

It was a shame that rain caused the postponement of the Lew View Walk in April. We do hope to run this event when we get some settled weather!

### ***Welsh 3000's, Saturday 21st July***

Five or six fit "young" men will be attempting to climb all sixteen mountains over 3000 feet high in Snowdonia, starting at dawn on the top of Snowdon, distance 26.4 miles. The group will be led by Revd. James Maddern and you can sponsor them by going to our Justgiving Website (follow the link below or go straight to [www.justgiving.com/philip-holmes4](http://www.justgiving.com/philip-holmes4)). We think they deserve your sponsorship, it will be very hard going up and down sixteen times and quite dangerous too, so please sponsor them.

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## ***Horticultural Show & Cricket Festival, Monday 28th August***

We hope to be providing light lunches as well as serving tea and cakes along with other activities at this event. Please come and support us on the recreation ground.

## ***Ride & Stride, Saturday 8th September***

Team St Brits will be walking this year along the Windrush Valley, visiting as many churches as they can. This event is organised by Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT) who have given us a grant for the roof. If you would like to join Team St Brits or sponsor them do please contact Jackie Griffin (841616).

## ***St Brits Ball, Friday 21st September***

We are repeating our very successful St Brits Ball at Witney Lakes Resort, 7 for 7.30 till 12.30 pm. There is a delicious two course hot dinner and dancing to the live band "Breeze". A black tie event, tickets are £35 each. Tammy Howard who organised the Ball so brilliantly last year has the tickets (846123) as does Jackie Bellenger at A K Timms (842172).

## ***Accessories Swap Party, Tuesday 13th November at The Chequers***

Following the success of the last Accessories Swap Party, the fund raising committee are planning another one for Tuesday November 13th. Therefore if any of you are going through your things and doing a bit of a summer clear-out, please hang on to any jewellery, scarves, bags and belts that you no longer want and would like to donate. You can take anything to Charlotte Taylor at the Chequers and she will store them until November. Shoes, boots and some clothes are also welcome but only those in the very best condition as most people do not want to be bothered to try things on. Then on the night, all the lovely items will be displayed in the side room in the Chequers and anyone can come and browse. If there is something you like, you just put a donation in the pot. With Christmas just around the corner, this is an excellent opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents for friends, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, nieces etc.

## ***Please look out for and support the following as well as the above events***

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| October 23rd | Bingo in Elderbank Hall | Contact, Jackie Bellenger<br>(842172) |
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More details will be available on posters and in leaflets as appropriate.

## ***Hard Hat & Champagne Party***

Well, we're ready to start!

Work is due to start on Phase 1 of the roof on Monday 10th September. The Fund Raising Team plan to have a Hard Hat & Champagne Party to celebrate our success so far. Everyone who has supported us in any way at any of our events (46 under our belts and 6 more in the pipeline in just under three years!) is very welcome to come along and celebrate with us on Friday 14th September in church. If you haven't got a hard hat, any hat will do! Please look out for details.