

Minutes of the Meeting of The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
On
December 9th at 7.30pm at mill House Farm
2004
Charity number 1106579

1. Present:

Simon Holdich (Chairman)
Dick Middleton (Treasurer)
Sue Middleton (Secretary)
Peggy Boyer
Sue Holdich
Brenda Dunn
Janice Shea
Helen Thomson

2. Welcome and Apologies

Simon welcomed those present, and noted that the following had offered their apologies; Pip and Joy Wright, Ann Kent, Richard Peaty, Robin Jack, Rose Graham. Angela and Andy Friend, David Black, Rosy Black.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting being accepted as a true copy, Simon signed them.

4. Matters arising

Helen said that h understood that Rose Graham was happy to liaise with the schools to find suitable date for Roy Tricker to give the children talks about the church and its history.

5. Financial Report

All members were given a copy of the financial report.

The Annual Income has risen to £823, and bearing in mind that the Friends were now eligible for Gift Aid this makes the total over £1000 per year. Simon urged members to continue to look for people to sign up to the Friends. The Friends were now to pay for the first two window repairs at a cost of £2.833. The other windows requiring repair will be mended in the Spring. Candles have been bought for the carol concert, which will also be used for the concert on 19th December. There is £144 worth of wine left over for the concert.

6. Christmas Cards and Notelets

Simon thought that there needed to be a more organized way of selling the Christmas cards. The cards on sale in the Post Office were still not being displayed: Jeffries and the Bacton Bull have cards for sale, also they are displayed in the church. It was agreed that we rethink the marketing of the cards and notelets in the future.

7. Concert

Simon urged everyone to continue to try to sell tickets for the concert.

Raffle.

- Rose to sell raffle tickets with Peggy and Brenda's help. Raffle prizes to Rose.
- It was agreed to sell the raffle tickets inside the church, if Robin would agree to this as selling them in the porch would cause people to stand outside in the cold waiting to get in.

Refreshments.

- Sue Wickendon has offered to make 200 mince pies. To use Heather's urn
- Helen to serve mulled wine.
- Simon responsible for getting the wine mulled.
- Napkins – Sue Holdich

Parking.

- Car parking at the Manor.
- Doctors' Surgery had been asked to leave the outside lights on.
- Simon to find some people to help guide people to the church in the dark

Loos.

- Terry Spalding to be approached for use of the loos in the village Hall.

Tables.

- Terry Spalding to be asked if we could borrow Village Hall tables They would need to go in on Sunday afternoon

Heating

- Ray Bartrum to be asked to put on the heating in the church. . A contribution towards the heating might be required

Unlocking Church

- Helen to get a key from a holder. Sue Holdich to hold the key during the day for the rehearsal in the afternoon

Introduction

- It was agreed that Simon should introduce the concert and Ray or Rosy would be asked to give the vote of thanks at the end of the concert.

8. Forthcoming Events

- Metal Detecting Day - Tony Finbow was prepared for his land to be use for a metal detecting day. Arrangements for refreshments would be needed. A date would be needed for the event in the next two months so that it can be entered in the Metal Detecting calendar.
- Concert. Matthew Abercrombie and Chris Parry Jones were willing to direct/produce a concert next year, probably about September time. All agreed in principle that a concert was a good idea
- 'Beating the Bounds' Helen had spoken with Wyverstone friends, of having a joint event, - a walk around the parish boundaries, with different routes for walkers, riders, children etc, ending with a hog roast. All agreed that it was something that was worth pursuing. July or August was suggested as a good time to hold this. It was suggested that maybe Rose could add a historical dimension to the walk. A map of the walk could be sold. It

was suggested that the walk should be focused on the churches, maybe with the walk beginning/ending at them, or refreshments served.

- A Wine Tasting Evening in conjunction with 'Wines of Interest' at the Bacton Bull was suggested by Helen – all agreed in principle to take this forward.
- Card Design Competition. Sue suggested holding a competition to design a card for next Christmas. This could be either be organized within the schools or as part of the Bacton Show.

Any Other Business

Janice Ann and Richard were progressing with the pew cushions, having met with Rosy. Individual cushions were the favored option, at a rough cost of £10 per cushion. The Bury Market stall was to be approached to find out the cost of having them made up by him.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday January 13th at Church Cottage, Tailors Green at 7.30

Sue