

*The Friends of St. Mary's, Bacton*

*Thursday June 13, 2013*

*In the community room*

Present: Sue Middleton, chairman; Mike Talbot; Richard Peaty; Pip Wright; Peggy Boyer; Rose Graham; Norma Lambert; Richard Middleton; Simon Holdich; Helen Thomson; Ann Kent (secretary).

The meeting which immediately followed the AGM was also attended by Michelle and Graham Macausland and Rosy Black.

1. Apologies were received from Claire Bissett (treasurer), Andy Friend, Angela Friend, Rev. Liz Varley, Janice Shea and Penny Harris.
2. The minutes of the meeting of April 11 were agreed as a true record.
3. Matters arising. None.
4. Richard Middleton gave the financial report on behalf of Claire Bissett, who had previously circulated it. Her report was approved.
5. Friends agreed that the thank-you event in May had been a success, enhanced by the pianists who provided background music.
6. Ann Kent reported on a brief meeting between representatives of FOSM, the PCC and the Diocesan Advisory Committee about the church angels project. The DAC stressed they were seeking information and not in a position to give a decision. They all felt that the proposed size of the angel was too small and asked for further research including site visits to a number of churches, detailed drawings and measurements. The cost implications of larger angels will also need to be explored.
7. Simon Holdich reported that ticket sales for the metal detecting were lower than expected, probably because he had limited invitations to the metal detecting clubs. He was now intending to contact individuals who had attended previous events. The event will take place at Bacton Hall Farm on a larger site, thanks to the Bacton charity trustees who have agreed to the use of 17.8 acres of trustee land
8. A joint meeting between representatives of the Friends and the PCC is planned and should take place later this year to discuss spending priorities and matched funding.
9. In any other business, the Friends heard that Peter Gipson had asked if they wished to be involved in events marking the centenary of the outbreak of World War One. Several ideas were discussed included a church service, military band concert, poetry reading and car rally.

**Date of next meeting: August 15, 7.30 p.m. community room.**