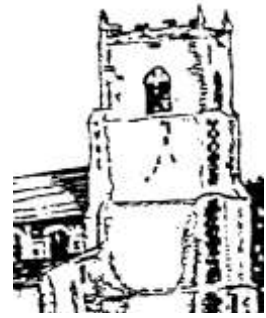


**The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton**  
**Thursday 10th February 2011 at Brookside**  
Registered Charity Number 1106579



**Minutes**

**Present:**

Simon Holdich (Trustee, Chairman)  
Peggy Boyer (Trustee)  
Rose Graham  
Ann Kent  
Richard Peaty  
Sue Middleton (Trustee, secretary)  
Dick Middleton (Trustee)  
Mike Talbot  
Helen Thomson

**Welcome and apologies.** Apologies were received from Pip Wright, Claire Bissett (Trustee, Treasurer) Norma Lambert (Trustee) Angela Friend, Janice Shea, Andrew Friend (Trustee, Membership Secretary) Revd Liz Varley

**Minutes of the meeting on December 9th 2010** – all in favour and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

**Correspondence**

The secretary had received a letter from Brian Manley the Treasurer of the PCC, formally thanking the Friends for their donation towards the new community facilities in the church. A generous donation of £20 towards the fundraising event 'Call my Wine Bluff' had been sent.

**Financial Report:**

Claire had prepared Treasurer's Report Accounts to Feb 2011 (attached)  
The balance in the accounts is **£6,145**, of which £4,145 is in the current account and £2,000 in the investment account. The income for the year to date is £7,973 with expenditure and donations of £16,791, leading to a **net outflow of £8,818**. Excluding donations to SNAP and repairing the lead on the lean-to roof, the **net income is £7,161**. Simon thanked Mike Talbot for his very generous donation.  
All accepted the report.

**Call My Wine Bluff 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

Call My Wine Bluff raised an incredible £1,115 and everyone agreed that it was a huge success. Wattisfield Wines had donated £60, a percentage of cases of wine bought on the night. Ann said that events which involved inviting tables of friends had proved to be popular, so other similar events could be organised. Selling tickets in this way was also much easier, as the work was spread out. Ann proposed a vote of thanks to Helen and Rose who had done nearly all the work. All were in favour of a formal vote of thanks.

**SNAP Report (St Mary's Neighbourhood Action Project)**

Helen handed round a progress report and it was hoped that the work would be completed on the scheduled date of 8<sup>th</sup> April. A large crack in the wall had been found. Helen said that she would find out about the cost of this work. She was looking for a grant but hoped that if that is not possible the Friends might consider this at the next meeting. Since the meeting Helen sent me the following information

*(The estimate from Valiants is £1,154.40 plus VAT plus Architects Fees of £132.76 plus VAT. This covers the inside work up to the WC ceiling level. The Architect is proposing that the higher cracks could be done at a later date, but before the organ is re-installed. I believe that the architect suggested Suffolk Historic Churches Trust for a grant. The work has actually been done, and everyone is welcome to go to the church to inspect progress.*

### **Company of Friends Community Variety Show**

The dates were confirmed as 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011. There are to be three performances. The Friends offered to help the Coff in any way with the production - selling programmes etc. It was thought that this would not raise as much money as the pantomime, as the venue was smaller and tickets cheaper. (Helen has confirmed since the meeting that The St George's Friends have Public Liability Insurance)

### **Ruby and her Horses May 20<sup>th</sup>**

This is a story of life in Suffolk during the agricultural depression of the 1920s and 30s as recorded by Ruby who was born in 1905. It consists of stories of Ruby's life, photographs, music and song.

After a vote, the cost of the tickets was agreed to be £6,00. Wine and nibbles would be provided. Cost of wine to be decided. The difficulties of lighting in the church was going to be looked into. Booked for May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 to be held in the church. Cost of the performers £250,00. A raffle would be held. The event would be widely advertised. Rose will organise the Entertainments Licence. Simon to check with Ray Bartrum for the booking of the church. It was agreed that Rose should call for assistance when needed.

