

The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday, May 12th 2011, at Mill House Farm

Registered Charity Number 1106579

Minutes



Present:

Simon Holdich (Trustee, Chairman)
Rose Graham (Trustee)
Ann Kent
Angela Friend
Richard Peaty
Mike Talbot
Andy Friend
Helen Thomson
Claire Bissett (Treasurer)

Welcome and apologies. Apologies were received from Peggy Boyer, Norma Lambert (Trustee), Sue Middleton (Trustee, Secretary) Dick Middleton (Trustee)

Minutes of the meeting on April 14th – all in favour and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising

Financial Report:

Claire has not prepared a new report for this meeting as there has been no change from last month apart from £54 in standing orders. She will produce a report for our next meeting (AGM) which will contain the finalised the 2010/2011 figures and an estimate of Gift Aid income.

Ruby and her Horses May 20th

Rose first of all reported that as there was no water/drainage in the church at present we would need to use the village hall toilets for this event. This has been arranged with John Bean. On a similar note the new chairs for the church have not yet arrived and if not here by next week Rose has arranged to borrow chairs, again from the village hall

Rose also reported the following:

- Ticket sales were steady and around the 70 mark at present. Simon urged all committee members to sell as many as possible.
- Wine, juice and water have been purchased, wine glasses will be borrowed from Helen and plastic glasses and napkins have been acquired.
- Richard has agreed to bring the 'Friends' table to the church on Friday morning and will help to put black plastic over the north windows to minimise light on the night. Helen has also offered to provide a folding table.
- Gavin and Gordon have agreed to serve the drinks and other members agreed to cover the door, seating and serving food at the interval.
- Peggy and Margaret Hutchinson have agreed to sell raffle tickets. We have a number of raffle prizes at present and Simon, Ann and Angela and Andy agreed to provide more.

- Rose, Helen, Ann and Sue have agreed to provide food for the interval and this has been organised.
- Simon has agreed to welcome everyone to the church and Gavin will close the evening and thank everyone for coming.

Annual General Meeting

- **Annual Report** – Claire offered to prepare this.
- **Position of Chair** – Simon intimated his desire to retire as Chairman of the Friends. He would like the committee to consider whether we need a Chairman or perhaps as suggested by Ann a number of Vice Chairmen. This would mean that the duties could be shared. A Trustee meeting will need to be arranged in the near future to discuss this. Simon also requested that all committee members to encourage others, especially younger members of the community, to join the 'Friends'.

Any other Business –

- Bacton Fayre – the Friends will have a presence at the Fayre in August and they will share the Mid Suffolk trailer with SNAP.
- Ann reported that there will be another village hall quiz on June 24th and wondered if the 'Friends' could put together a team.
- Ann offered to write a piece for the Parish Magazine encouraging residents to become a 'Friend' and set up a standing order.
- Helen reminded all present of the official opening of the new Community Room on the 13th. 80 people were coming and it was hoped that there would be good press coverage.

Next Meeting and AGM June, 30th, 2011 in Bacton Church

Dates for the diary:-

May 20th
June 25th
June 30th

Ruby and her Horses - St Marys Bacton
Julia Lall's Inauguration, St Edmundsbury Cathedral
Friends AGM

Simon H. P. L.
30 June 2011