

Minutes of a Meeting of The Friends of St Mary's Bacton
On
12th August 2004 at 7.30pm at The Bull

1. Present:

Simon Holdich (Chairman)
Peggy Boyer
Brenda Dunn
Ian Everett
Andy Friend
Angela Friend
Rose Graham (Membership Secretary)
Dick Middleton (Treasurer)
Sue Middleton (secretary)
Helen Thomson
Pip Wright
Joy Wright

2. Welcome and apologies. Simon welcomed those present and noted that the following had offered their apologies:

Ann Kent
Richard Peaty

3. Minutes of meeting Thursday 8th July:

Corrections

- (2.) Helen's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of committee members.
- (8 Standing orders and Gift Aid Report) The third sentence regarding gift aid was deleted from the minutes
- (10. Events) All reference to the costs of tickets was deleted from the minutes.

It then being accepted as a true copy of the minutes, Simon signed them.

4. Constitution. (Treasurer)

As the Friends had an income of more than £1000, it has to be registered as a charity, and be acceptable to the Charity Commission. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the object (preserving the building for the benefit of people (Part C of the Constitution) was all important. It was proposed that the constitution should be adopted by the group. Pip proposed and Andy Friend seconded the motion. Carried unanimously. The constitution was signed by the officers.

5. Bacton Fayre

Andy and Angela had set up the stall at the Bacton Fayre, and were helped during the day by Helen, Rose, Pip and Joy, Brenda and Janice. Simon thanked everyone for their support on the day, and Ann Kent and Richard Peaty for making the display. The stall sold notelets and Pip's quiz. £23 was raised on the quiz sheets, and £29 on the notelets. The pitch cost £8, and the table £4. It was agreed that the stall raised the profile of the Friends, and three people had shown an interest in contributing to the group. Brenda sourced a supplier of cheap notelets and cards. Brian Manley has offered to print Christmas cards free of charge. Simon suggested that Helen and Andy would co-ordinate the marketing. Sue offered to run the mail order side of the cards.

Dick said that he would ask Len Burrows to take some photographs of the church and interior, and also ask him to find a photo of the church in snow, for a Christmas card. Outlets

to sell the cards were difficult to find. Brenda had asked a selection of places such as church shops and TIC's etc. and had little response. Sue also asked at the Bury Cathedral shop, but they too were not interested. Dick suggested we try the Charity Christmas Card Shops in Bury and Ipswich.

Rose agreed to ask the Wickendon's at the Bacton Stores to find out if it was possible for them to sell the cards.

6. Fundraising

Fame Academy Concert: October 2nd

Peggy reported that the preparations for the concert on were coming on well. Matthew Abercrombie had offered to do the lighting, sound and stage managing. Ian Everett offered to decorate the church. Members took tickets to sell, and were asked that help would be appreciated with refreshments and draw prizes.

Metal Detecting Day October 3rd

Earls Green field, about 30 acres, is being loaned for the day. The Scout hut can be used for refreshments, and the Fruit Farm used for car parking. Dick Pigott is donating bacon for the rolls. The cost of the day is £10 for the metal detectors, and £2 for those just walking. Sue Holdich Helen and Gavin Graham had offered to do the rolls and hot drinks. It was suggested that the prices should be £2 for the rolls and 50p for the hot drink. The day is open to anyone, not just the Ipswich club. Any finds over £400 will be split three ways between the landowner, the Friends and finder.

Dick stressed that it was important for people to keep account of expenses incurred and claim for them. The Community Champions was for that purpose.

The above events are being advertised in the September parish magazine.

7. Quinquennial Report

Of the list of 12 repairs needing to be addressed in the church, there were three or four things that needed doing urgently, and it was agreed to fund the repair of three windows this year as this work had already been costed. Brenda suggested that to show our achievements, a notice be put up in the church to let people know that the work was being funded by the Friends.

Simon has asked David Black to price other work that needs to be done, so that the Friends could work towards particular pieces of work needing funds.

8. Any other business

- a) The quiz prize of £25 would easily be covered by the sales.
- b) The Bank account with the TSB is now up and running. There are no bank charges incurred, but no interest on the current account. The account stands at £5291.66p
- c) Simon had sent out the letters asking people to sign up for standing orders. All members were asked to approach their friends and neighbours to sign up to the scheme. Members also took copies of the quiz to sell.
- d) Simon's daughter has offered to have a musical concert in the Church the weekend before Christmas to raise money for the Friends.
- e) Dick felt that it would not be ethical to claim gift aid retrospectively on a large cheque.

Date of the next meeting September 9th – Ann Kent's and Richard Peaty's, subject to confirmation

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Simon H. Peaty
Chairman
9 September 04.