

Minutes of the Stop The Drips At St Brits fund raising meeting on November 23rd

Present : James, Nicola, Ann, Rosemary, Pat, Dawn, Bob, Lucy

Apologies : Jackie, Ruth, Tammy, Nancy

Update : Grand total so far £36,200.34 including recent money from the quiz night, accessories swap party and calendar sales

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - December 2nd, 6.30 until about 8.00

Jackie has started delivering the flyers around the village. Lucy and Pat will cover Burford Road and on up towards Foxbury Farm and on if there are enough. Lucy will ask for the details to be in the next letter home from primary school

James will open the church at 4.30 p.m. so that people have plenty of time to deliver their items and start setting up.

Tables - Phil says there are 2 pasting tables to lay over pews, 1 long trestle, 1 small table for raffle. Bob is bringing a pasting table and Jean Butcher is bringing a table so we think we will have plenty.

Cloths - Rosemary and Ann (amongst others) will bring some cloths so we think we will have enough. Pat will bring a plastic cloth for the table that Nicola is going to use for the children.

Mulled wine - Phil & Mary are going to take care of providing the mulled wine. We think that we might have between 50-70 attending so if we have printed "free glass of wine" on the flyer, we need to be sure we have enough, especially as anything left over can be used at the next event in February. We think that if anyone wants a second glass of mulled wine, they should be asked for a donation.

Other drinks - For those that don't want mulled wine, there will be tea, coffee and soft drinks which Phil & Mary also have covered. Apparently there are china mugs and plastic cups already in the church so we won't need any extra. As the mulled wine is free, we think that people should not be charged for coffee or soft drinks.

Serviettes - Phil & Mary have some left over from previous events.

Mince pies and Sausage rolls - We think that people should not be charged for sausage rolls and mince pies as we can always use what is left over at the Carol Service. Tony Bailey's wife is going to make lots of mince pies.

Ann, Rosemary and Pat said they would bring/make some sausage rolls.

Crafts - Jean Butcher is bringing some crafts to sell and will take any that are not sold home. Rosemary has a box of crafts to donate from her friend, Margaret.

There is a music/pa system in church, various people said they would bring along a cd labelled with their name so we don't get them muddled

Jewellery and Scarves - Lucy will set up a nice table of jewellery and scarves left over from the swap party. We decided that it would be a good idea to price them so hopefully Lucy will get some small sticky labels for this.

Lucky dip - Everyone thought sawdust for the bin sounded absolutely fine!

Cakes and Jams - Jackie will bring sticky labels to price these up. Everyone must remember to bring their cakes and jams. Rosemary and Bob's wife Margaret said they would bring cakes.

Raffle - Phil said that there are 5 bottles of various alcohol left over from previous events as well as a Christmas candle, a wallet, a very large teddy bear and a few other things as well as the items from the Chocoholics party. If anyone has anything else, please bring it. Bob said he would bring raffle tickets.

Tealights - Jackie has 100 tealights and some jam jars to put them in. Bob will bring 2 iron stands that hold a number of tealights and Rosemary will bring one. Ann, Pat & Lucy will bring some jam jars although they are not sure how many they had, so we will guess about 40 or 50 between them. Phil said that you don't need to put the tea lights in jam jars, you can just put them on the window sills. We think they look nicer in jam jars but so we will have a combination - some in jars and some not.

Extension leads and fairy lights - Lucy, Pat & Dawn will bring some extension leads. Jackie has two sets of clear fairy lights.

Tree - Dawn will bring the tree some time before next Thursday. She will either arrange with James or with Phil & Mary for the church to be opened when she drops it off. Ann has supplied some decorations from the tree which she does not want back.

Stars to hang on tree - Everyone thought this was a great idea, Jackie to get the stars!

Crayons etc - Nicola asked if she could borrow the crayons etc from Sunday

School for her children's activities and James said that would be absolutely fine.

Volunteers on the night to man the stalls - Everyone present at the meeting will be available on the night to help although a couple of people said they could only do an hour. Nicola is also bringing her daughter to help her with the children's activities. We think we will have enough people to help including the people who were not able to make the meeting and Phil & Mary.

"RAISE THE ROOF" OPERA AT ST BRITS, FEB 5TH, 7.30

We had a brief discussion about this. We agreed that we should charge £5.00 a ticket to include a glass of wine (donations for the second) and that we would do a few sausage rolls and nibbles but not too many. Phil to print up tickets so that we can sell them at the Christmas Bazaar and and prepare a poster advertising forthcoming events.

"OPERA IN THE GARDEN" - GRANGE FARM, SATURDAY MAY 14TH.

We had a very brief discussion about this. Tickets will be £12.50 each but we will not start selling them until after Christmas but we will have them ready by the "Raise the Roof" evening. This also needs to go on Phil's poster of forthcoming events. Lucy has written 3 letters asking for raffle donations to Daylesford Organics (care of Dawn's friend who works there) Burford Garden Centre and Steamer Trading Cook Shop in Witney. She has not received a reply from any so far and will now wait until after Christmas before she starts writing to people again. James said he married the daughter of the owner of the Orvis shop in Burford so he will try and give the necessary information to Lucy so she can include that when she writes to Orvis.

GARAGE SALES & RACE NIGHT

We didn't really discuss these much. Rosemary said that the Lions are happy to help with a Race Night if this is desired.

PARISH VACATIONS LTD

Pat told us about a company called Parish Vacations Ltd that organizes trips for groups of Americans to stay in peoples' homes for a week's B&B. The village of Duns Tew has done this twice and raised £11,000 last time but the average is somewhere between £6,000 - £10,000. The average size of the group is 24 - 30 people. They get picked up at the airport and brought here. Then there is a welcome supper party in the village hall and they all go home with the people they are staying with. Each day they go off on organized trips and then on the Sunday they go to church with their hosts and afterwards there is a garden party and a last day send off and they leave. IF we were interested, this would be for May/June 2012 and we would

need to tell the organizer guy by January 7th 2011 when he next goes to America to start organizing it. So far Pat, Jackie Bellenger, Jackie Griffin, Lucy, Rosemary and Bob had said that they would consider it so we are half way there. If everyone can talk to people they know that might be interested and let Pat know she will keep a list of the names and talk to the guy before January 7th. We all agreed that it sounded like a very good way of making a good amount of money!

NEXT MEETING - Monday 17th January, 7.30 p.m. at the Chequers