

Friends of St Britius Newsletter No 3 July 2010



"Stop the drips at St Brits"

Dear Friend(s)

More Fantastic News!

The total amount raised to date is

£16,180

This is an increase of £6,000 since our last newsletter, let's hope we can keep up this tremendous rate of fund raising activity. Here is a blow by blow account of each activity since April.

Successful Fund Raising Events

Car Treasure Hunt, April 25th

Twenty cars set off at 3 minute intervals to solve approximately 40 clues, going South to Bampton, across the A420 and back via Newbridge, returning to the church for tea and yummy cakes and another quiz about items in the church. It was good to see so many young people taking part, hopping out of the cars to spot the answers and acting as extra pairs of eyes. It was all great fun (in the rain) and the winners with 72 points were the Griffin/Pagett team, the "treasure" was a meal for four at the Masons Arms. Many thanks to them for donating the prize, and to the fund raising team for organising the clues, directing the teams and providing the refreshments. The total raised was **£210**.

Neolithic Marathon, May 2nd

James Maddern and Phil Abraham made the 26 miles between Avebury and Stonehenge in about 5 hours and were still upright at the finish (*see photos*). Sponsor money already in hand is £187 with more to come. Well done guys, we expect the same dedication for the Three Peaks Challenge! Thanks to James, Phil and everyone who sponsored them.

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Bluebell Walk, May 9th

This was not such an strenuous adventure, but still 8 miles around Charlbury and Cornbury Park , and there was time to stop and admire the bluebells on the way. Well done to Bob Watts, Pat & Stuart Finlayson, Ruth Taylor, Dave & Tammy Howard, Debbie Merriman, Jackie Bellenger, and to Rosie Drake and her husband for taking part and raising **£234**.



Edinburgh Marathon, May 23rd

We are very grateful to John Jackson for including St Brits in his charities when running this marathon which he completed in 5 hours. This has raised £135 to date with more expected. Thank you John and your sponsors.

Bridge Drive and Lunch, June 2nd

The happy atmosphere, excellent food and raffle prizes were much enjoyed by everyone who took part and it did not end in a melee like this.

Many thanks to Ann Ellsmore, Judy & Tim Gush for organising this event and to Friends who worked hard setting up the hall and in the kitchen. **£594.50** was the amazing outcome!



"Ladies, LADIES! PLEASE! It's only a game of Bridge."

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Foxbury Farm Open Day, 13th June

The weather was fine and we managed to give out goody bags, direct and park 450 cars on the field without the smallest traffic jam, keeping the police and Colin very happy!



Thanks to all the "gatekeepers" and their persuasive ways the visitors to this event parted with a fantastic **£1,957.33** towards the roof. We are extremely grateful to Colin, Di & Rebecca Dawes for allowing us the gate money donations.

NGS Brize Norton Open Gardens Day, June 27th

Many thanks to Lucy Artus for providing teas and cakes in her garden at Grange Farm during this event. All the remaining cakes disappeared fast at the end of the Songs of Praise service in the evening and the total raised was **£100**.

Carterton Lions Car Boot Sale

Members of Carterton Lions attended the Songs of Praise Service mentioned above and presented James with a cheque for **£250**, being the car boot gate money and **£200** for the Easter Egg Raffle in the Chequers and Masons Arms pubs. It was good to have them taking part in our service and we thank them again for their support.

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The Three Peaks Challenge, July 9th & 10th

The Challenge was to climb Ben Nevis, Scarfell Pike and Snowdon in under twenty four hours. Team St Brits comprised James Maddern, Phil Abraham, Jon Holmes, David Ashton, Phil Donigan, Andy Iwasiuk and 2 guys from Cotswold Camping Bicester. Did they do it? Yes they did, but in appalling weather conditions, freezing on Ben Nevis and 80 mph winds on Scarfell Pike. Well done to everyone, sponsor money is coming in fast. The team are already planning their next challenge!

Ongoing

Smartie Collection

We think we now have all the smartie tubes returned. The grand total collected was **£982** from 105 tubes. This includes 21 tubes returned from School containing £120. A massive thank you to everyone who contributed.

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 **£73.61**, 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 **£241.76** and is ongoing. Many thanks to Di & Colin Dawes for this.

Grant Applications

After much hard work by Jacquie Griffin, Carolyn Peach & Phil Holmes filling in endless forms and consulting our architect the application for a grant from English Heritage has been sent. We await the result with bated breath!

Coming Events

Please look out for and support the following

Monday August 30th	Horticultural Show & Cricket Festival at Elderbank Hall Teas, tombola, treasure hunt & Aunt Sally from 2 pm	
Saturday September 11th	Historic Churches Ride & Stride	Sponsor forms from Jacquie Griffin 841616
Saturday September 25th	Harvest Supper Elderbank Hall 7.15 for 7.30 pm	Phone contact: Phil Holmes 843856

Harvest Supper, September 25th

The two course supper will include a hot jacket potato with butter, Foxbury Farm ham and a variety of salads, home-made apple pie and cream and a glass of wine, accompanied by live music. There will be a vegetarian option. Tickets £10 will be available from Jackie Bellenger, Joy Douglas & Phil Holmes. There will be a raffle. This is a chance to bring or meet all your friends, enjoy a delicious meal and support our fund raising efforts. Do come!