

**Minutes of The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's Bacton**  
**On**  
**July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church**

**Present:**

Simon Holdich (Chairman)  
Peggy Boyer  
Peter Franks  
Sheila Franks  
Angela Friend  
Rose Graham (Membership Secretary)  
Gavin Graham  
Robin Jack  
Ann Kent  
Michelle McAusland  
Sue Middleton (Secretary)  
Dick Middleton (Treasurer)  
Richard Peaty  
Robert Black  
David Black  
Janice Shea

**Welcome and apologies.** Simon welcomed everyone to the first AGM of the Friends of St Mary's and noted that the following had offered their apologies:

Andy Friend  
Helen Thomson

**Chairman's Report:** Simon Holdich said it was with great regret he had to announce the death of Joy Wright, an enthusiastic member of the Friends, who clearly loved Bacton and St Mary's church. She will be sadly missed. Everyone would be welcome at her funeral on 20th July.

He reported on the first year's activities and thanked everyone for the work they had done for the Friends. He listed the years' fund-raising events, two Concerts and the Metal Detecting Day.

The Friends had also arranged for a historian to talk to the children about the church's history. It was hoped that this could be an annual event, which would help encourage Bacton children to feel that the church was an important part of the village. The Friends had paid for the repair of two clerestory windows, and were planning to pay for further repairs.

The organisation of the concert was going to plan, as was the Metal Detecting Day, pew cushions were being made, and some volunteers had been found to make them. It was agreed that the cushions made the pews much more comfortable. There will be a stall at the Bacton Fayre, where it was hoped that new members could be found, and also the notelets and postcards could be sold.

**Financial Report:** Everyone was given an up to date report of the years' finances.(report attached) Dick Middleton said that he felt that Simon had understated the success of the Friends, as the state of the finances for the first year showed. £5.000 had been raised over and above the generous donation of £5.000 received at the first public meeting in 2004. The balance was £6.946. Gift Aid would bring in a further £1.616.

David Black reported on the progress of the window repairs. The contract had been taken over by the company who worked on the Cathedral windows. Four or five clerestory windows needed repair, also three sets of other windows. There was a delay on the installation of the boiler. This was rescheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the organ refurbishment was hoped to be reduced by the help of volunteers.

Simon said that the church would always need the Friends as the cost of maintaining the church would always be there.

**The Election of Officers:** There being no other candidates the following were re-elected:

Simon Holdich	Chair
Dick Middleton	Treasurer
Sue Middleton	Secretary
Rose Graham	Membership Secretary

Simon thanked everyone for all the hard work over the last year.

There was some confusion on the definition of the word 'Friend'. Dick said that the description was made clear in the constitution. It was anyone who wished to be associated in any way with the Friends. It was agreed that anyone wishing to be a Friend should make themselves known to Rose, so that she could make sure everyone received correspondence. It was suggested that there could be a small subscription, but it was agreed that at the moment everyone was happy as things stood.

Simon wished to thank other people who had contributed to the work of the Friends: Dick Piggott, Ian Everett, Mathew Abercrombie

There being no other business, the AGM was closed.

*Simon H. W. H. O. D. E. T.*