### **Church Weekend**

In Liz's absence, Helen explained the proposed Church Weekend in June. It would highlight community projects, to be developed alongside the new church community room. It was hoped to involve as many people groups and organisations in the village as possible. Ideas included a church ale event, a history day, Family Meal, Teddies Abseiling, a Brunch and a hog roast. The Friends agreed that it was a very ambitious plan. Simon suggested the Friends contribution could be to put up a display in the church, depicting the work of the Friends.

### **Any other Business**

It is planned to hold the next metal detecting day on September 18th 2011. A 70 acre site has been offered – the land behind Willow Farm, Cow Green belonging to Tony Finbow. Simon had declined the suggestion that the Friends take over a concert which the Friends of Cotton church were to hold, but had to cancel because their building work wouldn't be finished in time. It was agreed that St Marys also had building works at the present. Julia Lall invited all Friends to attend her inauguration on June 25<sup>th</sup> at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. There being no other business Simon closed the meeting and thanked Mike for his kind hospitality.

### **Date and Venue of next meeting - March 10<sup>th</sup> at Church Cottage at 7.30**

#### **Dates for the diary:-**

March 10 <sup>th</sup> Friends meeting	Church Cottage
April 14 <sup>th</sup> Friends meeting	Venue to be decided
March 25 /26	Village Community variety show - Wyverstone Village Hall
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ruby and her Horses - St Marys Bacton
June 18 /19	Church Weekend
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Metal Detecting

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**Treasurer's Report – Accounts to February 2011**  
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**Summary for the current year**

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**Recent events**

- We have had a new standing order from a Mr J Fowler of Turkey Hall, Turkey Hall Lane.
- The donation to the SNAP project of £15,834 has been made.
- The successful Call My Wine Bluff raised £1,115.

The significant movements so far this year have been income of £2,877 from the metal detecting day, £1,505 from the pantomime, £1,115 from Call My Wine Bluff, £500 donation from M Talbot and expenditure of £261 for annual insurance (last year - £255) and a donations of £15,979 for the SNAP Project and church repairs.

**Income and expenditure**

Income and expenditure comprises:-

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Net profit</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Standing orders (Apr-Jan)	1,131		<b>1,131</b>	
Bank interest	52		<b>52</b>	
Donations	832		<b>832</b>	£332 Gift Aid tax credit relating to 2009/10. £500 donation.
Church repairs		145	<b>-145</b>	£145 for lead on lean-to roof
SNAP		15,834	<b>-15,834</b>	Donation to SNAP re buttery/toilet
Pantomime	1,505		<b>1,505</b>	
Metal Detecting	3,071	194	<b>2,877</b>	See below
Call My Wine Bluff	1,381	266	<b>1,115</b>	
Running expenses		352	<b>-352</b>	£261 annual insurance payment, £10 drinks for AGM, £21 CCLI licensing, £61 printing costs
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,973</b>	<b>16,791</b>	<b>-8,818</b>	

## **Call My Wine Bluff**

	Tickets	Raffle	Refreshments	Donations/Prizes	Hall Hire	Total
Income	1037.50	261.00		82.06		<b>1,380.56</b>
Expenditure			-117.91	-114.60	-33.00	<b>-265.51</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1037.50</b>	<b>261.00</b>	<b>-117.91</b>	<b>-32.54</b>	<b>-33.00</b>	<b>1,115.05</b>

## **Metal detecting**

	Entry fees	Refreshments	BBQ	Raffle	Other	Total
Income	2,355.00	149.00	277.00	242.00	48.00	<b>3,071.00</b>
Expenditure	-75.55	-24.07	-69.85	-25.00	-	<b>-194.47</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,279.45</b>	<b>124.93</b>	<b>207.15</b>	<b>217.00</b>	<b>48.00</b>	<b>2,876.53</b>

*Entry fees* comprise the £15 registration fee for metal detectorists and £5 walking fee, with costs relating the hire of the tables (£25), garden vouchers as thank you to the Wilsons (£30) and envelopes (£20).

*Refreshments* is income from sale of teas, coffees and cakes, with associated costs for teabags, milk, cups and spoons etc.

*BBQ* is income from sale of food from the barbecue with the cost of beef burgers and buns deducted.

*Other* is income from sale of bacon, cola and cards