

MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S MEETING 14.02.2013

1. The meeting was held in the St. Mary's Community Room, Bacton, Suffolk at 7.30 p.m. Apologies were received from Sue and Dick Middleton, Norma Lambert, Pip Wright and Janice Shea. Those attending: Simon Holdich (chairman); Penny Harris; Peggy Boyer, Helen Thomson; Rose Graham; Claire Bisset, (treasurer); the Rev. Liz Varley; Andy Friend; Angela Friend; Richard Peaty; Ann Kent (taking minutes in absence of secretary).
2. The minutes of the previous meeting on December 13 were agreed and signed.
3. Matters arising: Liz Varley said she would **discuss the proposed exchange of minutes with the PCC secretary,**¹ to improve communications between the committees. She also reported that the condition of the north arcade is causing concern. Although the Friends are keen to establish spending priorities, it was agreed this would wait for the quinquennial report which should be completed in the next few months. The PCC has appointed a new inspecting architect, Tony Redman, who has a special interest in wall paintings. This could prove helpful in any future plans to restore the Doom.
4. Financial report: Claire Bisset reported a balance of £18,122 including £15,000 in an investment account. A donation of £1400 had been received from The Company of Friends' pantomime proceeds and a payment of £293 from HMRC for gift aid tax relief.
5. Co-ordinating diary events: Val Godden from Old Newton has contacted the Friends suggesting that all the PCCs and Friends' committees in the benefice could operate a shared diary, possibly using DropBox, to avoid event clashes. The FOSM agreed that this would benefit everyone and **AK will write to Val Godden to that effect.**
6. Angels project: Liz Varley reported that the Diocesan Advisory Committee are keen on the project and are now awaiting the **Faculty application**, which should be completed soon.
7. Thank you event on May 18: **It was agreed that members of the committee should individually make lists of who should be invited and bring them along to the next meeting. AK should ensure the community room is available from 6 p.m. that night.** Helen Thomson agreed to **design and produce an invitation** which will include a reply slip/reply contact details. Sue Middleton sent a written suggestion that hot dogs might be offered as a substantial finger food, with an icecream on a stick (e.g. mini Magnum) and this was accepted. The sausages may be barbecued, although **final food arrangements will be made at the next meeting.** Liz raised the issue of whether it would be legal to use Friends' funds to buy the food and drink which will be on offer. **Several committee members agreed to make private donations to fund this.** Various suggestions were made about background music, possibly on a portable keyboard. **Helen agreed to look into this.**
- a. **Any other business: Metal detecting.** Simon reported that the owners of Bacton Hall had kindly agreed to allow another field to be used for this event, with the provisional date of **September 15. One or two portable loos will be hired.** Simon wondered if it would be acceptable to raise the price paid by detectorists from £15 to £20, given the current financial climate. Committee members were uncertain, and it was agreed that **Simon would sound out some of the regular attendees. Christmas cards. It was agreed to have a sale of leftover stock in the summer or early autumn, at greatly reduced prices.**
Date of next meeting: 7.30p.m., March 14, Cromwell House (Thomson home).

¹ Action points in bold type.