

Friends of St Britius Newsletter No 9 January 2012



"Stop the drips at St Brits"

Dear Friend(s)

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

Thank you once more for supporting us over the last year and we hope into the future. We ended the year on a high note with two successful Christmas events and the news that English Heritage WILL help with the funds for Phase 2. Who would believe that two years into our appeal we have raised 90% of the total money needed. However, as you will see below, that still leaves us £42,000 to raise. We are hoping WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) will give us a grant for approximately half of this, which would make the total amount still to raise not so daunting.



PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

The table shows the current position. We have completed the development phase for Phase 1 and contracted for the actual work which will start in September 2012. We have submitted our figures to English Heritage and await receipt of the grant monies. Work cannot commence until after the bat roosting season. We have been offered a grant from English Heritage for Phase 2 amounting to £17,000 towards the cost of the development

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phase and £96,000 towards the actual work. English Heritage have been very generous. We will be able to reclaim the majority of VAT back through the LPW scheme.

| | Phase 1 North Face & Chancel | Phase 2 Nave & Porch | Total Project |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Cost Current estimate (excluding VAT) | £205,979 | £164,112 | £370,091 |
| Grants Awarded | £172,753 | £113,000 | £285,753 |
| Fund Raising Roof Fund to Date | £33,226 | £4,727 | £37,953 |
| Pre-existing Funds Fabric Fund | na | £4,111 | £4,111 |
| Shortfall | nil | £42,274 | £42,274 |

Successful Fund Raising Events

Hippocampus Evening at Grange Farm on Tuesday 1st November 2011

Our grateful thanks to Lucy Artus for arranging this event which raised £151.63 and provided everyone with an opportunity to buy their Christmas presents in pleasant surroundings.

Cheese & wine and Christmas wreath arranging on Friday 2nd December 2011

This was a delightful evening in church when Dawn Humphris showed us how to make a



Christmas wreath, much more complicated and time consuming than one would have thought! She donated the beautiful finished product to the church and it hung in pride of place on the church door over Christmas.

Many thanks to Dawn and to the fund raising team who provided delicious refreshments as usual. The evening made £217.45

Christmas Social & Draw

The Christmas Social and Draw in church on Tuesday 20th December was also a chance to sample good food and drink and to win the Christmas Hamper and other goodies. There was a slide show of all the year's fund raising events and it was a good opportunity to say thank you to everyone for their support. Although not a fund raising event as such we still made £58.20.



St Britius Candlelit Carol Service

The collection at this service raised £162.80 for the Roof Appeal.

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 on the counter for "Stop the Drips at St Brits". This has so far raised £549.37 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 £156.77.

"STOP THE DRIPS AT ST BRIT'S"



SAFARI SUPPER

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3rd 2012
STARTING AT 7 PM
TICKETS £12.50 PER HEAD
APPETISERS, MAINS, PUDDINGS
AND COFFEE & MINTS AT DIFFERENT
LOCATIONS IN THE VILLAGE
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

Tickets from Jackie Bellenger (A K Timms) 842172
until Wed. 1st February
ALL WELCOME

Coming Events

Safari Supper, Friday 3rd February at 7 pm

Everyone will meet at 7 pm for a complimentary drink and nibbles before heading off to designated houses for the main meal at 8 pm and on to the pudding venue for 9 pm. Special dietary requirements will be catered for and diners may provide their own drinks if required. Everyone will then meet at the Chequers around 9.45 pm for coffee and mints.

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Do please come along, it will be fun. Tickets are £12.50 per head, available from Jackie at A K Timms (Tel. 842172) until Wednesday 1st February.

Pancake Supper, Tuesday 21st February at 6 pm

This will be a repeat of our successful Pancake Supper at the Elderbank Hall two years ago. Tickets will be available from Jackie at A K Timms (Tel. 842172) and Phil Holmes (Tel. 843856) price £5 per head to include two pancakes with savoury or sweet filling and a glass of wine or soft drink. Extra pancakes and drinks will be available. Last time this was a great village event, so let's make it so again, do come!

Please look out for and support the following

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| end of March 2012 | Pub Grub competition at the Chequers | |
| Saturday May 26th 2012 | Beer Festival with the Sports & Social Club at the Elderbank Hall | from midday |
| Saturday June 23rd 2012 | "Opera in the Garden" at Grange Farm from 6 pm | Tickets £12.50 in advance. 10% group discount for 6 or more Contact: Lucy Artus 843713 |
| July 2012 | Cream Teas at Painswick House | |
| Saturday September 15th 2012 PROVISIONAL | St Brits Ball at Witney Lakes | Contact Tammy Howard 846123 |

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

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 Grants 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 Holmes 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.