

**A Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's, Bacton,
held on Thursday 13th March 2008
Cromwell House at 7.30pm.**

Charity Number 1106579

Minutes

Attendance:

Simon Holdich (Chairman)
Dick Middleton (Treasurer)
Sue Middleton (Secretary)
Peggy Boyer
Andy Friend
Angela Friend
Rose Graham
Richard Peaty
Mike Talbot
Helen Thomson
Janice Shea

Welcome and apologies

Apologies received from Pip Wright, Liz Varley, Rosy Black, Ian Armstrong, Anne Kent

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday February 7th

Helen proposed the minutes as a true copy of the meeting, Andy seconded all in favour.

Matters arising

There was discussion about the need at some stage to replace the sound system in the church, for a more up to date one which would meet the needs of all activities in the church. Rosy will go to the PCC with a quote. They will get back to the Friends in due course. It was agreed that this would be a great asset and this expenditure would be considered along with all needs which will come out of the quinquennial.

Financial Report

The Treasurer circulated the routine monthly financial report. (copy attached) He reported a balance of £13,769.50p, £11,000 of which is on deposit earning 6%. He was to place a further £2,000 on deposit. Dick went through the report, mentioning that the total raised so far this year had brought in nearly £4000 in the first three months of the year. This was money raised by the Pantomime and the Metal Detecting Day. He said that those involved in the Metal Detecting day should be very pleased at raising so much money with so little outlay. A donation of £150 was given by the American guests.

Metal Detecting Day

Simon thanked everyone for all their very hard work in making the day such a success. Letters of thanks from people attending the day were circulated, as were the photos of the days finds. There had been some interesting finds - Roman brooches, a double sided seal, part of a pair of Saxon stirrups and an Elizabethan 6d . Simon said that he would be happy to run another event – if necessary in the Autumn. All agreed that this would be a good idea but the event would need at the very minimum, 8 people to run it.

Russian Concert

Simon had received confirmation that they were coming. He was to arrange pick up times etc. Cotton and Wickham Skeith were selling tickets and had asked for more. Helen to print more tickets, and to do programmes nearer the time. There was discussion about the amount of profit made by selling the wine, with the cost of the licence. Andy pointed out that the licence covered the music as well as the bar. It was hoped that one of the other benefices would organise the nibbles.

List of 'duties'

- Simon to open Village Hall and church
- Draw – Peggy offered to run the raffle but said she would need help. Sue offered to help. Sue suggested that the Friends could buy a bottle of vodka for one of the prizes as it was a lot to expect people to continually give prizes.
- Tickets - (£7.50, £5 for under 18s) on the door – Janice offered to do this. Simon to see if he can get someone from one of the other benefices to help.
- Car Parking – At the Manor. Richard offered to do this. Simon to ask Ian to help Bar - Rose and Gavin and Helen and Gordon to run the bar. Andy offered to help as it was expected that there may be a lot of people at the concert.
- Glasses, and buy wine - Helen
- Floats – Dick to provide floats for bar, raffle and ticket sales
- Licence - Andy to organise
- Car park signs – Simon and Rose
- Stage lighting – Helen to organise
- Cash of £500 required as fee for the choir. Dick to organise
- Tables – 5 required It was agreed to give the village hall a donation for loan of tables.

Simon also said that he would speak to the W.I. as they had a meeting in the hall that evening, so there would be people using the toilets and there could be parking congestion. People attending the concert to be asked to park at the Manor and leave village hall car park free for W.I. members.

Any other business

Clive Paine's talks for the middle school are to be held on the 17th and 18th March. Rose to attend. Dick to provide a cheque for £160 (£80 per talk) for the two talks.

Rose had just received the Archaeological Report for the land behind the Manor but had not had time to look at it in detail. It was agreed there was no need for a meeting in April, but the AGM needed to be organised at the May meeting (provisional date of 2th June)

Date of next meeting: Thursday 8th May at Beagles at 7.30pm

