

26 Apr 18  
Annual  
Parish  
Meeting

## **Leighton Bromswold Parish Council**

### **Tree Report**

**The condition of the trees in The Avenue is very good. Replacement trees have taken well and are thriving.**

**A Report to Cambridgeshire County Council has been acknowledged, but maintenance work has not been approved to take place as yet.**

**One tree replaced by C.C.C. to cover one taken by mistake on an earlier programme has still to be actioned.**

**Some trees that were planted on the tree planting scheme in the parish have not survived. Replacements have been planted with trees provided by a kind parishioner**

**The majority have are doing well and have been maintained well, by replacing stakes and guides.**

**Tree Officer Neville Cook.....**

## Leighton Bromswold Garden Club 2017

The garden club enjoyed another successful year of social gardening.

Seeds and plants were swapped and knowledge shared at the meetings.

The competition was hotly contested with new members winning in some of the many categories.

Some members enjoyed a visit to Wrest Park Bedfordshire, house and gardens on June 4th. A picnic was taken before the return home.

The Garden Walk Round took place on Saturday 17th June, where members visited a selection of host members gardens.

A bring and share lunch was hosted by Margaret and Bohdan Mysak.

Some members entered in The Gt. Gidding Show. Success was achieved including Amanda, who had the longest bean. The outstanding performance was by our Chairman Neville Cook who not only won the vegetable trophy, but The Fitzwilliam Challenge Cup for most points accumulated in the show.

The season was rounded off with The Pickle Party on November 5th Hosted by Toni Hannigan at The Green Man.

Winners of the competition were handed out garden related prizes for their efforts.

## **Annual Review on proceedings of St Marys Leighton Bromswold during 2017/18.**

During the year the congregation has remained fairly stable and the usual events organised by the PCC have successfully taken place including:

### **MAY**

The Gidding pilgrimage took place on May 20<sup>th</sup>, with 40+ pilgrims enjoying lunch outside before the showers came. Those that came were particularly appreciative this year.

### **JUNE**

The village Bike Fest weekend started with a family breakfast at the church, followed by teas and cakes provided during the afternoon and then Café style church on the Sunday.

### **AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

2 Weddings took place: Louise and Max in August, followed by Bertie and Sarah in September; both were blessed with good weather.

The Church weekend in September saw a full church for a wonderful concert starring Robert Burton on saxophone followed by Kate Williams and her band, "Midnight Sun", Alan and Amanda put in a lot of hard work to organise the event which was thoroughly enjoyed and raised just over £1000 for the church funds.

The film night was enjoyed by those who attended, as was the charity breakfast.

The weekend was completed with another well attended Café style Church service.

### **OCTOBER**

Saw the Harvest service and lunch; it is always an enjoyable time, but fewer people seem to be attending from outside the normal congregation.

### **NOVEMBER**

Although we did not have a remembrance service this year Hugh West has successfully obtained funding through the Heritage Lottery fund so next November there will be a special commemoration of the 100 years since WW1 ended.

### **DECEMBER**

At Christmas- we celebrated with the musical sing-a-long, 'Make Way for Christmas', which Kim Judge organised, followed by the Christmas Eve carol service which filled the church once again and was Brenda's final service in the village.

### **BUILDING**

The last vicar has moved on and we have collaborated with the other churches in the Benefice to seek a new incumbent.

We have still not officially made the appointment of an architect for the reordering.

A new portable PA system was purchased and has already proved very effective.

Heaters were installed into the chancel.

We suffered a couple break-ins during the year which caused some damage, but nothing of value was taken. The damage has been repaired. CCTV has now been installed so that the church can be opened again.