

**A meeting of the Friends of St Mary's, Bacton,
held on Thursday May 18th 2006
Mill House Farm, 7.30pm.**

Minutes

Attendance:

Simon Holdich (Chairman)
Peggy Boyer
Rose Graham
Ann Kent
Richard Peaty
Pip Wright

Welcome and apologies

Apologies received from Rosemary Black, Dick and Sue Middleton, Andrew and Angela Friend, Janice Shea, Helen Thomson.

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday, 6 April, 2006

Pip proposed; Rose seconded. Agreed as a true copy.

Matters arising

Rose questioned whether we now had necessary approvals/clearances from the Performing Rights Society. SH said he had forgotten to ask Andrew, who was to approach PRS, but would do so and report back at later meeting.

Financial Report

The treasurer's reports, on the general position and specifically on the outcome of the Russian concert, were circulated and approved.

Russian concert

It was agreed that this had proved successful, and that we would consider joint ventures with the other Friends' groups in the benefice in future.

Forthcoming Events

Fashion Show: Peggy reported that Dawn's Fashions, of Needham Market, had agreed to present a show. Resolved to proceed. Thursday 2 November is likely date, though this to be checked for clashes with other events. Peggy and Rose to organise. Suggested entry charge £5.00, and there would be a draw. Special staging in the church, and a backdrop/curtain for models to change behind might be needed. Also microphones?

Metal detecting: Simon said he had the consent of John Gooderham and the Orwell Park Estate to use land behind Manor Farm, probably on Sunday October 1. Agreed we should proceed with this event. Rose to approach Judith Plouviez, of the county archaeological service, about being present on the day - for information about any finds reported from the area, and for guidance on what we should do if the site does prove to be of serious significance.

Church Ale: Agreed that this idea still holds great promise, but not this year. Will now aim to organise something involving beer drinking, music and possibly

Morris Dancing in spring/early summer 2007. Need to check cost of licence. Pip to make inquiries about possible sources of a special real ale for the day.

Any other business

The trustees' reports prepared by Dick Middleton were approved, with one amendment (to be discussed with Dick by SH).

Village diary: Ann Kent said there is still no village website and Terry Spalding already keeps a diary of events. She to discuss with Terry and others on what further might be done, and report back.

Pew cushions: It was reported that work on the side aisles has started, with material inadvertently ordered. Approved.

Ann kindly agreed to take charge of a Christmas Card competition again this year. Ann also to discuss with Sarah Clare, secretary of Bacton Under Fives, the possibility of a joint Teddy Bear venture in June or early July. (This idea from Janice Shea, by email).

Next: Annual meeting, Thursday June 8, St Mary's Church, 7.15 for 7.30pm..

Sir 10.10.07 *SH*