

MINUTES
MEETING OF FOSM ON OCTOBER 10,2013

Held in the community room of St. Mary's Church, Bacton.

The meeting was attended by Sue Middleton, chair; Claire Bisset, treasurer; Richard Peaty; Mike Talbot; Helen Thomson; Rose Graham; Andy Friend; Angela Friend; Simon Holdich; Liz Varley; Ann Kent, secretary. **Apologies** were received from Pip Wright; Janice Shea; Richard Middleton; Peggy Boyer; Penny Harris; Norma Lambert.

The minutes of the last meeting on August 15 were agreed as a true record.

Matters arising: Angels Project. Ann Kent reported that the costs of the enlarged angels were now closer to £3,300, excluding fitting and fixing. However it was hoped that money reclaimed by gift aid would help installation costs. Angel donations by the public would be made in the form of a donation to the church (the money to be handled by the PCC) and placed in a special fund specifically for that purpose. Drawings of the enlarged angels had already been submitted and we hoped to hear from the DAC soon. Simon Holdich asked whether other sculptors had been approached. AK explained that the Faculty required a named sculptor from the outset, and Rob Lewis had been approached because of his experience in church timber work at Haughley, where he restored the church angels and in Bury Cathedral where he had worked on restoring roof bosses and other decorations. He had also carved the dove on the newly restored font cover at Ixworth church for English Heritage. Rob is a local sculptor with an impressive portfolio and it was felt that the DAC would find him an acceptable candidate for the work.

Financial report. Claire Bisset presented her report and a summary for the six months to the end of September 2013. The current balance was £14,571 Income from standing orders had slightly declined, because of changes to how much could be refunded under gift aid. The treasurer was asked to look into updating the signatories on the Friends account. These are currently Simon, Rose and Claire but should eventually be the chair, treasurer and secretary.

Fund raising ideas. It was suggested that Friends members who were making standing orders might consider increasing them, and also asking neighbours and others in the village if they would consider contributing. It was suggested that a letter should be written in January to people living in the vicinity with an s.a.e. inviting them to make a standing order, either by post or online.

Rose Graham suggested a murder mystery evening with food could be an interesting fund raiser which would also involve the local community. It was agreed that we could investigate this and AK would check available dates at village hall between mid January and the end of February.

Metal detecting. It was agreed this had proved another successful event, with many repeat visits from detectorists.

East End Project Liz Varley reported that she would soon be submitting a Faculty application. The application to relocate the altar screen (which is not in its original place) and allows pews to be moved will make it easier to hold concerts in the church. Several committee members felt they would welcome another St. George's style concert with a military band, once these changes have been made.

Date of next meeting: 7.30 on November 14, and the home of Andy and Angela Friend.

Date of Christmas committee meeting, 7.30 on December 12 at Sue and Dick Middleton's.