

**Minutes of the Meeting of The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton**  
**On**  
**January 13th at 7.30 pm at Church Cottage**  
**Charity number 1106579**

**1. Present:**

Simon Holdich (Chairman)  
Dick Middleton (Treasurer)  
Sue Middleton (Secretary)  
Peggy Boyer  
Brenda Dunn  
Janice Shea  
Richard Peaty  
Ann Kent  
Rose Graham

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

Simon welcomed those present, and noted that the following had offered their apologies; Robin Jack, Angela and Andy Friend, David Black, Rosy Black and Helen Thomson

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

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

**4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**5. Financial Report**

The concert raised £915.00, and after expenditure, made a profit of £522. So far the Friends had raised £9,458.82. Financially we were doing very well and our contribution will make a sizable difference to Church funds. Simon urged members to continue to look for people to sign up to the Friends. Rose to check list of those who had agreed to sign up to a standing order, but as yet had not joined. It was agreed that with everyone focused on the tsunami disaster, it was not appropriate to approach people at the moment. It was agreed that an additional account with the Charities Investment Fund should be opened so that funds could earn interest.

**6. Concert - Feedback**

All agreed that the concert was a very good evening. The church was still too cold – Dick suggested that improving the heating in the church was something that the Friends maybe able to address in the future, as it would make it a more appealing venue for events. It was agreed The Friends would try for coordination with other organizations for event dates, although there was always the problem of clashing dates, particularly in December.

It was agreed that for future events, a standing order form on the programme would have been a good idea.

**8. Christmas Cards and Notelets**

- Sue agreed to collect remaining Christmas cards from the post office.
- Sue to investigate display stands for the notelets and points of sales. It was thought that prospective outlets would be more likely to agree to sell the cards if they were provided with a display stand.

- Ann agreed to look in to the possibility of holding the Christmas card competition for children. It was agreed that there was a need to start the competition in time to have the judging at the Bacton show. Robert Black would need to be asked if it were possible to have a new class at the show for this competition.
- Simon agreed to get some costings for printing from Brian Manley. Rose produced costings of printing which she had investigated for the printing of the Christmas cards. The price was approximately 16p per card. (£164 per 1000)
- Ann offered to approach the shop regarding selling notelets.

### **9. Forthcoming Events and 2005 Strategy**

- A Wine Tasting Evening in conjunction with 'Wines of Interest'. All agreed in principle to take this forward.
- Next Metal Detecting Day. Various pieces of land had been suggested by Tony Finbow, around Cow Green and Swilltub Lane. The problems of toilet facilities and refreshment preparation and serving was raised. As the previous Metal Detecting Day had been such a success, and a very low cost venture, money could be spent on providing the required facilities, if the preferred venue had not got them.
- Parish Walk. It was agreed in principle that this was an event which could be a huge success – July/August were the suggested date.
- Talent show. Matthew Abercrombie and Chris Parry Jones to be approached to see if they were still prepared to organize this. The date would have to be carefully picked.
- Roy Tricker Talks . Rose has pinned down the school for dates, but has as yet been unable to contact Roy Tricker. She suggested that Clive Paine, also an author and historian could be asked to go to the school if Roy could not do the dates. The talks would be part of the Mediaeval history module.

Nothing further was known about the proposed concert organized by Terry Spalding

### **Future Projects and Strategy 2005**

Dick suggested that the Friends could concentrate more in 2005 on encouraging community use of the church along with raising funds.

- Pew cushions. Brenda Janice and Richard had researched this thoroughly and it was decided that three seater cushions would be the most practical for storing. Rosy had suggested that blue would be the most suitable colour and a sample was produced. Brenda felt that 1 1/2 in foam would be needed for a box cushion. It was agreed that Brenda should make a sample, and that £100 should be given to fund this pilot. The next stage would be to find willing volunteers to make the cushions.

### **Any other Business**

The Friends of St Mary's organization should be put in the Year Book.

**Date of Next Meeting - Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> at Old Manor Cottage at 7.30pm**