

Minutes of the meeting of friends of St. Mary's Bacton

Old Manor Cottage, Bacton, 7.30p.m.9th.September 2004

1. Present:- Janice Shea, Andy Friend, David Black, Simon Holdich, Rose Graham, Peggy Boyer, Brenda Dunn, Ann Kent (arrived 8.15p.m.).
2. Apologies:- Dick & Sue Middleton, Rosie Black, Robin Jack, Helen Thomson, Ian Everett.
3. Minutes 12/8/04 Andy queried the funds raised from the quiz.
4. Matters Arising The Quiz was won by Tony Finbow, of Willow Farm, who has been sent the £25 prize.
5. Financial Report There are sufficient funds to cover repairs to three windows (see below), and we have undertaken to finance this work.
6. Fundraising
 - Standing Orders The present commitment totals £310 a year. This was accepted as disappointing. Simon had written to 35 interested parties. There was some debate on letters of thanks to casual donors, as these are time consuming, however, they may result in further donations. A policy on responding to interested parties and donors will have to be agreed at a future meeting.
 - Fame Academy Concert (October 2nd.) Peggy reported that plans were progressing well. Matthew Abercrombie, Chris Parry Jones and Ian Everett are helping stage the event, and there are more than sufficient acts. There was a request for donation of raffle prizes. Ann Kent will try to publicise the show in the Bury Free Press, East Anglian Daily Times, Ipswich Evening Star and Radio Suffolk. Rod Wickendon will be asked to display posters at Bacton Village Stores.
 - Metal Detecting Day (October 3rd.) Registration 8.45a.m. at the Scout Hut. There will be Metal Detector Stickers and Field Walker Stickers. The Mill House Farm car park will be used. David Black offered car parking signs.
 - Quiz sheets raised £23 at the Bacton Fair. Thanks to all those who helped on the day.
 - We hope to have a Christmas Concert of Early Music on 19thDecember, by Frances Holdich and colleagues. This event would follow the Carol Service. Punch and mince pies suggested for refreshment.
7. Spending. There is work in hand on three windows, at £1,500 per window. The donation from Mrs Clarke will more than cover this. The committee agreed that cushions for the pews would improve the Church as a venue for village events. Richard Peaty offered to ask Jay Griffiths of Quest antiques in Finningham about suitable materials for the covers and stuffing

for pew cushions. The cover material should be suitable for sewing with a domestic machine. Request for volunteers to sew covers would be put to P.C.C., W.I., and British Legion women's section. A pew cushion sub-committee of Brenda, Janice and Richard offered to report back at the next meeting.

Further projects discussed included possible replacement of present boiler flue, which contains asbestos, with a balanced flue.

There is also guttering that requires attention.

8. Cards and Notelets Andy offered to work with Helen and Brian Manley on notelets/Christmas cards, with a target date of 2nd.October. Bacton Village Stores have kindly offered to display these for sale with no mark up.
9. Any other business Richard had investigated the USAAF bombardment squadrons that had occupied the local airfields. Committee agreed to ask Ian Hawkins for help on this.
Application for charitable status was discussed; Rose, Simon, Dick and Sue and Andy to work on this as trustees.
Committee agreed to contemplate ideas for 'village events', similar to the Cotton Test Match.
Rose offered to produce a range of stationery, including a logo, such as 'Thank you' cards.
10. Next meeting 7.30p.m. 14th.October 2004 at 'Beagles', opposite the village shop.

Meeting closed 21.10p.m.