

**Minutes of the meeting of The Friends of St Mary's, Monday 26th April 2004
held at The Bull, Bacton at 7.30pm**

Present: Dick Middleton (Chairman)
Robert Black
Peggy Boyer
Rose Graham
Simon Holdich
Sue Middleton (Secretary)
Helen Thompson
Robin Jack

Welcome and apologies

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

David Black, Ann James, Rosemary Black, Pip and Joy Wright, Janice Shea

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Matters arising

Simon Holdich had applied for £740 from COVER.

Thanks were given to Simon and Helen Thompson and Peter and Ann Gipson for delivering the leaflets about the Friends meeting in the church 17th May.

Agenda

There was no fixed agenda at this meeting, as the priority was the membership Scheme and the 17th May event.

Membership Scheme

Fifteen people had so far returned the completed Membership forms to the box in the shop. It was agreed that extra Membership forms were available in the church on 17th May.

Dick agreed to open a bank account with Barclays as money could be paid in via the post office. Members would be encouraged to open standing orders for their donations to the Friends. Members should also be made aware of Gift Aid.

The definition of a 'Friend' was discussed. It was felt that the definition should be clarified, as there were people happy to support the Friends but could not give money. It was agreed that friends could be people who supported in all sorts of ways – fund raising, being a regular church-goer or not, living in or out of the parish – generally being inclusive. Rose was to contact someone who had offered to set up a web site as her contribution to the Friends. Simon and Rose offered to write an article for the June parish magazine to clarify the definition.

May 17th

It was suggested that an A5 flyer be put in the parish magazine as a reminder to parishioners about the meeting in the Church. Sue Middleton offered to write the flyer and Dick Middleton to produce 400 copies. Sue to liaise with Terry Spalding about this.

The following actions were agreed on:

- The Cotton and District Local history society will collect the subscriptions on the evening.
- It was agreed that some tickets could be sold in advance. (action Helen)
- The money raised from the evening would be split 50/50 between the Friends and Historical Society.
- Raffle prizes:
 - Voucher from Finbows
 - Flower basket (Helen)
 - Garden Voucher (Middletons)
 - Book of Bacton (Rose)
 - Cuddly Toy (Peggy)
- Helen will provide glasses
- Dick Middleton will organise wine, orange juice and nibbles
- Peggy will sell raffle tickets
- Helen will provide stickers to put on people who have paid
- Sue will check stickers on the evening
- Robert will unlock the church
- Dick will give short talk about the Friends

Programme: 7.15 in the church. When drinks and nibbles (crisps etc) will be available for a donation. 7.30 start.

June 10th the public Meeting of the Friends in the Church.

Details of this will be discussed at the next meeting
This date would be advertised in the June Parish Magazine.

Date of next meeting: Monday 24th May at the Bull 7.30pm