

The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday, 10th June 2010 at St Marys Church
Registered Charity Number 1106579

Minutes

Present:

Simon Holdich (Trustee, Chairman)
Claire Bissett (Trustee, Treasurer)
Andrew Friend (Trustee, Membership Secretary)
Angela Friend
Rose Graham (Trustee)
Norma Lambert (Trustee)
Richard Peaty
Brian Manley
Sue Middleton (Trustee, secretary)
Dick Middleton(Trustee)
Helen Thomson
Liz Varley

Welcome and apologies. Apologies were received from Pip Wright, Ann Kent, Janice Shea

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday April 15th 2010 – all in favour and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters arising: Claire had done some costings of the proposed 'Wine Man's Bluff'. Working on 40 attendees, and taking in to account of hire of village hall, licence, wine and food, £5 per head for the evening would break even. At £10 per head would make £174. It was decided that in principle all were in favour, and that January 2011 may be a better time to hold it, rather than December, when there were many other activities. It was agreed to re-visit this at the next meeting.

Financial Report:

In addition to the report given at the AGM, Claire reported a payment of £145 for repair of lead work.

Bacton Fayre

Ann Kent in her absence, sent a report regarding the Bacton Fayre:

I have contacted members by email to sound out views on a Friends stall at the summer show and to find out who would be available to run it. As it happened most members who responded - apart from Janice - were not available. Several doubted that it was worthwhile. Because of this, I have not booked a stall, although if people want to rethink, I'm sure the organisers could be persuaded. The actual deadline was May 28th. Several people seemed to like the idea of a display to show what we had achieved, or hoped to achieve, and I wondered if that might be a movable feast - something we could produce at various fund raisers such as concerts when we've got a captive audience. But again, we would need someone who had time to put this together. I have organised a competition so we do have a Friends presence in the

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show schedule. There is a photography class for all ages, and two kids classes for under tens and under 16s. I'm happy to provide the prizes and find a judge.

Simon thanked Ann for all the work she puts in to the Bacton Fayre, and it was agreed that the Friends would not have a stall this year as there were not enough people available to help this year. The Friends were happy to reimburse Ann for any expense incurred, if she wished.

Pantomime

The Friends received a cheque for £1,500 from the Company of Friends from the proceeds of the pantomime earlier this year. No decision had been made regarding a pantomime in 2011, but there would definitely be one in 2012. Simon thanked Helen and Rose for all their hard work, and Helen agreed to email the Company of Friends, conveying our thanks to them for their kind donation.

Forthcoming Events

Metal Detecting Day. Ivan Lockett from Green Farm was happy to hold a Metal Detecting Day. 100 acres were available. David Black and Sons were contracted to the land so it would be necessary to liaise with James Black when the land would be available. A date of 26th September was suggested.

The RAF Honington Volunteer Band. All agreed in principle to hold another concert, but Gavin said that the Director of Music had said that the church was too small. Other venues to be looked in to – The Middle School, the use of the marquee after the Parish lunch in August 2011. To be pursued.

SNAP Project

Liz outlined the plans for the alterations in the church, which comprises the removal of the back section of pews, of an organ loft, restoration and moving the organ , meeting room, a seating area with internet facilities, and refreshment and toilet facilities. This space would be flexible with removable partitions. Liz emphasised that worship would always take priority in this scheme. Below is a breakdown of the finances

It was agreed that the Friends would prefer to finance a specific project in this plan, but remaining conscious of having enough funds to fulfil the commitment of the Friends which is for the maintenance of the building.

It was hoped that these improvements would make the church a space where community activities could be encouraged and developed, such as the 'buddying' project –linking the unemployed with those who can mentor them.

10 June, 2010. Some figures for Friends

Amount we need to raise for building work	£176,000
What we had until 2010	£73,000
Recent Grants in 2010	£27,000
Total raised to date	£100,000

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Amount we need to raise for organ	£62,000
In the PCC Organ Fund	£40,000
On Organ Fund (6/6/10)	£300
Total raised to date	£40,300

Grants applied for

	applied	response	
Suffolk Environmental Trust	5/6/10	Mid July?	£27,500
MSDC Community Projects	8/6/10	1 st Wk July	£20,000

Any Other Business

It was agreed to put effort in to signing more people up for standing orders. It was agreed Sue's suggestion of a letter with standing order forms including stamped addressed envelope. (Afterthought – A decision of the wording of the letter needs to be clearly thought out – it may be that people would rather send the form straight to their bank)

Date of next meeting: September 9th at Cromwell House at 7.30