

**A Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's, Bacton  
Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at Church Cottage  
Charity Number 1106579**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Simon Holdich (Trustee, Chairman)  
Claire Bissett (Treasurer)  
Andrew Friend (Trustee, Membership Secretary)  
Angela Friend  
Rose Graham (Trustee)  
Norma Lambert  
Sue Middleton (Trustee, secretary)  
Liz Varley

**Welcome and apologies.** Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Pip Wright, Dick Middleton, Peggy Boyer, Ann Kent, Richard Peaty, Helen Thomson, Janice Shea, Alma Wilson

**Minutes of the meeting on Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2010** – all in favour and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters arising:** There were no matters arising

**Financial Report:** The Treasurer's Report had been circulated before the meeting (copy attached) Claire intended to transfer some money from the current account to the deposit account, and asked if there was any outstanding work which needed funding. It was thought that everything discussed at the quinquennial had been attended to, but Simon said he would speak to David Black about one of the church windows which he thought may need some repair. Simon thanked Claire for all her hard work

**Metal detecting**

Simon thanked everyone for their hard work, and it was agreed that the day was a great success and everyone had enjoyed themselves. Rose had been approached by the Archaeological Department enquiring about finds, the name of the landowner etc. An Edward 111 quarter noble had been identified, and the silver brooch was thought to be worth in the region of £450. The finders were aware that the value of the finds would be shared with the landowner. It was agreed that without the extra land provided at a late stage, the day would have been a disaster as there had been no finds in the original field, and it had not been knocked back. It was important that land should be checked prior to a metal detecting day.

**Forthcoming Events**

The proposed Remembrance Festival would not now take place. A decision about whether to have a pantomime in 2011 had not yet been made. Rose said the

accounts for the last pantomime had still not been finalised, as she was still waiting for invoices from January.

### George's Day Concert

Ideas for future events were discussed. It was agreed to look at holding another St George's Day Concert for 2011. The band had found the church too small and it was thought it could be held in the middle school. Making the front pews movable would be difficult as the radiators are attached, also any work of this nature has to go through an 'advanced faculty procedure'. There was a discussion about moving the rood screen back to its original place, which would create more room. A provisional date of April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011 was agreed.

### Russian Concert

It was agreed in principle to think about holding another Russian concert if approached. This normally happened around Easter and it could clash with a St George's Day event. The latter raises far more money so this would have to be considered in any decision making.

### Wine Man's Bluff

A wine tasting evening with a difference! Tables of four would taste three reds and three whites, and given three descriptions of each, two wrong, one right. It was agreed that this could be good fun. To be held in the village hall. Three experienced wine tasters would need to be found to help with this. A buffet supper was suggested. Claire said she was happy to cost this to see if it was viable. A date in December was thought to be the best.

### Metal Detecting Day

Simon suggested another Metal Detecting Day in September, and it was agreed in principle that the Friends would be happy to run it.

### Bacton Fayre

Liz suggested that the Friends and PCC could work together to plan a stall, as the PCC wished to launch the SNAP plan there. Simon thought the initiative should come from the PCC, and they should drive the display, but the Friends would be happy to help man the stall and provide their literature. Most of the PCC members would be tied up preparing for the Parish lunch. It was agreed that a joint venture would be successful.

### **AGM**

The AGM is to be held on Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Sue agreed to place an advert in the parish magazine. Claire said she would prepare the Charities Commission Annual Report for the AGM in June. Rose agreed to buy the wine.

### **Any Other Business**

Andy offered to look at the urn which had broken down. It was agreed that if it was unmendable, and non returnable, a new urn should be purchased.

There is an Open Meeting about the Parish Plan on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the village hall a 7.30

Sue suggested there was a need to have a big push to try to get more people to sign up for standing orders. Rose suggested that this could be tied up with the distribution of Helen's leaflet for the SNAP project (This was to set out how much money had been raised by the Friends, what it had been spent on, what the Friends did, and pointing out the importance of the church, and some of its features) It was agreed that this was a worthwhile project. Andy said that he had the standing order forms and Gift Aid forms already. To await the completion of leaflet.

There will be no meeting in May.

Simon thanked Sue for her hospitality, and closed the meeting.

**Date of AGM and next meeting:  
Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup>  
at St Mary's Church Bacton at 7pm for 7.30**

**Friends of St Mary's Bacton**  
**Treasurer's Report – Accounts to February 2009**  
**11<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**Summary for current year**

The balance in the accounts stands at **£14,302** at the end of February (incl. latest cheques from Metal Detecting).

Another £555 relating to Metal Detecting entrance fees has been banked (one cheque for £30 has been addressed incorrectly and will have to be resubmitted). Apart from this there has been little movement since last month, only income from standing orders and an expense of £12 for mulled wine ingredients for the carol service.

**Income and expenditure**

Income and expenditure comprises:-

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Net profit</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Standing orders (Apr-Feb)	1,143		<b>1,143</b>	
Bank interest	200		<b>200</b>	
Donations	682		<b>682</b>	Includes £471 Gift Aid tax credit, and £100 from Carol service
Church repairs		10,534	<b>-10,534</b>	£1,196 for flintwork and £9,338 for chancel windows
Sales – cards	79		<b>79</b>	
Pantomime	1,355		<b>1,355</b>	
St George's Concert	1,563	702	<b>861</b>	
Bacton Fayre	40		<b>40</b>	
Carol service	0	89	<b>-89</b>	Licence for alcohol, candles at £17 and wine at £40, mulled wine ingredients £12
Metal Detecting	1,695		<b>1,695</b>	Cheques and cash received for metal detecting day
Running expenses		295	<b>-295</b>	Includes £255 annual insurance payment, and £20 music licence
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,757</b>	<b>11,620</b>	<b>-4,863</b>	

**Other**

It is the end of our financial year on 31<sup>st</sup> March and so it would be very helpful if I could be notified of any expenditure incurred or income received, before that date. If any invoices or receipts could be dropped off through my letterbox with a brief note saying what they relate to, I'll endeavour to get them paid before the year end.

This will help me produce an accurate picture of our financial position at year end in a relatively quick time.