

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's, Bacton,  
On  
March 10 2005 at The Beagles.**

1. **Present:** Simon Holdich (chairman)                      Rose Graham                      Helen Thomson                      Janice Shea                      David Black                      Peggy Boyer  
Brenda Dunn                      Richard Peaty                      Andy Friend
2. **Welcome and apologies.** Simon welcomed those present and noted that the following had offered their apologies: Dick and Sue Middleton, Ann Kent and Angela Friend.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** were accepted as a true record, and Simon signed a copy.
4. **Matters arising.** There were no matters arising,
5. **Financial Report.** The Hon. Treasurer's report was circulated. Members felt clarification was needed, as the balance of our funds seems to have fallen substantially since last month and there is no record of any spending to account for the fall. Members were urged to claim expenses.
6. **Pew Cushions.** Brenda Dunn brought to the meeting the first completed box cushion (4' 6" x 12 1/2" x 1 1/2") which met with approval all round. There was some discussion on the colour of fabric to be used and the difficulties and technicalities of manufacture. It was agreed that we should proceed with cushions for the entire main, central block of pews, at a cost probably in the region of £900. Richard Peaty to negotiate a price for covering material and foam. Brenda said she was willing to make more cushions and instruct others, though she will need help. This to be solicited in the parish magazine. The chairman thanked Brenda and Richard most warmly for all they've done.
7. **School Talk Report.** Rose Graham reported on Clive Payne's talk – sponsored by the Friends - to Middle School children on Monday, February 28. It appears to have been an unqualified success, of absorbing interest to children, school staff and those Friends who were able to go. Rose, who was congratulated on all her work arranging this talk, agreed to approach the school and Clive Payne to see if we might make it a regular, yearly event.
8. **Notelets.** They are now on sale at Jeffries' garage and the Bull – and in the Post Office section of Bacton Stores, although these are not advertised in any way. Agreed that Helen will create a poster, to be displayed outside the Post Office. Also agreed that notelets should be on sale in St Mary's. Richard to arrange.
9. **Marquee Purchase.** This possibility arose from the requirements of our proposed metal detecting day, on land offering no suitable permanent buildings. No decision, though Helen to seek information on prices; Simon to

check if we could perhaps use Scouts' equipment. Portable cabins another possibility.

10. **Forthcoming Events.** Autumn talent/variety show to be discussed at next meeting, with Matthew Abercrombie, Chris Parry-Jones and others specially invited. Helen to produce list of what has to be done.
11. **Metal detecting** – almost certainly September 25<sup>th</sup>. Simon liaising with land Owner, Tony Finbow, and metal detector club.
12. **Parish walk and hog roast** with neighbouring parishes and friends' groups – probably now not this year.
13. **Any other business.** Rose raised the question of public liability insurance, which is important and must be addressed. David to check if PCC's cover also protects us. Rose also drew attention to the requirement for at least one of us – if we're to supply food – to have a food hygiene certificate. She volunteered to seek the qualification. Agreed to pay any fee and expenses she incurs. Helen reported on her project to produce an up-to-date map of Bacton, showing every house. Agreed in principle that Friends should help create it, and market it on Friends' behalf.

Rose circulated the report from the Suffolk CC Archaeological Service on the coins and artefacts found at last years Metal Detecting. The lead seal, given to the Friends has been identified as being from the 12/13<sup>th</sup> Century, and belonging to someone called 'Mabil'.

Simon H. D. L. T.  
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