



Friends of Westmill Church

April 2011

After many hours of form filling we are now a **Registered Charity** so we can now claim from the government, Gift Aid money on all the donations we receive from those who have donated to our funds and are UK Tax payers. The exhaustive paper work for this project was mainly carried out by Winston Pickup our treasurer, to whom we owe our grateful thanks.

Our Roof Club Fund has now had its second draw carried out in the Sword Inn Hand, and drawn by Heather. Liz & Jan have done remarkably well in selling the tickets; our average prize money throughout the year will be about £150 per month with the same figure being paid monthly into our Charity account. The draw will take place on the first Tuesday in each month. The names and numbers of the winners will be published on the Village Notice Board following each draw.

The Daffodil and Coffee morning recently held at the Pump House was very successful. Visitors enjoyed touring the beautifully kept gardens and grounds in perfect weather for a garden party. Our thanks to Lord & Lady Carter for allowing us to hold this event at Coles Park. Our treasurer was able to bank £226 from the day's takings. Thanks also to all the helpers with Coffee & Cakes.

Arrangements are well in hand for our major fund raising event this year "**The Flower & Music Festival**" to be held on 9th & 10th July in the Church & Churchyard. We will be publishing more details later; arrangements so far, **Church decorated with flowers, Photo exhibition** in the Children's Room. **Musical evening Saturday 9th** with various performers and a wide variety of music. A number of stalls in the Churchyard some under a large marquee, a **Model Train Exhibition** in the Village Hall, and afternoon **teas in Sissons Garden** by kind permission of Mrs. Betty Mildren. On Sunday 10th

the Church will be open from midday when again visitors will be able to view the floral displays and sit in the Church and listen to **Organ music**, during the afternoon a number of local organists will be playing some of their favorite organ pieces, Tea and cakes will be served on Sunday in the Churchyard. The weekend will end with **"Songs of Praise"** when all the Hymns will have been chosen in advance by local inhabitants.

A few weeks before the **9th & 10th July** and during the weekend itself a competition will be held to guess the weight of **"Buttercup"** pictured below. Buttercup is a life size model cow who lives in Westmill and was weighed at Anstey quarry in preparation for this event. The announcement of her weight will be made at the end of the **"Songs of Praise"** singing evening, with the two nearest guessed weights being awarded £25 each. **John Waters** the local bespoke Cabinet Maker is kindly sponsoring this competition.



Buttercup sniffing the weighbridge at Anstey Quarry whilst she was being weighed.

On the 26th May Kevin Foskett is cycling from Dieppe to Paris and back, a six day trip, Kevin would be pleased if anybody would like to sponsor him for the benefit of **Friends of Westmill Church**. **Contact Kevin on 01763 448095** (Kevin now lives in Royston)

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U.K. Registered Charity No 1141322

Facts

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Rev Ian Hill
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Michael Thody

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