

**The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Minutes of the meeting on Thursday October 11th 2007
At August House**

Attendance: Simon Holdich (Chairman), Ian Armstrong, Angela Friend, Andy Friend, Janice Shea, Rose Graham, Revd. Liz Varley, Helen Thomson (who took the minutes in Sue's absence)

1. *Apologies:* Dick Middleton, Sue Middleton, Peggy Boyer
2. *The minutes of the last meeting.* The Heading date was changed from "July 12th" to "September 13th" and under Russian Concert the second sentence was changed to "Other Friends Benefice Groups would be asked to join in". The minutes were then approved and signed.
3. *Matters arising.* There were no matters arising.
4. *Christmas Cards.* In Anne Kent's absence it was agreed unanimously that she should proceed with these, as she had done so successfully last year, and ask the committee for help with packing, distribution and sale.
5. *Pantomime 18th & 19th January 2008.* Rehearsals are going well. There are numerous administrative tasks underway and everything is going to plan and schedule. An advert had been placed in the Parish Magazine. Sponsorship from local businesses was being sought. Liz reported that our Ecclesiastical Insurance covered the pantomime but not any loss due to cancellation. Andy Friend offered to get the Temporary Event Notice to cover the performances and serving of alcohol at the 2 evening performances. Rose Graham is the Financial Director and offered to hold any moneys personally as there were difficulties in opening a separate bank account. We all agreed to this and thanked her. It was agreed unanimously to fund this production by up to £500. Andy Friend offered to help photograph the cast. All the friends offered their support and thanked Helen and all her helpers.
6. *Russian Concert Monday 7th April 2008.* Simon had informed the other benefice friends of this concert. The profit would be distributed in proportion to the number of tickets sold by each Parish.
7. Any other business.
Metal Detecting Day Sunday 9th March 2008. Simon and Rose had already received many enquiries about this. Simon had put information about the day on the web.
Benefice Garden Party - Liz proposed that the last Sunday in June should be a regular date for this. The first one would be Sunday 29th June 2008. More information will follow after consultation with other benefice parishes.
Finances. Dick was thanked for his e-mailed report. The Friends have £7,670.91 available for use. Liz explained that the Quinquennial inspection will happen early next year when the diocesan architect will itemise and prioritise the work that needs done. She explained that these were exceptional circumstances. With such a long Interregnum our spending had been stopped and, until she had the architect's report with prioritised work, we could not proceed with any projects. There was unanimous agreement that we should await the Quinquennial inspection report before proceeding with any projects. Liz promised to keep us informed and consulted along with the PCC and church wardens.
8. *Date of next meeting Thursday 8th November at The Beagles* for which Janice and Liz apologise in advance. The meeting closed at 8.40pm and thanks were given to Angela & Andy for their splendid hospitality.

Dates for your diary

2007				
November	8	Thursday	7.30pm	Friends Meeting at The Beagles
December	13	Thursday	7.30pm	Friends Meeting at Cromwell House?
2008				
January	18	Friday	7.30pm	Aladdin 1 st evening performance
	19	Saturday	2.30pm	Aladdin Matinee
			7.30pm	Aladdin 2 nd evening performance
March	9	Sunday		Metal Detecting Day
April	7	Monday		Russian Concert

Simon Holdich