

Special Meeting

of The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton held on Thursday 8th September 2005
at St Mary's Church

Attendance:

Simon Holdich (Chairman)
David Black
Robert Black
Peggy Boyer
Ann Kent
Angela Friend
Andy Friend
Rose Graham (Membership Secretary)
Dick Middleton (Treasurer)
Sue Middleton (Secretary)
Janice Shea
Coral Smith

Roxanne Hart

Welcome and apologies

Apologies received from: Pip Wright, Richard Peaty, Helen Thomson

Minutes of the Meeting on August 4th 2005

The Minutes of the meeting on August 4th were taken and Simon signed them as a true copy

Matters arising

There were no matters arising

Election

Because of an oversight at the AGM on August 4th, it was necessary to call a further meeting to elect at least two and not more than five further people to act as trustees and members of executive committee. Simon explained that under our constitution and Charity Commission guidelines members of our executive committee are ipso facto our trustees. Peggy Boyer and Andy Friend were duly elected. All were in favour. The election of two more trustees met with our legal requirement.

Financial Report - Dick Middleton presented a written summary. Everyone received a copy of the financial report. He reported that the Metal Detecting Day had already received £834.00 gross in advance ticket sales. Dick explained that Gift Aid could not be applied to the sale of tickets. Only Heritage and Wildlife sites were entitled to receive Gift Aid on ticket sales. He drew attention to the healthy bank balance and encouraged the PCC to make good use of it.

Bacton Fayre

Simon thanked everyone who helped on the Friends stall. It was agreed that it was a great success, but Ann felt that it had not been the right place to ask people to open standing orders. Particular interest was shown in the artefacts and photos.

Christmas Card Competition. Ann said that the competition had been well supported particularly by the primary school. Two art teachers judged the competition and chose the 10 cards which will be the Christmas card selection. Suffolk Business Solutions were to print the cards and were prepared to do short runs. Each card would cost 17 1/2p to produce. It was agreed to sell them at £3.50 for a pack of 10 and that 150 packs should be printed initially. It was hoped to be able to sell them at the B2005 concert also the schools' craft fairs. Extra cards could be ordered at short notice.

Metal detecting

All the tickets have been sold – many more could have been sold. It was hoped that there would be no gatecrashers.

Richard Piggott has again generously donated the bacon. Sue Holdich to supervise the food. Cotton Hall cottages have a water supply, but it was hoped to procure some water carriers. The Scouts were providing cooking tent and equipment. Another tent to be hired from the Finningham Social Amenities Committee. Simon asked for help on the 24th to erect the tents. It was hoped the Scouts would help. Another tent would be required for Registration. Cotton Hall Farm has toilet facilities.

B2005 Variety Concert

Roxy reported on progress. There were 10 confirmed performers and a probable 2 more. All plans were going well. It was agreed that tickets would be £7.50 including a glass of wine and light refreshments. 150 programmes to be printed. Simon thanked Roxy for all her hard work and emphasised that the B2005 was a brand new production. He said that if there was anything that the Friends could do to help she was to contact Simon. An advertisement would be placed in the October Parish Magazine.

Pew Cushions

All but one of the short cushions have been made and 13 out of the 26 long ones, leaving 13 long and one short to make. Rose held a 'Master Class' on how to make them. Brenda Dunn, Sue Abbot and Rose have been making them and Sue, Janice and Sue H have also offered to make them. Helen to cut out and prepare the packs. It was hoped they would all be ready for the concert on 25th October. David Black suggested that a box could be made to store them in.

Any other business

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Date of Next Meeting, Thursday 13th October 2005 at Mill House Farm 7.30pm

Simon H. Dent