

# **Friends of St. Leonard's Newsletter ~ October 2007**



## **Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

The 30<sup>th</sup> AGM will be held in the church hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm. This is open to everyone and we would welcome any new faces - so why not come along.

## **Press Release**

After donating over £7,000 last year towards the restoration of the stone wall around the church yard, the funds were nearly depleted and to start the replenishment we have held many events this year and raised over £1,500

## **Events**

### **Burns Night ~ 27<sup>th</sup> January**

At the end of January, nearly 30 people enjoyed a traditional three-course dinner in the church hall to celebrate Burn's Night. In addition to the haggis, which was served with the customary tot of whisky, the menu consisted of cock-a-leekie soup for a starter and cranachan and coffee for dessert. The evening included the piping in of the haggis, speeches and was rounded off with a Scottish quiz. In total over £125 was raised towards our funds.

### **Cheese and Cider Tasting ~ 5<sup>th</sup> May**

At the beginning of May, we held a cheese and cider tasting evening in the church hall, which was a great success and enjoyed by nearly 60 people. Thatchers donated a selection of ciders; the eight varieties of cheese came from Times Past Dairy in Draycott, which were complimented, by pickles and chutneys from Rose Farm in Cocklake.

### **Plant Sale ~ 13<sup>th</sup> May**

In mid May, many people braved the torrential rain and supported the Plant Sale held at Brangay Farm. There was an abundance of plants and vegetables for sale as well as teas, coffees and some delightful cakes. Despite the poor weather, we increased our funds by over £200.

### **Maypole Dancing ~ 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Towards the end of May, we held a successful afternoon of Maypole Dancing at Brangay Farm. The weather was fine and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the dancing under the expert guidance of Karen Percival. Hot roast pork rolls with all the trimmings and a fine selection of salads followed the dancing. In total, we raised over £75 for our funds.

### **Open Gardens ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

In early June, there was a good turn out visiting the seven gardens open in Rodney Stoke. Many hard hours were spent making the gardens look fabulous for the day. In addition to the wonderful colours and plants in the gardens, there was also an aviary of exotic pheasants as well as a 1-day-old foal and an Iron Age Roundhouse. The event raised more than £500, which was boosted by the great spread of afternoon teas and cakes.

### **Pet Show ~ 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Despite the uncertainty of the weather, the Annual Pet Show was once again held at Manor Farm and was attended by many people and their pets and horses. We had some hot spells of sunshine but also one or two rather heavy showers, one of which forced the dog classes to relocate from the field into the cow barn! All the events, competitions, and classes were well supported and raised over £700 towards our funds.

### **Harvest Supper ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Once again, the annual Harvest Supper was held at Bucklegrove and was well supported by over 50 people. Everyone enjoyed the lovely food that was followed by an auction of the produce from the harvest and in total with the raffle over £130 was raised. A big thank you to everyone who helped to organise and who supported this traditional village event.

## **Marquee for Hire**

We have recently purchased a 10m x 14m marquee, which is available for hire. For further information, please contact Tim Bibby - ☎ 01749 871240

## **Thank You**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us this year and made the events hugely successful - your continued support is very much appreciated.

## **Want to know more about the Friends of St. Leonard's?**

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our events. If you would like to help or would like further information about the Friends, please contact Tim Bibby, Larks Ridge, Millway, Rodney Stoke - ☎ 01749 871240