

**A meeting of the Friends of St Mary's, Bacton,  
held on Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> 2006  
Church Cottage 7.30pm.**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Simon Holdich (Chairman)  
Sue Middleton (Secretary)  
Dick Middleton (Treasurer)  
Andy Friend (Membership Secretary)  
Rose Graham  
Helen Thomson  
Ann Kent  
Richard Peaty  
Janice Shea  
Pip Wright

**Welcome and apologies**

Apologies received from Peggy Boyer

**Minutes of the meeting on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2006**

Helen proposed; Angela seconded. Agreed as a true copy.

**Matters arising**

Andy had enquired about the necessity of informing the Performing Rights Society for a single event. They said that it was unnecessary. Janice to pass on information to the Bacton Under Fives.

There was discussion regarding diary of events. Terry Spalding was accustomed to checking the village diary. The Parish council would need to have a website in the future, but in the meantime the Friends can use the SCC website. Ann and Helen agreed to develop a a diary website when appropriate. All in favour.

A licence for the Church Ale would cost £21. Notification of the event required to Mid Suffolk and the Police. Pip to enquire about sources of ale. Tentative date was set for May 19th 2007. It was agreed to form a sub committee. Pip, Rose Graham, Andy and Angela Friend and Sue Middleton volunteered.

**Financial Report**

The treasurer's report was circulated and approved. There had been an increase in Standing Orders, and there was £1,802 in the bank. 19 Metal Detecting tickets had been sold.

**Forthcoming Events**

Teddies Absail: Ann, Janice and Sue had had a meeting before the Friends Meeting to finalise arrangements. There had been few advance sales so there was little idea of how many people would attend. Ann felt that a large sign to advertise the event was required. All in favour. ~~Graham~~ had kindly donated a teddy for the raffle. Peggy

organise raffle ticket sales. Members agreed to donate prizes, and cakes for the refreshments.

Bacton Fayre: Ann had organised an area in the main tent for the exhibition of Christmas cards entered for the competition, and one table on the field. It was agreed to have a display of photos of the teddy abseil, and other work that the Friends have achieved over the last twelve months.

Fashion Show: The church is booked for 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Ian Everett has kindly agreed to stage the event. Drinks and nibbles to be served. Help will be required on the day.

Metal detecting: There was lengthy discussion regarding the Metal Detecting Day. Judith Pluvier and other local archaeologists had expressed concerns about the proposed site as Viking, Roman and Celtic finds had been unearthed, and there is thought that this may be an important site. Judith was going to contact the diocese to ask if money could be raised in different ways. Rose wished it to be minuted that she had concerns about the event, and Helen too was concerned. Ann suggested that archaeology students could be invited on the day to help with finds. As no county archaeologist would come. More manpower may be required to map the finds.

- Use of Village Hall loos and tables would be required.
- Hay bales to sit on
- Undercover building at the Manor had been located
- Ticket sales – 19 sold.
- Simon to talk to Judith Pluvier regarding concerns.

#### **Any other business**

The Friends of Wyverstone had suggested a joint event for teenagers. It was agreed that Andy should discuss with them the kind of event this could be, which could raise money for the protection of the church buildings. Friends happy to work with youth groups to put on a suitable event in the church. The Friends should be mindful of the damage caused to the church in recent years when youths used St Mary's porch as a meeting place.

Christmas Cards: Ann had asked that all entries for the competition should be in colour. To improve the quality of the paper used would double the printing costs. It was agreed that £3.50 was as much as we could charge for cards.

Pew Cushions: It needed to be established what pew cushions needed to be made There is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  meters of material remaining.

**Date of next meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at Cromwell House at 7.30**

*Simon H.P. [unclear]*