

Thank you for becoming Friends of St Tudwal's, Llanstadwell.

What we have been doing since the creation of the new committee for the charity, 'The Friends of St Tudwal's, Llanstadwell'.

We have held two meetings so far. The first meeting was so the committee could get to know one another and also to fully understand where our work fits with the work of the Church committee. We are very clear that the Church committee is responsible for the day to day running of the church and for deciding the priority activity they want carried out on the building and the grounds to ensure we maintain and grow a community asset for the area. The work of the "Friends" is to raise money so that when work is identified or new uses identified then there will be funds to support it. The church committee are keen to listen to the 'Friends' ideas and respond to their suggestions accordingly.

Income has already been generated from memberships along with the sale of cards and prints from a painting kindly donated to the charity by local artist, Audrey Johns.

We are currently working on maintaining the sea wall in front of the church as a priority and as such we have engaged with various trades to cost the work required. We will be reaching out to members when we have some timescales to seek labour.

We have approached the Dragon LNG community support group to see if they can support us either with labour or financial assistance.

I think it would be useful to outline some activities we are looking to get up and running which hopefully can secure some income on a yearly basis. All of these are in the very early stages of discussion and may not be possible but it will give you a flavour of what we are considering.

Winter activity	Christmas Wreath competition and display in the church
Spring activity	Easter Wreath and bonnet competition and display
Summer activity	Flower festival
Autumn activity	Craft and produce market

In addition we are looking at various other fund-raising evenings, bids to various lottery organisations and perhaps even the writing of a play to be performed yearly.

All this needs more help than just the existing committee members and I would be keen to know if anyone would be interested in taking the lead in any of the above. I have a potential lead for the flower festival.

It may not be possible to get any of this up and running until the New Year but if there was a small group assigned to each activity then these ideas could become a reality.

What we need from you:

1. We need to grow the membership significantly in order to have a regular income. Remember this is about engaging people who have an interest in this community, an interest in preserving this historic building sitting in the heart of our community and an interest in setting up community activities for the people of the parish. Please support us in this effort.
2. If you or someone you know would be willing to either organise or support any of the above activities please contact one of the committee members listed below.

Jocelyn Llewellyn	Chair
Marie Reynolds	Secretary

Sarah Harries	Treasurer
Alan Chadwick	Trustee
Rob Boltman	Trustee
Dorothy Cox	Trustee
Erene Grieve	Committee member
Chris Taylor	Committee member
Nick Tavener	Committee member

I hope this update is useful.

Jocelyn Llewellyn – Chair

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