

Parish News – May 2016

The Spring Drinks Party held at the Beaufort Polo Club by kind permission of the Tomlinson family was, as usual, a most enjoyable evening. It should be remembered that the event is held to raise funds for the Church and this year the proceeds from the ticket sales, raffle and bar amounted to £803, a not inconsiderable sum. Special thanks should go to Andy and Kathy Clarke for the organisation, to Ian Hilton for running the bar and to all those who brought raffle prizes together with plentiful and delicious canapés - there was really no need for any of us to have supper that night. It wasn't free and the wine of course was not Grand Cru but the bringing together of all parts of the village at such a lovely event is what it is all about. This year just under 80 (including children) attended which was slightly more than last year.

The Parochial Church Council held its annual general meeting recently from which two pieces of news arise. The first is that Doris Baber, our much loved and longest resident parishioner has decided to retire from the Council after almost 30 years in the post. She is a wonderful friendly matriarch to us all and we expect her to emulate The Queen in her longevity. The second item is a request for a lockable filing cabinet- if anybody has one that is redundant but usable (condition almost irrelevant) please ring June Goatley on 880341 who will organise transport to Lasborough Church vestry where it is needed.

Good news from the Arboretum. The new walkway is open. It has taken longer to erect than the Sydney Harbour Bridge but is now giving an interesting new perspective to our wonderful surroundings - prepare for even more visitors from now on.

A last minute reminder of the Spring Lecture at Westonbirt School on Friday May 6th at 7pm. It is to be presented by Antonia Bolingbroke-Kent and is entitled "Alone in the jungle - The Ho Chi Minh Trail by motorcycle". Tickets are free but please book a place with the school on 01666 880333.

Every couple of years the Parish Council organise a Summer Village Party which is subsidised to a small degree by the income generated by the Village Hall Fund. This year it is planned to hold it on July 2nd but as yet it is just in the planning stage. More details in next month's edition.

It almost feels too far in advance to announce but nonetheless please note that on August 27th. Hawkesbury Upton are holding their 131st Horticultural Society Show. This is always a wonderful event and well worth a visit. More details in the August Newsletter.