

**A Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday, April 9th 2009 at Old Manor Cottage**

Charity Number 1106579

Minutes

Present:

Ian Armstrong
Peggy Boyer
Andy Friend
Simon Holdich (chairman)
Dick Middleton (treasurer)
Sue Middleton (secretary))
Ann Kent
Richard Peaty
Helen Thomson

Welcome and apologies:

Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting and the following apologies were received from Angela Friend, Rose Graham, Pip Wright, Janice Shea, Liz Varley, Mike Talbot.

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 13th March 2009 Ian proposed – all in favour and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters arising:

The donation of £500 was from Michael Sykes. Dick pointed out that with Gift Aid this was made this generous gift worth £625.

Financial Report: The treasurer circulated the financial report, and is attached to these minutes. Balance carried forward is £19,164.00. The Metal Detecting Day raised over £2000. Dick said that although the interest rate was so low, he was going to move £2000 from the current account to the deposit account. Ian said that he was pleased that the Friends money had been well looked after during this difficult financial climate.

Metal Detecting Day March 15th 2009

It was agreed that this had been a very good day and everybody, the helpers and the metal detectors had enjoyed themselves. It had raised more money than previous days. Andy had started to compile a book of photos of all the finds, with a map pinpointing exactly where they had been found. This was to go off to the Archaeological society. Simon thanked Andy for all his hard work. It was suggested that the large amount of ammunition found could be linked to the site being on the wartime flight path of Great Ashfield airfield.

St George's Concert April 25th

Licence had been purchased

- Notice and article had been put in the parish magazine
- Gordon and Sue H to run the bar – Beer wine, cider, soft drinks and tea to be served – sale or return from the shop
- It was agreed that there would be a refreshments sub committee straight after the meeting. It was agreed to cost the ingredients before deciding a price for the plates of food
- Peggy Alma and Margaret to run the draw
- Sue to email Janice and Pip to ask for help
- Simon opening up the church
- Rose organising the Band catering
- Friends agreed to donate draw prizes
- Village Hall booked and it has been agreed that we have the use of the tables and chairs
- Band to congregate, and have refreshments in the village hall

*Ann - as
Andy succeeded
all in favour
everyone*

- It was hoped to set up the church the day before. We could not have access to village hall as there is a quiz night on the 24th
- Simon to liase with Liz Varley regarding the introduction and thanks
- Helen to ask John Gooderham about parking at Manor Farm
- Friends were urged to keep trying to sell more tickets
- 6 floats of £30 would be required. Dick would arrange these.

Annual General Meeting

The date for the AGM will be June 11th to be held in St Mary's Church, Bacton at 7.30. Members of the public are invited to attend. Notice of this has to be given 21 days beforehand. This needs to appear in the parish magazine for the May edition. Attached are the guidelines for an AGM. Wine would be provided free therefore there was no need for a licence. A meeting of the Friends would take place after the AGM

Any Other Business:

Dick resigned as treasurer for personal reasons, but was happy to remain as a Trustee and attend meetings when he could. He agreed to prepare the Annual Report, and organise the floats for the St George's concert. A replacement would need to be found. **A trustee's meeting is set for 14th May at Mill House Farm at 7.30 to approve the accounts and the Annual Report.**

Everyone agreed that Friend's money should be used to make some of the church fixtures and fittings more flexible to facilitate the use of the building for concerts etc. Additional heating, lighting and removable pews, choir stalls etc. were the sort of changes to be considered. Helen happy to apply for a faculty for this.

- The meeting was followed by a 'refreshments for the St George's concert' sub committee meeting, attended by Ann Kent, Helen Thomson, Sue Middleton and Peggy Boyer. Helen and Ann to do the shopping, Peggy to prepare sausages and Sue to prepare sandwiches. Final food preparation at Old Manor Cottage at 4pm on 25th April

Date of next meeting:

AGM followed by Friends meeting 11th June 2009 at 7.30 PM. At St Mary's Church Bacton There will be no meeting in May, other than the Trustee's meeting on 14th May at Mill House Farm

Simon...
