


**A Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday, 9th October 2008 at August House.**

Minutes

Present:

Andrew Friend (membership secretary and newsletter editor)
Angela Friend
Rose Graham
Simon Holdich (chairman)
Dick Middleton (treasurer)
Sue Middleton (secretary))
Ann Kent
Janice Shea
Helen Thomson

Richard Reilly - 

Welcome and apologies:

Apologies received from Ian Armstrong, Mike Talbot, David Black, Pip Wright
Peggy Boyer.

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday October 9th 2008 – approved as a true record,
and signed.

Matters arising:

It had been agreed that the Christmas cards would be reduced to £2.50 and £4.00 for two
packs. The date for the Christmas concert was confirmed and the PCC were very happy
about the proposed event. ✓

Financial Report: The treasurer circulated the financial report. £14,477 in the bank. It
was agreed that the Friends would pay for the church to be floodlit again this Christmas,
in time for the Christmas concert. Gift Aid has yet to be applied for. The quinquennial
has still not taken place. The architects plans are on display in the church. They have
been submitted.

Metal Detecting Day – 14th September:

Simon thanked everyone for their help at the event. It was a great success and those who
attended said that they had enjoyed the day. Simon suggested that the next metal
detecting day should be held in March as there were fewer events in the spring and would
not interfering with Wyverstone's metal detecting day. It was agreed that Simon would
look into finding a venue for March 2009.

It was agreed that it was essential for the venue to have water, electricity and parking.

Pantomime – Update

Rose said things were going well, but had lost one of the dance groups which could potentially increase the load on the other two groups. She said that everyone was very motivated, everything was on schedule. Andy was happy to produce the programme. It was established that he would not have to look for the advertisers.

Christmas cards

Anne said that there were a lot of cards left over from last year. It was agreed that the best way to sell the cards was to have a stall. Alison in the Post Office has agreed to again sell them. It was agreed that the best place to sell them was outside the village shop on a Saturday morning. Sue M, Dick, Janice and Richard offered to help on the stall. Sue suggested that we could sell 'mixed packs' Anne agreed and Sue offered to help make up the packs. It was suggested that Liz could take the woodcut and 'peace' cards round to the other benefices.

Wickendon -

Christmas Concert December 5th

- Helen agreed to make the tickets
- Tickets £5 children under 16 free
- 7 pm start for 7.30
- Friends will pay for candles for a candlelit concert
- £2 for a glass of wine
- 50p for mince pies or shortbread
- The cost of the concert would be £150 for the pianist
- Helen to organise lighting for the choir
- A copy of the ticket to be put in the parish magazine
- Helen to ask Sue Wickendon if she would donate some mince pies

Dick suggested that we should start accruing our own equipment so that events being held in the church would be self sufficient in equipment - lighting, etc. which could be stored in the church. It was agreed to do this. Rose suggested we purchase our own urns, and Helen and Rose agreed to investigate the purchase of them. Anne suggested, and Dick supported the Friends claiming back the cost of ingredients when providing refreshments for events. This was agreed.

Any Other Business:

There was no other business

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th November, to be held at Church Cottage at 7.30 pm. Janice Shea, Helen and Anne gave their apologies for the meeting

Sue M