

All Saints Church – article in October 2017 Village Views

In last month's article, I reported on the efforts of the East Garston community, including the church, which culminated in an extremely successful Village Fete. The East Garston Amenities Committee is responsible for the organisation of the fete and the distribution of the funds that are raised. I would like to record the Parochial Church Council's gratitude to the committee for the generous portion of those funds that they have passed on to us. This financial assistance is essential to the day-to-day running of the church.

Some members of my family and our dogs joined me on the Ride & Stride walk on Saturday 9th September in aid of the Berkshire Churches Trust. We visited the churches of Shefford Woodlands, Wickham, Welford, Great Shefford, East Garston, Eastbury and Lambourn, covering a distance of approximately 13 miles. Thanks to those who have already sponsored me but I would still welcome further sponsorship as 50% of any money raised by participants comes back to their nominated church.

We were disappointed with the advanced sales of tickets for the "Autumnal Classics Concert" given by the international cellist Philip Daish-Handy and his accompanist Martin Penrose in the afternoon of Sunday 10th September. However, those that did attend, approximately 40 adults and children, were treated to a programme of both classical and popular music. In addition to the pieces played by Phil and Martin, there were some excellently performed solos by Phil's students who are members of the West Berkshire Cello Academy. A super afternoon tea was provided during the interval – my thanks to the team of ladies for their support.

Our next special service will be our Harvest Festival on Sunday 8th October at 12 noon. Our annual Churchyard Maintenance Day will be on Saturday 14th October and any assistance at that would be very welcome (refreshment provided!!).

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