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Minutes of a Meeting of The Friends of St Mary's Bacton On

June 9th at 7.30pm at August House

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 David Black Janice Shea

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

Robert Black Rosy Black Robin Jack

- 1. **Minutes of meetings**: The minutes of the meeting were taken as a true copy of the meeting on 12 May.
- 2. Matters arising. The repair of the windows on hold David Black was trying to find out what was going on he hoped that they could be mended before the winter.
- 3. **Financial Report:** Everyone was given an up to date report of the finances. He asked members if they were happy with the bill from 'Quest' for the pew cushion fabric. Dick proposed, Andy seconded that this was the correct amount. There was one new standing order and a probable two more.
- 4. **Events Progress: Concert:** Helen had spoken to Roxanne regarding the concert, she is sitting exams at the moment so it was agreed to leave her to the organisation. All willing to help.

Metal Detecting: The 'Searcher' Magazine got the date of the meeting wrong - Trevor Southgate would sort that out. Helen said that she would check on the web to see if it was advertised there. Mark Black can provide the loos – that would be checked nearer the time. Richard said that the school had water delivered in 50 litre drums – it was hoped that he could save some for the metal detecting day.

5. Bacton Fayre: Sue Andy and Angela and Helen and Dick agreed to help on the day. Ann agreed to hire a space of 10ft, plus a table. It was agreed to promote standing orders, giving everyone a form and the information leaflet when they come to the stall, sell notelets and postcards. Andy to check availability of display stands. Photos of the church windows before and after repair would be displayed, hopefully a completed pew cushion. A gazebo was required. Helen will email the Friends information. Christmas Cards: The competition will be judged in the main tent at the Fayre. Ann said that she would ask the primary school to judge the middle school, and the middle school to judge the primary school. They were very pleased to be doing this, as it is part of the community project. The display of the cards was discussed. 'Staples' sell very cheap display stands. The cards could be displayed in clear

pockets to keep them clean for printing. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have a display in the church, maybe at Harvest Festival to promote the cards. It was also important to get them for sale at the schools and Christmas Fairs etc. Helen was happy to attach order forms to newsletters It was agreed that major PR was required to promote the cards - it should be a good community and money making project. The printer is happy to do short runs. Ann to talk to the printer.

Rose suggested that local artefacts could be displayed on the stand – articles found at the metal detecting day, and other items found by local farmers. It was decided to go for double space at the Fayre.

6. Pew Cushions. Brenda Dunn was going to make a couple of cushions, and show Ann, make a pattern, and then the fabric could be made up into kits with the velcro, cotton etc.

7. Any other business: Helen and Rose had attended Haughley church where they were holding a 'gift day' - where there were choirs, bell ringing where anyone could have a go. The vestments and plate were also displayed. In addition to being given an envelope for a donation, wine, tea and coffee and cake was served. The woodcarver who carved the angels was also present. There was discussion about replacing the angels in Bacton church - where the angels could be sponsored. Both ideas were thought to be worth persuing for the Friends' future projects.

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Date of the next meeting - AGM in St Mary's Bacton on Thursday 14th July at 7'30

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