

**A meeting of the Friends of St Mary's, Bacton,
held on Thursday 12th October 2006
at Cromwell House at 7.30pm.**

Minutes

Attendance:

Simon Holdich (Chairman)
Dick Middleton (Treasurer)
Andy Friend (Membership Secretary)
Rose Graham
Helen Thomson
Ann Kent
Peggy Boyer
Janice Shea
Matthew Abercrombie

Welcome and apologies

Apologies received from Barbara Bilson, David Black, Sue Middleton, Angela Friend, Richard Peaty

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday, July 13th 2006

Proposed by Helen Thomson

Seconded by Rose Graham

Agreed as a true record by all.

Matters arising

None

Financial Report

The Treasurer circulated the routine monthly financial report. It was noted that the Friends have created an income of £21,000 since their formation, and have given away donations of £14,000. There is still £4463 in the bank.

Metal Detecting Day

Reckoned to be very successful, having raised £1770 and been viewed as a very good day out by those attending. Simon thanked all those that helped with the organisation.

Christmas Cards

Ann reported that the winning cards are at the same printers as last year for colour printing. A flyer will be included in the November Parish magazine advertising the cards, however she warned that there will be a need to sell cards direct to Bacton people at the Shop and at Lawes. Prices £3.50 per pack for 250 packs. Rose agreed to produce labels. A discount for quantity would apply.

Action: Rose

Forthcoming Events:

Fashion Show

Ticket sales are progressing. Matthew Abercrombie will arrange sound, and liase for lighting. There was discussion about the need for music. Matthew agreed to be at the church to meet Rose and Dawn (the organiser) on Monday at 1100am. Rose has recruited sufficient models. Ian Everett had agreed to erect the staging and screens, but steps would be needed to give access to and from the stage. Matthew agreed to liase with Ian.

Peggy agreed to organise the draw.

Rose agreed to co-ordinate the buffet. Helen – sausage rolls, Ann – vol au vent, Matthew – quiche, Peggy – cheese scones. Helen would provide glasses.

Bar – Ann and Gordon

Rose would like to know how many tickets have sold.

Rose was asked to take action as she felt fit to make the evening a success.

Action:
Ticket sellers
Rose
Matthew

Mediaeval Fair

Rose reported on the sub groups work so far. She was empowered to investigate the possibility of seeking a grant either from Mid Suffolk or from Awards for All: it was agreed that the scale of the event would be dependent on successful grant.

Any other business

Simon tabled the Silver Band concert. Andy agreed to e-mail all friends on his database to advertise the event on 10 November. Gavin would liaise with Matthew for any infrastructure support needed. Lions and Silver band will split the takings, but the Lions have promised a donation to the Friends.

It was agreed that the Middle School talk would continue to be funded.

The Russian concert would not be repeated next year, but perhaps staged in two year's time.

Caution was expressed about taking on too much, but it was suggested that the Friends could improve communication with members to encourage others to join in.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th November at (venue to be notified) at 7.30pm

Simon