

Friends of St Britius Newsletter No 7 July 2011



"Stop the drips at St Brits"

Dear Friend(s)

Our fund raising team continues to work very hard, still finding new ways of adding to the coffers while enhancing the social life of the village. We thank them all once again for their enthusiasm and support. We are pleased to announce that the Garfield Weston Foundation has given us a grant of £7,500. Our thanks to them and to Jacque Griffin for spending time on the application, and being successful.

So far this year we have added **£27,574** which includes the initial English Heritage grant of £11,500. £8,792 has been spent on preliminary works, the investigative studies with timber experts, etc. These studies have confirmed the state of the roof is as originally thought before fund raising started. We are still on course for the work on the north face of the roof and north and south faces of the chancel to start next year (probably after Easter 2012).

The table shows the current position. We have enough monies to do Phase 1 and we are working towards Phase 2 with grant applications (English Heritage (phase 2) and WREN) pending and our current fund raising efforts being allocated to this phase.

	Phase 1 North Face & Chancel	Phase 2 Nave & Porch	Total Project
Cost Current estimate (excluding VAT)	£220,615	£157,226	£377,841
Grants Awarded	£195,000	£15,500	£210,500
Fund Raising Roof Fund to Date	£25,615	£5,209	£30,824
Pre-existing Funds Fabric Fund		£6,950	£6,950
Shortfall	nil	£129,567	£129,567

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www.brizenorton.org.uk/stbritiusroof

Successful Fund Raising Events

Village Garage Sale on Monday 2nd May

This was very well supported with 24 "garages" participating and lots of people walking around the village. We sold maps, quizzes, cakes and items that had been donated to the church, and with every garage paying £5 we raised **£360**.

Bluebell Walk on Sunday 8th May

Members of the fund raising team took part in this annual charity walk again this year. Not only was this good exercise and great scenery to admire but also raised **£167**, for which many thanks to walkers and sponsors.

Opera in the Garden on Saturday 14th May

Thanks to Lucy and Mark Artus at Grange Farm this was a great success. Although the weather was a little chilly, it didn't rain and for some brief moments the sun came out, everyone enjoyed the event and said what a lovely setting in which to listen to the music. Our thanks also go to Charity Opera and all those who provided items for the splendid raffle. **£1,251** was raised (this includes gift aid donations).



NGS Gardens Open Day on Sunday 5th June

Thanks to Lucy again and all who made the cakes for her to serve refreshments in her garden during the afternoon. With the collection at the Songs of Praise service in the evening and including gift aid the event raised **£238**.

Foxbury Farm Open Day on Sunday 12th June

Grateful thanks to the following hardy souls who stood in the pouring rain to collect the gate money which was shared with the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution: Nicola Luxton, Bob & Margaret Watts, Carolyn and Zara Peach, Jackie Bellenger, Ruth Taylor, Nancy Barrington-Hines, Pat Finlayson and Phil & Mary Holmes. Standing in the rain was worth it as we hope to get at least **£350** from Foxbury Farm, many thanks to Colin, Di and Rebecca Dawes for this.

St Brits Ball on Friday 17th June

Tammy (Howard) - it was worth all your hard work, the worry and hassle because it was such a fantastic evening. Witney Lakes was the perfect venue, the food was good, the band was good, the atmosphere was very good and everyone had a great time. Thanks go to the fund raising team, the table sponsors and raffle prize donators for their support. The total raised from a really great evening was **£2,526**.



Ongoing

Foxbury Farm Dog Bones

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 £510 and is ongoing. Many thanks to Di & Colin Dawes for this.

Grants

The Grants Committee have put in applications to WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) and to English Heritage for the second phase (nave, porch and south side roof).

Coming Events

Cricket Festival and Horticultural Show on Monday 29th August

We will be cooking hot dogs and burgers all day, serving tea and cakes in the afternoon, and providing a tombola and aunt sally, please come and support us on the recreation ground.

Ride and Stride on Saturday 10th September

This is organised by the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust who have already given us a grant and may give us more. Jacquie Griffin is organising Team St Brits so if you would like to cycle between Oxfordshire churches with them or sponsor those who do please contact Jacquie (tel. 841616).

Pudding Night on Saturday 19th November

This will be held in the Elderbank Hall and will be a competition to find the best pudding. You have the chance to enter your pudding and/or test all the other entries during the course of the evening. You can also play bingo in between sampling these puddings.

In the pipeline

A **Golf Tournament** is being organised to take place in the Autumn. If you are interested in playing please contact James Maddern (tel. 844175) as we need to have an idea of numbers competing.

Look out for further details of the following events:

Christmas Raffle,
Safari Supper in January 2012,
Pancake Supper in February 2012,
Pub Grub Competition, courtesy of the "Chequers",
Beer Festival and Darts Competition, courtesy of the
"Masons Arms",
Cream Teas in Painswick House Garden next Summer.