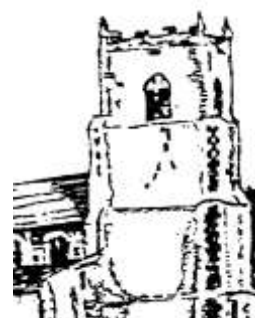


The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday, 10th November 2011
at the Community Room, St Mary's

Registered Charity Number 1106579



Minutes

Present:

Simon Holdich (Trustee, Chairman)
Andy Friend (Trustee, Membership Secretary)
Sue Middleton (Trustee, Secretary)
Richard Middleton (Trustee)
Mike Talbot
Helen Thomson
Claire Bisset (Treasurer)
Janice Shae

Welcome and apologies. Apologies were received from Peggy Boyer, (Trustee) Revd Liz Varley, Rose Graham (Trustee) Ann Kent, Angela Friend, Julia Lall, Norma Lambert, (Trustee) Richard Peaty

Minutes of the meeting on September 8th 2011 – all in favour and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters arising: Andy had renewed the Music licence for live music. Recorded music now requires a licence at a cost of £29. This would be required if the Friends held an event such as a Fashion show where recorded music is used. Andy pointed out that a licence is now also required for recorded music used at weddings and funeral etc. This would be an issue for the PCC,. The licence is issued to the building, therefore there may not be a need for the Friends to have a separate licence.

Financial Report:

Claire's Financial Report had been previously circulated:

The balance in the accounts stood at **£11,584** at the end of October, of which £9,614 is in the current account and £2,000 in the investment account.

The total income for the year so far is £6,190 with expenditure of £890 leading to a **net inflow of £5,300.**

There have been two main fundraising events so far this year; Ruby and Her Horses which raised £459 and Metal Detecting which raised £3,212. A donation of £450 has been received from the Company of Friends from the proceeds of their Variety Show. We have also received £483 from HMRC for Gift Aid tax relief relating to donations in the 2010/11 financial year.

Metal Detecting Day on 18th September.

Simon thanked everyone for their support for the metal detecting day, which had raised more money than ever. The 'find of the day' was a Henry Eighth coin. The finds included Roman and Iron Age coins. A few prospective sites for future rallies were suggested, and Helen offered to follow up these sites. It was agreed that about 70 acres was needed, with electricity, water and toilet facilities. Andy offered the use of a large marquee if necessary. It was suggested that future days have two 'finds' tables, to speed up the process, also a set

of scales, as identification of some coins was by weight. Andy said that for future reference, it was better to fill the car park at the furthest area from the site first, thereby preventing later vehicles having to drive amongst the pedestrians. Simon said that he had received many messages of appreciation.

Pantomime - 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' 27th and 28th January 2012

Many people were already working hard for the pantomime. Tickets at £7 would be on sale soon. Volunteers to help with front of house would be much appreciated.

New Members

Simon asked members to bring along anyone who they thought may enjoy joining the Friends to the meetings. Sue suggested doing a mail shot to selected houses, enclosing a standing order form, and stamped envelope, to encourage a few more people to sign up for a standing order. Sue agreed to write a draft letter and email this out to friends for comment. It was agreed that there was no point in doing this just before Christmas, and wait until the Spring.

Any other Business –

Dick pointed out that a crack had reappeared on the North Wall of the North Trancept, and that the Friends may be required to help fund this repair. Helen said that the Historic Churches had been approached for a grant and verbal agreement had been given to fund this repair.

Sue reminded the Friends that the idea of a joint meeting with the PPC had been discussed to identify what priorities they may have regarding the maintenance of the fabric of the church. It was agreed to pursue this again.

It was hoped that the church would be floodlit for the Christmas period. Helen would speak to David Black on this.

Helen also asked for volunteers to help with distribution of the Year Book and the Good Neighbour scheme. The latter, which is in the form of a questionnaire would need to be collected a week later.

Helen said that she was looking for more volunteers to help produce the Parish Magazine, which in future would be produced by different people every month, with different themes. She had designed a template, so that the task would not be too onerous.

Sue agreed to send a draft agenda to Helen for the January meeting as she and Dick would be away till the end of January.

Next Meeting January 12th 2012 to be held at Mill House Farm at 7.30

Dates for the diary:-

**Friends Meeting January 12th 2012
Pantomime 27th and 28th January 2012**