



FRIENDS NEWS

From St. Peter's Wellesbourne

Autumn 2013

Dear Friends of St Peter's,

What a busy year; the Friends have been involved in so many small projects through the year improving the church kitchen, enhancing the new Garden of Remembrance for interments of ashes in the churchyard extension, cleaning and tidying, producing and consuming a lot of breakfasts, and some have done rather well in a quiz. As well as contributing to the social life of the village all this activity, together with your regular donations, has raised a significant sum of money to support St Peter's, for which we are very thankful. New Friends are always welcome. Do you know anyone who might like to join?

As you know, I believe St Peter's Church - both the building and community - to be a significant asset in our village. The building has hosted USA and Parish Council meetings, and concerts, as well as funerals, weddings and christenings through the year. The church community has played a significant part in employing a youth worker and setting up the Foodbank, as well as providing a network of friendship and care for many.

So thank you very much for your support and goodwill. If you have not already done so please do renew your subscription so we can keep up the good work.

Wishing you peace and joy as Christmas approaches,
Yours sincerely

Kate

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE



One of our major projects this year was the planting of a box hedge to define the boundary of the new Garden of Remembrance in St Peter's Churchyard extension. The actual planting was carried out in the spring by volunteers but sadly the prolonged dry spell affected it rather badly and we had to put some extra plants. However at present it is looking very well indeed.

Looking towards the future there are a number of projects under consideration. The Church is urgently in need of a new heating system for which a faculty is currently being sought. This is estimated to cost roughly £30,000. Allied to this are some ceiling mounted destratification fans and a secure storage cupboard at

the organ end of the North aisle in which to store spare chairs together with various musical paraphernalia. We will also be buying 36 stacking chairs when funds permit and there are repairs needed to some of the stained glass windows which have suffered damage over the years. They really need doing at some point otherwise all the lovely new heat will disappear through the holes. There is also a new notice board needed in the new Churchyard extension.

There is also a scheme afoot to install an ipod docking station in the Church. This is a very sophisticated music player which will be invaluable for services and other occasions too.

Whilst these together will be far more than the Friends can manage we hope we can at least be involved with one or two.

THE LAST 12 MONTHS

The Friends have been busy with the redecoration of St Peter's Church kitchen by Ron together with the supply of extra storage cupboards. The Friends have also supplied the white stone "henge" markers in the new Garden of Remembrance.



Wall cupboards in the Church Kitchen

We had stalls at the Christmas fair, (where Mac's little books were quite popular) and the Street Fair in June where we provided a very well patronised cake stall and equally popular cream teas.



Friends cake stall at the Street Fair

We helped in the Annual Church Spring cleaning and the Churchyard working party. All this together with a hugely popular quiz evening in early November, for which we give a big "thank you" to Sheena Smith and her team from U3A, plus four of our ever popular Brunches has meant a pretty full programme.



We are extremely grateful for all those people who give their time and their talents so freely to support our work.

THE UNSUNG HEROES

Our heartfelt thanks go to all those who have done such sterling service to the Friends over the past year. Veronica Quinn, Julia Smedley & Jenny Down have been at the heart of our catering efforts with Rosemary Ottaway, Sarah Hampstead & Sheila Parry undertaking waitressing with Ron Smedley at front of house and doubling as Maitre D as well. A special mention should be made of Sheila McDougald who provides us with the most beautiful marmalade & jam

Other valuable assistance has been received from Sheena Smith, Alison Peerman, Kate Mier, Peter Quinn, Mike Crocker, Linda & Mike Dane. Without their enthusiastic help nothing would have happened and the population of Wellesbourne would have gone hungry and Brunchless.

Do come and join us, it's not all work and there are plenty of laughs.

VERY SADLY –



we have to record the passing of two Friends, Gordon Nicholls and Jenny Davies.

As an ex-Churchwarden Gordon was only too well aware of the importance of the support the Friends give to St Peter's and Jenny as a School Governor had much experience of how valuable the Friends work is. We shall miss them both very much indeed.

We do still have a few of the famous

FRIENDS MUG
for sale. Of high quality bone china they are an ideal gift at only £7.



On sale at all our events or from the Church office

FUTURE EVENTS

All our events will be published in the Wellesbourne & Walton News and you can view this online at www.stpeterswellesbourne.org.uk

We are having a stall at St Peter's **Christmas Fair on 30th November.**

We are planning a **Social Event** on 23rd February 2014 in the Church Centre at 3.30. Please bring a friend along

Our ever popular **Brunches** are going to continue with two already planned for next year on **18th January & 22nd March.**

All will be in the Church Centre from 10.30am until 1.00pm. There will be others and dates will be published in WWN

THE ACCOUNTS

Our income to this year was:-

Profit from events	£1288.12
Subscriptions	£ 518.00
Donations	£ 100.00

Total £1906-12

As at 18th November '13

Over the year we spent:-

£168.20 on New Kitchen Units in the Church, £117.00 on the hedge for the Garden of Remembrance and £630* on stone markers for the GofR

*This item not debited to accounts as the invoice has not yet been received

If Your Sub is due

A big thank you to all who renewed their subscription this year or who contribute annually by standing order. If you have yet to renew your sub the minimum subscription remains at £10 and our Treasurer, Mike Crocker would be very pleased to receive your payment. You can find him at 51, Ettington Close, Wellesbourne, CV35 9RJ or Telephone **01789 470380**

Please make your cheque payable to "St. Peter's Church" and if you could arrange to Gift Aid it too the Friends benefit from the tax rebate.

Thank you for your continuing support.