

July 2015 Newsletter

Church

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

05.07.15	6 pm	Evening Prayer
12.07.15	11 am	Matins
19.07.15	9.30 am	Eucharist
	3 pm	Open Air Service in Ledwell
26.07.15	11 am	Eucharist

Church fete

Our takings at the Fete in June totalled £5,101. We still have expenses to pay out of that total, but we hope to clear about £4,000 for Church funds!

I would like to thank everyone involved this year and particularly the following:

Fiona and Gavin McAlpine for their beautiful gardens, for the bouncy castle and for making special arrangements for the power supply

Clive Tompkins (Cherwell Graphics Ltd) for generously donating the printing of banners, leaflets, raffle tickets etc.

The fete committee: **Philip Giorgi, Stephen Hancocks, Steph Lacey, Sarah Taylor, Helen Hammond, Bev Ludlow, Sarah and Tom Lindley**

Michael at the White Horse for organising the barbecue food. Meat donated by Walter Rose Butchers of Devizes. Thank you too for judging the judging the

Scarecrow Competition and CONGRATULATIONS to Ann Osborne for her **HRH The Queen** scarecrow and to the Brooks family for their **Foxy Loxy** scarecrow in the children's category. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun.

Roger Stranks for storing all the equipment and directing operations for set-up/clearing away.

Man with the Van, **Chris Drake** and Gazebo Guru, **Jon Burgess**, on logistics.

Everyone who donated anything to the fete!

All the **stallholders** and **those who set up/cleared away** on the day and for their preparation work beforehand.

I am extremely grateful and hope to see you all again next year ☺

Fete Organiser: Clare Burgess

Christian Aid Week

The final total received was £899.48, including gift aid, which is amazing. Thank you everyone for being so generous. Stephanie Lacey

Progressive supper

Diary Date: Following the success of last year's revised format we are planning a similar event on Saturday 19th September – with drinks and canapes, a starter and main course hosted in various locations throughout the village followed by dessert and coffee in the Village Hall.

Tickets £25 with profits going towards the upkeep of the Church.

Hosts Wanted for tables of 6 or more: All food is brought to you pre-prepared and just needs heating through/serving.

If you would be prepared to host or help with the catering etc, or just want more information about what is involved, please contact either Stephanie Lacey or Carol Rigby:

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Advance notice - Ride or Stride 2015 – Saturday 12th September

This year the Historic Churches Bike Ride will be held on Saturday 12th September. Last year we raised £757, half of which helped towards the upkeep of Duns Tew church, and half went to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

It is fun to take part as a family, with friends and even on your own as most of the churches you visit will have someone waiting to welcome you.

Some people just visit 3 or 4 churches, but Chris Drake went to 36 different churches during last year's event, so you could try and beat that!

For more information, contact Clare Burgess clarebugress@gmail.com or 347382

Charity of the Quarter

For May, June and July the PCC are again supporting PACT (Parents and Children Together – the Oxford Diocesan Council for Social Work) as our charity.

PACT is one of the UK's leading Voluntary Adoption Agencies (VAA) placing children with **secure and loving families** and supporting them with specialist **therapeutic support**. Our award-winning FACTS service includes counselling, Theraplay, creative art therapy and life story work which help children to overcome difficulties in childhood, adolescence and early adulthood which have resulted from early childhood **trauma and neglect**.

PACT also runs adoption services and community projects supporting vulnerable children and adults facing a range of issues including **domestic abuse, homelessness and debt**.

Please give generously – the charity plate is available for donations at the end of each service. If you wish to donate at any other time, please place money in an envelope marked for PACT, and post through Hilary Skaar's door (The New House, opposite the pub, or ring 340269).

Collections for Polly's homeless people

Polly is very appreciative of all your donations, whether food, or money. She says: "Thank you for making a difference to the lives of the poorer sad folk. They are all looking a lot healthier, although their mental problems don't go away, they're happier in themselves because folk like you care."

Reminder: When leaving donated food in the basket in church, please make sure all food is still within its use-by date.

THIS IS IMPORTANT, AS POLLY WILL NOT TAKE OUT-OF-DATE FOOD/DRINKS. I just have to throw it away.

Polly always needs:

Chocolate, chocolate bars, biscuits, teabags, instant coffee, instant chocolate drink.

Thank you!

Clare Burgess 347382