

**Minutes of the meeting of The Friends of St Mary's, Monday 22nd March 2004
held at The Bull, Bacton at 7.30pm**

Present: Dick Middleton (Chairman)
David Black
Peggy Boyer
Peter Franks
Rose Graham
Simon Holdich
Sue Middleton (secretary)
Helen Thompson
Pip Wright
Joy Wright

Welcome and apologies

Dick Middleton welcomed those present at the meeting, and noted that the following had offered their apologies:

Robin Jack, Robert Black, Ann James, Rosemary Black

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Matters arising

The updated version of the flyer designed by Simon Holdich was accepted.

Membership Scheme

It was agreed that the Membership scheme was the priority. This would indicate income, and level of support, and become the foundation for the scheme. Major funders would give support for the building once it is shown that the church will be used for community activity. There is no funding for worship, as it is considered a private matter. There could not be enough money raised by the village for the maintenance and the added facility needs of the church.

Stage One

The Membership scheme, founded on Simon's leaflet. Everyone approved the wording. The launch to be held on May 17th with a talk by Roy Tricker was discussed. A charge of £2 was agreed, plus a donation for a glass of wine and nibbles. It was decided to pay at the door and meet in the church. The money would be split between the Friends of St Mary's and the Cotton and District Local History Society. The Chairman agreed to say a few words about the Friends at the launch.

A database of members would have to be maintained. Helen Thompson proposed Rose Graham as Membership Secretary, seconded by Sue Middleton and carried unanimously.

Helen was to ask the Wickendon's at the village shop to be the recipients of the completed membership scheme leaflets. The leaflets needed to be distributed in good time for people to respond before May 17th. It was agreed that they should be distributed the week after Easter, and be returned by 10th May at the latest. A figure of about £50 would be a need to pay the Scouts for the delivery.

Helen would ask Peter Gipson to deliver 400 leaflets. There could be no funding from the Community Champions fund until at least the end of May. Helen offered to print 400 leaflets as her contribution for the week beginning 12th April. Simon Holdich offered to be temporary Treasurer. He said that the Friends need some young people on the committee.

Future Plans

- WI Choir, date to be decided
- Peggy Boyer would choose a date for their concert – probably the middle of September
- CD of photos of the Church - of interest to historians and a way of reducing insurance costs if the insurance company have a record of the contents.
- Stand at the Flower Show where membership could be sold
- An activity involving the primary school children. Helen said that children found the church quite severe. A competition to design a mural for the church was suggested. It would be beneficial to develop a plan to involve children

Date of next meeting: April 26th at the Bull 7.30pm