

Friends of St. Leonard's Newsletter ~ October 2010



Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 10th November

The 33rd AGM will be held in the church hall on Wednesday 10th November at 7:30pm. This is open to everyone and we would welcome any new faces - so why not come along.

Events

Medieval Night ~ 23rd January

At the end of January nearly 30 hungry diners in period costume sat down to a delightful Medieval Feast in a candle-lit Church Hall which was wonderfully decorated. The feast started with a homemade Mendip pate with unleavened bread that was followed by Pheasant Pottage with roasted vegetables and crusty bread. For dessert, baked apples and hedgerow berries were served before local cheddar cheese, which was accompanied by homemade Medlar jelly. As well as the fabulous food, there was live music from Dragonsfly, which was enjoyed by all. Over £150 was raised towards church funds.

Pancake Race ~ 14th February

Back by popular demand - February saw the return of the Pancake Race in Millway with over 50 people enjoying the afternoon sunshine. There were numerous races for all age groups and all entrants had to toss their pancakes as they raced towards the finishing line cheered on by an army of on-lookers. As well as the racing, freshly made pancakes and hot apple punch were available during the afternoon. Over £70 was raised towards Church funds.

Cheese and Cider Evening ~ 26th March

At the end of March, we held a cheese and cider tasting evening in the church hall celebrating the food and drink of Somerset. The evening was a great success enjoyed by nearly 50 people. Once again, Thatchers offered a selection of wonderful ciders; the selection of six cheeses came from Times Past Dairy in Draycott and Rose Farm in Cocklake donated the pickles and chutneys. Over £330 was raised towards church funds.

Easter Egg Rolling at Scaddens Farm ~ 5th April

Over 30 early risers made the trek up Scaddens Lane to Dave and Di Ginger's Farm on a crisp dry Easter morning for 7:00am. After a few words of welcome, everyone joined in a hymn and said a prayer before the children threw their wonderfully decorated eggs down the hill. The early risers were rewarded with bacon rolls, tea, coffee, and the chance to walk round the barn where the sheep were lambing. Over £30 was donated towards church funds. A big thank you to Dave and Di for hosting this popular event.

Maypole Dancing ~ 5th June

With bad weather in early May, the Maypole Dancing had to be postponed until Saturday 5th June when the sun shone and the eager dancers led by the wonderful Karen Percival merrily danced around the maypole - sometimes getting in a bit of a tangle. The dancers were well supported in the June sunshine and everyone tucked into hot roast pork rolls with stuffing and apple sauce.

Annual Family Pet Show ~ 11th July

The sun was shining again at the annual family pet show, which was again held in the grounds of Manor Farm opposite the church. It was a great day, which was enjoyed by everyone. The event included all the usual classes for horses and dogs as well as the favourite stalls and a few new ones together with a very competitive skittles competition and at a more sedate pace - snail racing. As well as the wonderful teas and home produce, this year we also had a Hot Dog stand, which proved very successful. We would like to say a HUGE thanks to all who helped with the event making it a great success. Over £1,100 was raised towards the church fund.

Rounders Match ~ Sunday 22nd August

This year saw the return of the Rounders Match, held once again in Brangay Farm. With a fantastic sunny afternoon, the four teams competing for the title of champions were cheered on by supporters enjoying the warm weather. The two semi-finals were closely fought games with some great batting and fielding and was followed by the two winning semi-finalists going head to head in an energetically fought final.

Future Events

Events that we are considering for 2011 include, Pancake Race, Irish Night, Maypole Dancing, Rounders, Pet Show, and Treasure Trail. 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 870415

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 870415