



Friends of Westmill Church

July 2011

Thank you to all those who helped with our recent Flower & Music Festival, whilst it was hard work it was very rewarding. Thanks to Winston Pickup, our treasurer, who has now completed the accounts in record time showing a grand total of just over £2500. (A brief copy of the accounts is on the Village Notice board) the result I think you will agree is a very good figure to add to our funds.

Sally Cousins & Kerry Joyce together with many helpers spent several days before the Festival preparing the flowers and arranging the various displays. When they had finished they presented us with some stunning arrangements. Thank you Sally and Kerry for transforming the Church with your very talented skills. The stalls in the Churchyard raised some very respectable sums. Thanks to Liz Holland & Jane Sloan with their Grand Draw, Helen Cowler and helpers for the Cake stall and of course all those ladies who made the delicious cakes. Muriel Parson, Jaqui McRae & Judy Thody sold many more books than in the past. Jan James & Michael McRae had an overwhelming number of bottles and tins to deal with but all went by the end of the day. Lucia Knight & David Mills managed to handle Buttercup and persuaded many people to guess her weight (which was 61 kilos). Debbie Hardcastle & Claire Shenton expertly painted many faces much to the delight of children & adults alike. The photo exhibition attracted enormous attention and from the photos displayed visitors were able to choose 12 so that a calendar for 2012 will be produced for sale later in the year. Grateful thanks to Wendy & Nigel Leaney who both spent many hours preparing and staging the wonderful photo exhibition, and to John King for the old photos of Westmill. Olga & Ray Partridge with the help of many friends provided delicious teas on both days, our grateful thanks to Mrs. Betty Mildren for the use of her garden for Saturday's teas. Thanks to Mike Harding & Russell Phipps for the sound system.

Brian Peters & Malcolm Taylor had many children & big kids to view their well laid out railway exhibition in the Village hall

The Musical evening raised just over a thousand pounds. Special thanks to Sarah Hill who produced the evening entertainment supported by Chris Peirce, Nick Gregory, David Kirby, Raf Ruocco, Di Bowtell & Keith Chambers. The variety of music covered Jazz, Folk singing & Opera. During the interval wine was served in the marquee, this was a most enjoyable evening. The amusing cartoon pictures so expertly drawn by Sarah Hill's mum were sold for the benefit of FOWC

Thanks to Pat Murray, John Edwards, Peter Eaglesfield & Chris Peirce for their organ recitals during Sunday Afternoon. The weekend ended with a rousing Songs of Praise.

Finally thanks to all those who provided Books, flowers and greenery, prizes for the draw and bottle stall, door sitters and manpower for the many moving tasks that are needed to stage this type of festival. Thanks to the Greg Trust for the use of their facilities. To David McMullen for the Car Park field to John Bowtell & Steve Cowler as Car Park attendance and to David House for this year's huge marquee.

Forthcoming events

October 10th Police Choir Concert in the Church get tickets (£8) early from Jan 272217 Or Liz 272181 this will be a sellout

November 25th Variety Concert in Braughing Village Hall by Braughing Drama Group all proceeds to FOWC Tickets (£14)

Other events being planned are: - (1) A Race night in the Sword Inn Hand & (2) A Golf Day. Details of these events later.

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