

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton**

**Thursday 4 June 2015 in St Mary's Church  
Community Room**

(Registered' Charity No.1106579)

Present: Ann Kent (Chair, Trustee)  
Simon Holdich (Trustee)  
Claire Bisset (Trustee, treasurer)  
Rose Graham  
Sue Middleton (Trustee, secretary)  
Dick Middleton (Trustee)  
Richard Peaty (Trustee)  
Helen Thomson  
Mike Talbot  
Pip Wright (Trustee)  
Peter Gipson  
Keith Parsons  
Sarah Spink  
Norma Lambert (Trustee)  
Peggy Boyer (Trustee)  
Graham McCausland  
Michelle McCausland

**1. Welcome and apologies.** Ann welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that the following had offered their apologies:

Janice Shea, Andy and Angela Friend, Barbara Bilston

**2. Minutes of the last meeting :**

The Minutes of the previous meeting on April 23rd 2015. Mike Talbot proposed, and Simon Holdich seconded as a true record and were accepted unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising:**

Sue Middleton said that as yet she had done nothing towards investigating a screen around the chairs..

**4. Financial Report**

**Accounts to June 2015 (circulated with agenda)**

The balance in the accounts stands at **£16,475**

Income for the year **£2,627** with expenditure of **£483**, leading to a net outflow of **£2,144**.

This includes the profit of £1,350 from the Murder Mystery.

Advance bookings for the metal detecting day of £1,350. Registration has topped 100

## **5, Metal Detecting September 6<sup>th</sup> 2015**

100 people had already registered. Simon was expecting 200. The location is Canhams Farm, Cow Green. As parking would be difficult, it was hoped that Canhams Farm could be used. Someone would be required to be on duty to ensure safe crossing of the road. Simon was hugely encouraged by the response so far. The charge was £20 for detectorists, and £5 for field walkers. It was hoped that everyone would do their very best to keep 6<sup>th</sup> September free as the day required a lot of helpers. It was decided that we would use three or four barbecues provided by committee members, and if thought necessary, buy a large one for next year.

## **6, Murder Mystery**

Ann thanked everyone for helping with The Murder Mystery. She thanked Helen for producing lovely tickets and programmes, all those who provided crumbles, helped in the kitchen and performed in the play. The evening was a great success and raised £618.

## **7. Thank you event**

It was agreed to hold a Thank You event on October 16<sup>th</sup>. A list of guests to be compiled.

- All standing orders
- Farmers whose land was used for metal detecting
- Company of Friends
- British Legion, and WW1 concert team
- Donors
- Friends
- Others – please inform secretary

Invitations to be designed and sent out before the Metal Detecting on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## **8. Any other business**

Keith Parsons, Village Hall Committee, is hoping to install stage lighting, and was looking to raise about £120. Dick Middleton suggested The Suffolk Foundation could help. Dick to liaise with Keith.

Graham McCausland reported that access to the top of the Tower was lethal, and required a lot of work. Other maintenance is required on the Tower and The Friends would ask the PCC to include the Tower in the work. It would be better value for money if the work was part of the overall Tower maintenance work. Dick to liaise with Brian Manley.

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**The date of the next meeting will July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30  
in the Community Room**