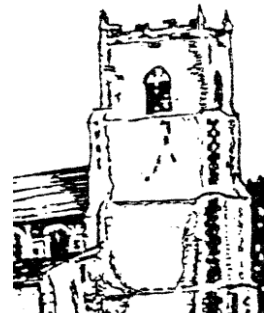


The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday, 8th November 2012
at the Community Room, St Mary's

Registered Charity Number 1106579

Minutes



Present:

Simon Holdich (Chairman)
Claire Bisset (Treasurer)
Peggy Boyer (Trustee)
Andy Friend (Trustee, Membership Secretary)
Angela Friend (Trustee)
Sue Middleton (Secretary)
Richard Middleton (Trustee)
Mike Talbot
Helen Thomson
Janice Shea
Pip Wright (Trustee))

Welcome and apologies. Apologies were received from Rose Graham (Trustee) Norma Lambert, (Trustee) Richard Peaty (Trustee), Penny Harris.

Minutes of the meeting on September 8th 2012 –all in favour and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

Financial Report: Claire's Financial Report had been previously circulated:

The total income for the year to date is £6,880 with expenditure of £836 leading to a **net inflow of £6,044.**

The metal detecting contributed £3,653 to funds (2011 - £3,212). A donation of £1,400 has been received from the Company of Friends from the proceeds of their Pantomime. We have also received £293 from HMRC for Gift Aid tax relief relating to donations in the 2011/12 financial year. The balance in the accounts stands at **£17,921** at the present date, of which £7,921 is in the current account and £10,000 in the investment account. Claire said that she would transfer all but £3,000 from the current account into the investment account. All were happy with the financial report

The Angels Project

Sue and Ann outlined the progress of the 'Angel Project,' the aim of which is to replace the angels to the ends of the hammer beams, with the Friends donating the first angel at a cost of £2,500, plus the cost of installation. Rob Lewis, a local wood carver has been approached to take on the work. He has worked locally in Haughley church, and Bury Cathedral. It was hoped that the first angel could be displayed where it could be seen until a second angel is commissioned, so that people could properly see the work, The PCC have requested a meeting to discuss the project

before the PCC meeting on 6th December. At the moment it is difficult to find a date (28th November) and then only 4 PCC members can attend. Ann explained that the faculty, which she had completed with Liz, needed to include minutes of a PCC meeting at which the project was discussed and approved by the PCC. Sue had not received a copy of the minutes of the joint Friends and PCC meeting that had including the discussion about the angels project. It was agreed that a strategy was required to carry this forward. Sue and Ann agreed to attend the meeting on 6th December, and to continue to be involved in the project. Helen said that notices would have to be placed locally and a notice in a paper, ie the Diss or Stowmarket Mercury.

Sue and Ann agreed to attend the PCC meeting on 6th December, and to continue to be involved in the project on behalf of the Friends of St. Mary's.

“Thank You” Event

It was agreed to hold a Thank You party for supporters of the Friends, and a date was chosen: 18th May at 6pm, probably a wine and cheese party. It was suggested that the people to asked would include the PCC, Scouts, Village Hall Committee, local farmers whose land has been used for Metal Detecting.

Any other Business –

The chairman said he had some reservations about further metal detecting days after being informed that a detectorist had failed to register a valuable item at our September event. Simon had tried to verify this but the reports included some conflicting information. After discussion it was agreed that although such behaviour was unacceptable, 99 per cent of the detectorists were honest and that they thoroughly enjoyed the Bacton event: it was also our major fundraiser. Simon agreed that he would probably go ahead with a 2013 Metal Detecting Day.....

**Next Meeting December 13th 2012
At Church Cottage, at 7.30pm**

Dates for the diary:-

**Friends Meeting December 13th 2012
Thank you Party May 18th 2013**