

Minutes of a Meeting of The Friends of St Mary's Bacton
On
12th May at 7.30pm at Mill House Farm

Present:

Simon Holdich (Chairman)
Peggy Boyer
Andy Friend
Angela Friend
Rose Graham (Membership Secretary)
Ann Kent
Sue Middleton (Secretary)
Dick Middleton (Treasurer)
Richard Peaty
Helen Thomson
Roxanne Last

1. Welcome and apologies. Simon welcomed The Friends and noted that the following had offered their apologies:

Robert Black
Rosy Black
Robin Jack
Janice Shea

- 2. Minutes of meetings:** The minutes of the meeting were taken as a true copy of the meeting on April 7th
- 3. Matters arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Concert:** Roxanne Last's offer to produce the proposed concert to be held on October 15th has been welcomed. Peggy and Helen would provide Roxanne with the list of the performers who took part in last year's concert. The Middle and Primary schools would be approached, and if anyone knew of potential performers they were to put them in touch with Roxanne. (roxannelast@hotmail.com) Chris Last will help with the staging and lighting and it appears now that Ian Everett will now be available to do the staging. Simon thanked Roxanne and assured her that if she had any problems she was to contact him, or anyone on the committee. Roxanne was given a list of everyone's contact numbers and email addresses. An advertisement would be put in the Parish Magazine.
- 5. Financial Report:** Everyone was given an up to date report of the finances. Dick had not yet received a bill for the church windows. He was going to contact the Inland Revenue for the tax rebate for Gift Aid.
- 6. Christmas Card Competition:** Ann Kent had approached the schools who were all very enthusiastic about the competition. The competition would be open to all pupils of the Primary and Middle schools. The themes for the Primary school were to be a Christmas Tree, a Nativity scene, or the church, and the Middle School, the church by day or night. There were to be prizes for the winners, the amount was not decided. It was decided that there would be five designs per pack.. The competition would be judged at the Bacton Fayre on August 6th. Ann had contacted many printers; the best value were the people who print the Parish Magazine. They were willing to print small runs, (the amount required was not decided) collate the cards, and we would provide the cellophane packs

and envelopes. The cards would cost 15^{1/2p} each. There was discussion about whether the card was a bit flimsy, but agreed that for the price, they were OK. It was also felt that it was important to support the printers, who are run by the SCC and employ people with learning difficulties. It was hoped that the schools would help sell the cards. There was discussion about the notelets which are not selling well. They would be made available for sale at the Fayre.

7. **Pew Cushions.** Ann was finding it difficult to find people willing to sew the cushions . It was agreed that if the fabric was cut and made into a pack with the velcro, cotton etc, it may be easier to find help. Jays who are providing the fabric and cotton asked if we could collect empty cotton reels so that he could put the cotton on to them. It was suggested that Stowmarket High School be approached for help.
8. **Teddy Bears Picnic:** Having established that Robin had no objection to the churchyard being used, it was agreed to look in to the possibilities of holding a picnic, and maybe a teddy parachute jump, but not until next summer 2006.
9. **Metal Detecting Day:** Simon said that there had been difficulties but the date had been set for September 25th. in Tony Finbow's bigger field. It was agreed unanimously that the profit would not be shared with the Ipswich Detector Club, but that they could have a discount and the finder and land owner would take 50/50 on any finds over £400. The event would be advertised on the web and through other societies.
10. **Bacton Fayre:** It was agreed that this would be a good place to sell the notelets, also have some display boards with photos, and to have standing order forms available. A gazebo would be needed. Helpers would be required on the day.
11. **Any Other Business:** Rose suggested a display case for the coins and other artefacts found in the area could be displayed at the Fayre. Gavin was prepared to make a case. It was agreed that this would be a good idea. Helen had taken flowers to Joy, and Pip had offered to do a talk about the church. It was agreed that it may be appropriate at the AGM which has to be open to the public. The AGM could be a short meeting followed by the talk. Pip to be contacted, and suitable date found.

Date of the next meeting - August House on June 9th at 7.30

Simon ASL