

Minutes of The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's Bacton
On
Thursday June 8th at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church

Present:

Simon Holdich (Chairman)
Peggy Boyer
David Black
Andy Friend (Membership Secretary)
Angela Friend
Rose Graham
Ann Kent
Michelle McAusland
Sue Middleton (Secretary)
Dick Middleton (Treasurer)
Carol Milward
Richard Peaty
Janice Shea
Helen Thomson

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

Linda and Brian Last
Pip Wright

Trustee's Report: Simon Holdich said an AGM was a requirement of the Charities Commission, the Friends of St Mary's being a Registered Charity. He welcomed everyone, and asked if the minutes of the last AGM be accepted. Accepted unanimously.

He ran through the Annual Report and activities over the year, and stressed the importance of getting people together, and involving young people in the church. Rose Graham had organised talks to the schools, a Christmas card competition for the school children was held, and the winning cards sold, raising funds for the Friends.

The pew cushions, made by volunteers had been well received, and that the pews were more comfortable.

Financial Report: Everyone was given an up to date report of the years' finances (report attached)

The Treasurer went through the Financial Report .

£3726 in donations, last year (including Gift aid and Standing Orders)

£555 was raised from cards and notelets

£2420 from Events

Expenses included the church boiler and pew cushions. A full breakdown of the finances will be found in the Annual Financial Report.

The Election of Officers:

All officers stood down.

The secretary reported that there had been no nominations for any of the posts.

Chairman: Helen Thomson proposed that Simon Holdich be re-elected as Chair.

Ann Kent seconded. - Agreed unanimously

Treasurer: Dick Middleton – all in favour

Secretary: Sue Middleton – all in favour

Membership Secretary : Any Friend – all in favour

Two more names were required as Trustees.:

Peggy Boyer and Rose Graham agreed to stand again this year – agreed unanimously

Simon asked if all legal obligations had been fulfilled. All concurred, and he thanked everyone for all the hard work over the last year.

There being no other business, the AGM was closed.

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had been done

Afternote to the meeting

David Black thanked the Friends for their hard work, and raising money enabling the work on the clearstory windows, the new boiler, and pew cushions. Work had started on a buttress which was parting company from the church. Suffolk Masonry Services had put in some stainless steel pins, and put back masonry. It was thought that the dry weather had caused shrinkage. There had been no bill for this work at the time of the meeting. He reported that the PCC were now looking at the south side. Future plans included the possibility of removing the back pews and laying a floor area, thus making the space more flexible.

Future Events

- Church lunch August 6th
- Metal Detecting 1st October
- Fashion Show, November
- Christmas Card Competition - August

Simon suggested that the price for the metal detecting be increased to £12 this year. Land round Manor Farm had been found.

Ann reported that she *would* have started the process of running the Christmas Card competition again. Judging *the* would take place at the Bacton Fayre. The same printers had agreed to do the work again this year. It was to be stipulated that the cards would be coloured. A place in the tent at the Bacton Fayre had been booked.

Teddy Bear Event

The Bacton Under Fives (this included toddler groups, breakfast clubs and after school clubs) were holding a Teddy Bear Event on 15th or 16th July. This event encourages children to become involved in the church. The church wardens had agreed to go up the tower to abseil the teddies down. It was agreed that the Bacton under Fives would provide food and arrange advertising and would share the takings 50/50 with the Friends. Ann agreed to liase with the Under fives, on behalf of the Friends, who would look after the church

The date for the next AGM ^{is} to be decided

**The next meeting of The Friends of St Mary's to be held on Thursday July ^{13th}.....
.....at 7.30 – at.....**

Church Cottage