

# ***Friends of St. Leonard's Newsletter ~ October 2008***



## ***Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November***

The 31<sup>st</sup> AGM will be held in the church hall on Wednesday 12<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***

In August, a large number of villagers convened at the Rodney Stoke Inn to discuss ideas on how to build on the success of the Pet Show and look for further ways to expand interest for this key village fund raising event. Thank you to those who contributed. Look out at the Pet Show next year for some different stalls.

## ***Events***

### ***Maypole Dancing ~ 10<sup>th</sup> May***

During the middle of May, we held a successful afternoon of traditional Maypole Dancing at Brangay Farm in Rodney Stoke. The weather was kind to us, the sun shone and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the dancing under the expert guidance of Karen Percival. Sumptuous cream teas and cakes followed the dancing. In total, we raised over £80 for our funds.

### ***Rounders Competition ~ 8<sup>th</sup> June***

At the beginning of June, we held a Rounders competition at Brangay Farm in Rodney Stoke. With a fantastic sunny afternoon, the four teams competed for the title of champions and were cheered on by supporters enjoying the warm weather. The two semi-finals were closely fought games with some great batting and fielding. Everyone enjoyed a lovely BBQ with salads and refreshing drinks before the two winning semi-finalists went head to head in the final which saw the referee having to intervene on a couple of occasions as the two teams competed in an energetically fought game.

### ***Annual Pet Show ~ 6<sup>th</sup> July***

At the beginning of July, we once again held the Annual Pet Show at Manor Farm in Rodney Stoke. At the beginning of the day, the event was in some doubt due to the heavy rain but the decision was made to continue and for most of the day, we were fortunate with the weather until at about 4:00pm when a vicious hailstorm and rain hit the village.

This unfortunately led to the abandonment of the last three horse classes. Competitors and visitors were able to take shelter in the Manor Farm barn and the marquee. Despite the weather, there was an excellent turn out. In total, over £700 was raised towards our funds.

### ***Treasure Trail ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> August***

First held in 2006, this was a welcome return of the Rodney Stoke Treasure Trail. Starting from Brangay Farm, the trail took teams all around the village hunting for answers to clues before returning to Brangay Farm. It was very competitive with some teams choosing to walk the course whilst others certainly ran most of the way round. Waiting for the teams when they completed the trail was hot roast pork rolls with stuffing and apple sauce. We were lucky with the weather and raised almost £100 towards our funds.

### ***Harvest Supper ~ 28<sup>th</sup> September***

This year's annual Harvest Supper changed venue and was held in the church hall. A lovely supper followed the service and was enjoyed by all. Just over £30 was raised and given to charity as people made contributions for the harvest produce kindly donated. All in all a very enjoyable evening in support of this traditional village event.

### ***Marquee for Hire***

If you are planning an event and need a marquee, we have one available for hire. Measuring 10m x 14m, it will lend itself to any event. For further information, please contact Tim Bibby - ☎ 01749 871240

### ***Thank You***

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped and supported 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