

## FRIENDS AGM MINUTES 2015

The AGM of the Friends of St Mary's, Bacton, was held in the community room on June 4 2015.

The meeting was attended by: Dick Middleton, Richard Peaty, Sue Middleton(chair), Claire Bisset (treasurer), Keith Parsons, Ann Kent (secretary), Helen Thomson, Mike Talbot, Peter Gipson, Michele Macausland, Graham Macauland, Peggy Boyer, Norma Lambert, Pip Wright, Sarah Spinks.

Apologies were received from Janice Shea, Andy Friend and Barbara Bilson.

Matters arising: Sue Middleton reported that it had been another successful year for the Friends. The 1914 concert – an event where the British Legion and the Friends had worked together alongside other village organisations had raised nearly £800 for the poppy appeal. At this point Peter Gipson stated that heritage lottery funding was still available for WW1 commemorations and that grants were available of between £3,000 and £8,000 for projects which enabled communities to have a better understanding of the 1914-18 events. The Heritage Lottery Fund was particularly keen on projects which helped younger members of the community to take an active role in commemorations.

It was agreed to form a working party with Peter Gipson, Sue Middleton, Dick Middleton and Richard Peaty.

The wine tasting and murder mystery events had been enjoyable and profitable events, but the angels project had failed.

Treasurers report: Claire Bisset noted that the income of £3,400 was lower than in previous years because the usual metal detecting event had fallen outside the financial year. The Friends had benefited from a donation of £7,500 from the company of Friends; £410 from the wine tasting quiz and £619 from the most recent murder mystery. The Friends had been able to make a grant of £9,000 towards the PCC's fabric fund and had about £14,000 in the bank account.

The chairman thanked Claire for her excellent contribution as treasurer.

Simon Holdich then proposed a vote of thanks for Sue's brilliant term as chairman; this was seconded by Ann Kent.

The meeting then moved on to nomination of officers as Sue Middleton's two year term had come to an end.

Ann Kent was nominated by Sue Middleton, seconded by Mike Talbot and voted unanimously.

Claire Bisset was nominated by Helen Thomson and seconded by Norma Lambert.

Andy Friend had stated he was happy to continue as membership secretary. He was nominated by Ann Kent and seconded by Sue Middleton.

Sue Middleton was nominated as secretary by Ann Kent, seconded by Helen Thomson.

The trustees continued unchanged.

The meeting then voted on the change to the constitution to alter the quorum from three trustees to half the number of trustees, rounding up in the case of an odd number. This was unanimously agreed.