

Minutes of the Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday, 14th January 2010 at Mill House Farm
Charity Number 1106579

Present: Simon Holdich (Trustee, Chairman), Claire Bissett (Trustee, treasurer), Andy Friend (Trustee, Membership Secretary), Rose Graham (Trustee), Ann Kent, Richard Peatie, Norma Lambert, Revd Liz Varley, Helen Thomson (taking Minutes in Sue's absence). Blue = Actions.

1. **Welcome and apologies.** Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Sue & Dick Middleton, Rosy Black, Janice Shea, Peggy Boyer, Ian Armstrong, Angela Friend.
2. **Minutes of the meeting on Thursday November 12th 2009.** Two minor changes were made to the minutes (apologies had been received from Helen and the date of the previous meeting as October 8) and they were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by Simon.
3. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Financial Report (attached):** Claire reported that the balance of the Friends' account was £12,506 at the end of December. £2,506 was in our current account and £10,000 in our investment account. Our main outgoing had been the payments for the repairs to the flint work (£1,196) and the chancel windows (£9,338).
5. **Christmas Carol Service.**
 - Simon conveyed Terry Spalding's thanks to everyone for their work on this and said that it had been greatly appreciated by everyone participating. Revd Liz also thanked everyone.
 - We had £100 as donations for the food and drink and outgoings of £38 for the licence & candles and there are still expenses to be claimed for refreshments. Simon would finalise the expense claims over the next day or so.
 - All agreed that this was a good event even if somewhat cold. Suggestions were made that some form of air turbulence would help to keep the heat at ground level and this will be taken in to consideration when the heating system is re-engineered.
 - Gareth Mutimer had suggested that we could amalgamate the Carol Service with a small Christmas fair/event/celebration/entertainment, perhaps with a brass band and stalls in the village hall. The Carol Service and Christmas Event could compliment each other. A Christmas tree festival had been mentioned at PCC meetings as well. The date of **Saturday 4th of December** was proposed and Simon will speak to Terry and Gareth about this and Revd Liz will discuss this with PCC members individually as the next PCC meeting is not until March. It was also agreed that we would support and contribute to this event but not organise it.
 - We discussed committee decisions on charging for events, and agreed that these should not be changed without the committee agreeing them.

6. **Pantomime Update.** Rose has banked money for about a third of the tickets. Ticket sales are fine for the Saturday performances but Friday isn't selling well. Rehearsals are going very well and were held up by a week due to the weather. The programme is at the printers. **Some of the committee offered to sell tickets and would contact Helen (781255) about this.** Angela and Andy offered their help on the performance evenings. Rose requested a copy of the Risk Assessment for the Insurance. This was written and would be updated and checked at a dress rehearsal. Helen would then e-mail it to Rose. First Aid cover had been organised for all performances. There was a red card system in place backstage for medical emergencies. There was also a Yellow Card system in place for those who are front of house. All government regulations on Child Welfare had been adhered to.

7. **Metal Detecting Day on March 14th.** The field is over 50 acres and about half a mile from the Red House barn & toilets which we are fortunate to be able to use again. After an approach by Ian (who will drive it), Galloways have kindly given us the use of a coach, which will shuttle detectorists between the field and the toilets/refreshment/registration area. Simon is contacting his list of detectorists by e-mail and mail to offer them a place for the day. The charge will be £15 for detectorists and £5 for field walkers. Andy will do the photography, Rose the finds with Helen helping, Gavin & Gordon the barbecue with Sue H, Sue M, Ann & Simon doing catering and organisation. Helen will put a small advert in the Parish Magazine. This day will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

8. **Any Other Business:** The New Development at the church (Mission Statement attached). Approximately £200,000 needs to be raised for this. About £150,000 for the building works and about £50,000 for the organ refurbishment and loft. Various permissions (Building Regulations and Faculty) are being processed, a financial statement is being drawn up, a review of Trust & Charities which may fund such projects is being progressed and a fundraising plan being developed. It was felt that the Friends might fund the toilet or kitchen area in due course.

9. **Date of the next Meeting.** Thursday 11th February at Beagles.

Dates for the diary

Meetings on Thursdays	11 th February
	11 th March
	8 th April
	13 th May
	10 th June
Metal Detecting Sunday	14 th March
Proposed Carol Service	4 th December (Saturday)

Simon