

**A Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's, Bacton**  
**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at August House**  
Charity Number 1106579

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Simon Holdich (Trustee, Chairman)  
Ian Armstrong  
Claire Bissett (Trustee, treasurer)  
Andrew Friend (Trustee, Membership Secretary)  
Angela Friend  
Rose Graham (Trustee)  
Ann Kent  
Norma Lambert  
Sue Middleton (Trustee, secretary)

**Welcome and apologies.** Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Pip Wright, Richard Peaty, Dick Middleton, Rosy Black, Janice Shea, Liz Varley and Peggy Boyer.

**Minutes of the meeting on Thursday July 10th 2009** – all in favour and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters arising:**

Sue to email Liz Varley to confirm the date of the Carol Service

**Financial Report:** Claire reported on the financial position of the Friends - £3.652 in the bank, and £18,000 on deposit in the COIF. Simon said that there would be further large expenditures on window repairs and stonework at the east end of the church.

**Pantomime Update**

The pantomime rehearsals are going well, and the money was coming in through advertising, sales of T shirts and DVDs. Any help would be gratefully received – selling programmes, help with the bar, refreshments and the raffle. Some helpers were to attend a chaperone's course, arranged by the council, free of charge .

The Company of Friends is a sub committee of The Friends of St Mary's and The Friends of St George. Both the Friends of St Mary's Bacton, and the Friends of St George's, Wyverstone, will be the recipients of the money raised by the pantomime, (January 22nd and 23rd, 2010) which is staged by the Company of Friends.

As one set of 'Friends' must assume responsibility for the insurance of the pantomime The Friends of St Georges, Wyverstone have agreed to take on this task. This arrangement for insurance will be put to the next St George's meeting and the agreement minuted. Simon will request a copy of the minutes of the meeting be sent to him so that both parties are aware of their separate responsibilities. A

copy of these minutes will be sent to the Insurance Company for their records.

### **Christmas Carol Service**

- Ann and Sue agreed to organise the refreshments for the Carol Service. It was thought that mince pies, shortbread, Bacton bonkers, and mulled wine would be served after the service.
- Sue H has offered to mull the wine
- Sue Wickenden has offered to donate mince pies.
- Angela and Claire offered to make shortbread
- Andy to buy a licence
- Sue to contact Rosy about candles.
- Rose to ask Helen for glasses

The Friends agreed in principle to pay to have the church flood lit over the Christmas period.

Simon agreed to talk to Brian Manley PCC Treasurer, and Robert Black, about this, also to suggest the Friends would be happy to contribute towards extra heating at concerts

Sue suggested the Friends may also be prepared to pay for the necessary external electrical work required to facilitate the floodlighting.

### **Any Other Business:**

The Christmas cards remaining from last year will be for sale in the post Office and church. It was agreed to have a break from cards for a year or two.

Andy has procured the annual music licence

Sue and Dick Middleton gave their apologies for the January meeting

**Date of next meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.30pm  
at Mill House Farm**

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