

Friends Of Westmill Church



Our First Year

January to December 2011



It's been a very busy time this last year for our committee; we have had some very successful events, starting the year with a daffodil picking day and coffee morning in the late spring at Coles Park.

In early summer Kevin Foskett completed a sponsored bike ride through parts of France adding a few more hundred pounds to our funds.

In July our highly successful Flower Festival and Night on the Tiles musical evening in the Church was well received by the many visitors, the weekend raised £2500. Local photographers produced some stunning photos of our Village and area around Westmill. Visitors to the photo exhibition were asked to select their favourite 12 photos from the photos on display. The photos selected have been compiled into a magnificent 2012 Calendar. A number of copies of this limited edition are still available for sale at £7.50 each.

The Golfers of Westmill all turned out for a competition at Barkway Golf Course in early September. They enjoyed a Curry Meal in the evening at the Sword Inn Hand and an auction of promises to complete the day's activities. Our thanks to Heather & Jeff at the Sword for organizing this event adding £2000 to our funds.

The annual Westmill Art exhibition celebrating its 25th year this year kindly made a generous donate towards our funds.

The Hertfordshire Constabulary Choir entertained a Full Church to a wonderful evening of musical entertainment and during the interval all guests enjoyed a glass of wine. This event added a further £1000 to our funds.

The Horse Race Night organized by Jeff, Nigel, Russell & Winston and held in the Sword on 11th November created great fun and raised £954 for our funds, thanks again to Heather & Jeff for hosting this event.

Our Final fund raiser this year was held recently in Braughing Village Hall, when the Braughing Drama Group entertained us with their very popular Music Hall evening again raising funds for our Charity

Our very popular Roof Club lottery is still attracting 170 members each month, when 10 prizes totaling £170 are paid out each month with the same figure going to the roof club fund.

At the beginning of 2011 our fund raising committee set their sights to raise £20,000 during 2011. We have now raised over £33,000 and are overwhelmed by the support we have received. Thank you so much to all who have given so generously towards this fantastic figure.

Our thanks to the Greg Trust for their support and allowing us to frequently use their facilities.

Finally we wish the Churchwardens every success in their negotiations with several National Charities to donate funds towards the £150k needed to repair the Church Roof.

On behalf of the Trustees and fund raising committee we all wish you a Very Happy Christmas & New Year and thank you for the very generous support we have received during 2011.

Our website www.friendsofwestmillchurch.org.uk is worth visiting regularly to keep up to date with our activities and future events.

Michael Thody Fund Raising Chairman

PS Date for diary January 25th 2012. First AGM details later

Friends of Westmill Church. (FOWC)

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