

# **Friends of St. Leonard's Newsletter ~ October 2009**



## **Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM will be held in the church hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm. This is open to everyone and we would welcome any new faces - so why not come along.

## **Events**

### **Burns Night Supper ~ 24<sup>th</sup> January**

At the end of January, nearly 30 people enjoyed a traditional three course Burns Supper in the church hall to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Scotland's infamous poet, Robert Burns. In addition to the haggis that 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 that was won by Rob and Sue Walker from Owl's Nest in Stoke Street. In total over £150 was raised towards our funds.

### **Pancake Race ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

A new event for the village saw over 80 people congregate in Millway for a Pancake Race on a lovely sunny afternoon. There were races for under 5's, children between 5 and 8, children between 9 and 14 and races for boys 14+ and girls 14+. All entrants had to toss their pancakes as they raced towards the finishing line cheered on by an army of on-lookers. Hot pancakes in the church hall followed the event with certificates presented to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place entrants.

### **Maypole Dancing ~ 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Unfortunately, due to bad weather, the Maypole Dancing had to be cancelled this year, but we plan to be back next year with this popular event.

### **Annual Family Pet Show ~ 5<sup>th</sup> July**

The annual family pet show was once again held in the grounds of Manor Farm opposite the church. A good day was had by all that included all the usual classes for horses and dogs as well as the favourite stalls and a few new ones. For the first time in a few years, the weather was great and we would like to say a HUGE thanks to all who helped with the event making it a great success. Over £1,500 was raised towards the church fund - a new record.

### **Pig Roast ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

Over a hundred hungry people enjoyed a sun-drenched afternoon at Conduit Farm in Rodney Stoke at the end of August for a fantastic pig roast. The pork was served with crackling, a selection of mouth-watering salads and a jacket potato and those who left enough room enjoyed homemade apple pies served with cream that was further followed by a choice of local cheeses.

The afternoon culminated with a successful raffle and in total over a £1,000 was raised for church funds. A big thank you to Ron and Fay Pitman for hosting the event and all those who helped with such a successful afternoon

## **Future Events**

Still to come this year is the Carol Singing, taking place on December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Events planned for 2010 include, Medieval Night, Pancake Race, Cheese and Cider Tasting, Maypole Dancing, Pet Show, Rounders Match and Carol Singing. In addition, we are exploring the possibility of holding a drive in movie. Watch out for further details in the Church Magazine and Parish Newsletter.

## **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