

Friends of St Britius Newsletter No 2 April 2010



"Stop the drips at St Brits"

Dear Friend(s)

Fantastic News!

The total amount raised to date is

£10,313

After only four months of fund raising this is extremely encouraging, so thank you to **everyone** for their support.

The Fund Raising Team has "pulled out all the stops", thanks to them for their time and commitment, to everyone who has joined the Friends and/or made donations, to individual Friends for their initiatives and efforts, and to everyone who has supported our events so far.

Particular thanks go to

Ken Gillians who raised £250 swimming thirty lengths of Witney Lakes Pool
John Jackson who is running the Edinburgh Marathon (£90 so far)
Keith & Jane at the Chequers - see various events
Foxbury Farm - see various events
Brize Norton Parish Council - see Friends below

Friends

We now have 30 more Friends signed up, making a grand total of 62. The total raised from annual subscriptions and donations as a result of the distribution of the first newsletter stands at **£3,390**. This includes a generous donation of £1,000 from Brize Norton Parish Council, and several other very generous donations.

For all news and updates see our special website at
www.brizenorton.org.uk/stbritiusroof

Successful Fund Raising Events

Pancake Supper

This was a great success both financially (total profit **£488**) and socially in bringing the village together for what was a delicious feast of pancakes and drinks, with a great feel-good factor. Especial thanks to the cooks and all the helpers.

Quiz Night at the Chequers

It was a really enjoyable evening at the Chequers for their first quiz night in aid of the Roof Fund. Everyone had great fun and **£370** was raised from quiz entries and the raffle. Many thanks to Keith and Jane for their great support, they promise us more quiz nights plus a live-band evening with a meal, all events to look forward to.

Lions Car Boot Sale

Our grateful thanks to Carterton Lions Club for allowing us two free pitches at their first car boot sale of the season, plus part of the gate money. The car boots raised **£212**, we are waiting to hear how much from the gate money.



The Lions arranged for Easter Eggs to be raffled in aid of the roof project in The Masons Arms and the Chequers. Thanks to the Mason's Arms for donating the price of the egg.

Car Wash

Thanks to Bob, Jackie, Tammy & Dave, Ruth, Pat & Stuart, Phil & Paula and all their helpers there are now at least 40 shiny clean cars driving around the village. Thanks to Keith at the Chequers for hosting this event and providing the water. This raised **£220**. Rev James not only watched the proceedings but got his coat off, rolled up his sleeves and helped!



Ongoing

Smartie Collection

This was extended to include those children and parents in school who wished to take part. The total raised so far (collection is still ongoing) is £800. A fantastic response.

Liam from Class 4 in Brize Norton School made his smartie tube into a large tin on the counter of the Chequers and this to date has raised £54, great initiative!

Foxbury Farm Dog Bones Collection

If you get dog bones from Foxbury Farm Shop you are invited to put some small change in a collecting box at the till for "Stop the Drips at St Brits". This has so far raised **£117** and is ongoing. Many thanks to Di & Colin Dawes for this.

Grant Applications

Jacque, Carolyn and Rosemary are putting together applications for grants from English Heritage and Historic Churches Trust, they will be applying soon. An architect has been appointed as required by English Heritage to oversee the work. Just to remind you - the total cost of the work is about £115,000.

Welcome Pack

We have been so busy counting all the money that has been flowing in that we have yet to start producing the prints of the church. We aim to send them out with the July newsletter.

Coming Events

Foxbury Farm Open Day

Rebecca Dawes has written the following email to the Friends,

"Each year we organise a Farm Open Day for customers to learn more about food and farming. Last year we sadly had to cancel it due to the weather but on previous years we have had between 500 and 2500 people. This years Open Day is on Sunday 13th June from 10am to 4pm. It will include hot refreshment (Gloucester Old Spot Pig Roasts & BBQ), children's workshops, tractor and trailer rides to see the animals, pony rides, a few craft stalls among many other things.

We always ask a charity if they would like to manage the gate and all the donations go to them. We ask customers to pay £2 donation per adult, children under 10 and over 65 free. The charity would be required to greet the cars when they arrive, hand the car a goodie bag, direct them into the car park and take the donation. Would Brize Norton Church be interested doing it this year?"

We have obviously accepted this generous offer and hope for everyone's support on the day.

Sponsored Events

Sunday May 2nd	Neolithic Marathon	Rev James & Phil Abraham	To sponsor phone James on 844175
Sunday May 9th	Bluebell Walk	Details in church	
Sunday May 23rd	Edinburgh Marathon	John Jackson	To sponsor phone John on 843527 or see list in church
Fri/Sat July 9/10th	3 Peaks Challenge	Rev James, Phil Abraham, Jon Holmes and others	To sponsor phone James on 844175

Please support the following

Sunday April 25th	Car Treasure Hunt Elderbanks Hall from 2 pm	Phone contacts: Jackie 844671, Tammy 846123, Ruth 842564
Sunday May 16th	Quiz Night at The Chequers at 7.30 pm	Prebook table for teams of 6 at the Chequers
Wednesday June 2nd	Bridge & Lunch Event Elderbanks Hall	Phone contact: Judy Gush 846730
Sunday June 13th	Foxbury Farm Open Day	To help on the gate phone James on 844175
Sunday June 27th	Flower Festival in Church from 1 pm & Songs of Praise at 7 pm	Collections in aid of Roof Fund