A Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's, Bacton, held on Wednesday 12th December 2007 Cromwell House at 7.30pm.

Charity Number 1106579

Minutes

Attendance:

Simon Holdich (Chairman Dick Middleton (Treasurer) Sue Middleton (Secretary) Peggy Boyer Sue Holdich Ann Kent Richard Peaty Helen Thomson

Welcome and apologies

Apologies received from Pip Wright, Janice Shea, Rose Graham, Andy and Angela Friend Liz Varley.

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 8th November

Due to an error, the draft minutes were sent out, attached are the corrected minutes, agreed at this meeting.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising

Financial Report

The Treasurer circulated the routine monthly financial report. (copy attached) He reported a balance of £8.293, £7000 of which is on deposit earning 6%. Dick went through the report, mentioning that the total raised this year seemed quite small compared with the previous year. He pointed out that most of our fund raising activities had yet to happen, and predicted a further £3.700 to come in through the Metal Detecting Day, the Pantomime and the Abbot Consort concert. Dick thanked Anne for all her hard work with the Christmas Cards, which had brought in over £600, more than any previous year.

Christmas Cards

Anne had made up some kits of Christmas cards and envelopes which required assembling and asked Friends to help, so they are assembled ready for next year. It was agreed, although a bit late to sell for Christmas, to have them for sale at the concert on 19th December. Sue offered to find out how to sell cards in the Charity Cards shops.

The Abbot Consort of Voices Concert 19th December

Simon hoped that the concert would be a great success as he had heard them in practice.

The licence has been acquired

Simon to open Village Hall and church

Flood lights to be switched on for concert and over the Christmas period. The Friends agreed to pay.

There will be inside candles and alter rail lights. It was agreed that the Friends would buy the thin candles for the candelabras

Draw – Peggy, and probably Margaret Hutchinson. Sue M offer to help (prizes – camcorder, chocolates, wine, Christmas pudding and box of crackers)

Tickets on the door – about 40 tickets were expected to sell at the door Helen to print 52 more. Dick and Richard to man the door

Car Parking – Ian to supervise parking at the Manor.

Food and Bar Sue H to make the mulled wine – jugs required. Anne and Gordon to help Sue Wickendon to provide 120 mince pies

It was agreed that the food and one glass of wine was included in the price of the ticket. the organist will cost £80 plus £20 travelling expenses. the choir requested, instead of one free ticket, £7.50 each which they could give to the conductor as payment. (approx 20 people in the choir so approx £120)

Pantomime Alladin 18th- 19th January 2008

Helen reported that all was going to plan – she was happy with the finances. £395 had been raised from advertising The pantomime was hopingt raise £1000 for each organisation. Ougoings – printing of the tickets - . 200 tickets per performance . Janice Shea, in her absence, offerd to help with the pantomime.

Helpers were required for

- Front of House
- Raffle
- Bar
- Crew (x3)

There is to be a management group meeting on January 3rd. Simon asked Helen that if she required any help towards the pantomime, she must letthe Friends know. Simon thanked Helen for all her hard work.

Any other business

Simon asked that everyone continued to try to sell Abbot Consort concert and Pantomime tickets.

Simon was beginning to get organised for the Metal Detecting Day. Rose wants to make the badges etc. for the metal detecting. Treasurer happy for her to go ahead with any expenses needed.

All agreed that the sponsored school talk by Clive Paine in the church should go ahead for 2008, and that it was events such as this that the Friends wanted to encourage.

Date of next meeting: Thursday January 10th 2008 at Mill House Farm at 7.30pm

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