

**A meeting of the Friends of St Mary's, Bacton,
held on Thursday November 9th 2006
at Mill House Farm 7.30pm.**

Minutes

Attendance:

Simon Holdich (Chairman)
Dick Middleton (Treasurer)
Sue Middleton (Secretary)
Andy Friend (Membership Secretary)
Barbara Bilston
Angela Friend
Rose Graham
Helen Thomson
Ann Kent
Peggy Boyer
Janice Shea
Pip Wright
Julie French

Welcome and apologies

Apologies received from Richard Peaty, David Black

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday, 12 October 2006

Proposed by Helen Thomson

Seconded by Janice Shea

Agreed as a true record by all.

Matters arising

The Silver Band Concert has been cancelled. This has not yet been re-scheduled.

Fashion Show

Rose reported that the Fashion Show had gone off very well and she had received very good feedback. The church had been well prepared, and everyone agreed that it had been good fun. It was agreed that this was an event that could be repeated, maybe every other year.

Apparently there had been a need to have a temporary licence as we were technically selling alcohol. Andy to clarify this and look into having one for the year's activities. Simon thanked all concerned for all their hard work, and Rosy Black who donated the flowers and chocolate.

Financial Report

The Treasurer circulated the routine monthly financial report. (copy attached) £811 had been raised at the Fashion Show. Dick suggested that the PCC should identify areas where money was needed. Barbara Bilston said that there was no reason why the Friends should not fund repairs during the interregnum. Simon said that the South wall needed attention and Dick suggested the carpet was replaced. Helen reminded the Friends that a DIY day had been suggested. Any work carried out would have to be checked by the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Christmas Cards and Pew Cushions

Pew Cushions: Ann presented a bill for £247.75 for the remaining fabric for the shorter pew cushions .

Christmas Cards: £236.25 for 1620 cards – 150 packs of 10 designs (plus 12 packs of single picture, especially ordered) 725 flyers. Total cost £311.40. wholesale cost is £2.00 per pack. To retail at £3.50 per pack and £6.00 for two. Janice pointed out that the charity number (1106579) was not on the flyers – to be noted to be included next year. Sue volunteered to look after the Christmas Cards in the church, collecting the money, and replacing cards if necessary. There was to be a notice in the Parish Magazine. The Wickendens had agreed to allow sales outside the shop, and Ann was to ask Lawes. Ann to liaise regarding dates.

Membership

Simon had been approached by a lady who wanted to know how much a life membership of the Friends would cost. There was discussion about whether we should have a life membership. It was pointed out that there was anyway, no charge to be a 'Friend'. The lady concerned is, by showing her interest, a life member. Simon to discuss with her that she may like to give a donation.

Mediaeval Fair

Simon said that the sub committee had come up with sensationally good ideas for the proposed Mediaeval Fair, but he was worried that there was a danger of getting too big for the first one, and maybe it would be safer to have something less ambitious to start with. He was also concerned that it would impinge on the Bacton Fayre. He suggested that the Friends could play a bigger part in the Fayre. Ann spoke to Philip Jeffries who said that the Fayre brings all organisations in the village together and the overheads are covered. It was agreed that we were losing an opportunity to fundraise at the Bacton Fayre, although it was difficult as so many Friends are involved in other organisations at the Fayre.

Dick read out the objects of the Friends, and he was uncertain if we would be eligible for a grant. It was thought that we should go back to the original Church Ale and Folk Concert on 12th May. It was suggested that some of the activities planned for the mediaeval fair could be incorporated into the event (Morris Dancers, jugglers etc) that there could also be a ploughmans. The sub committee to meet on January 3rd 2007 at Cromwell House at 7.30. to discuss the way forward and report back to the next meeting. Ann thanked the sub committee for all their hard work.

Any other business

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting: Thursday January 11th at Beagles at 7.30pm

Afternote:

A summary of the accounts as at 10 Nov 06 is attached. These vary from those presented at the meeting to include:

Paid to Ann Kent for Pew cushion materials – £247.75

Paid to Suffolk County Council for Christmas Card printing – £311.40

Correction to Fashion Show event, excluding a creditor to Bacton Stores which is outstanding

