

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

**Thursday 31 July 2015 in St Mary's Church
Community Room**

(Registered' Charity No.1106579)

Present: Ann Kent (Chair, Trustee)
Simon Holdich (Trustee)
Claire Bisset (Trustee, treasurer)
Revd Barbara Bilston
Rose Graham
Sue Middleton (Trustee, secretary)
Dick Middleton (Trustee)
Richard Peaty (Trustee)
Mike Talbot
Peggy Boyer (Trustee)

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

Janice Shea, Andy Friend, Helen Thomson Pip Wright, Sarah Spink.

2. Minutes of the last meeting :

The Minutes of the previous meeting on June 4th. . Claire Bisset proposed, and Simon Holdich seconded as a true record and were accepted unanimously.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising

4. Financial Report

The balance in the accounts stood at £17,389 at the end of July, of which £8,323 is in the current account, £9,000 in the investment account and £66 in petty cash.

The income for the year to date is £3,541 with expenditure of £483, leading to a net inflow of £3,058.

This includes the profit of £621 from the Murder Mystery evening and £2,050 from advance receipts for the September Metal Detecting Day.

There has been an additional standing order received in July (no details).

5. Quinquennial

The next work to be addressed is the Tower. Dick Middleton to meet with Brian Manley and David Black to go through they want to do. The PCC are keen to address the unsafe stairway, which Graham McCausland brought up at the AGM. The Friends were happy to use money to attract outside funds. The restoration of the Doom painting was also

discussed. It was agreed that this was sufficiently nationally important to bring in other monies, but could grant a small amount to the restoration. It was agreed that Dick should continue to liaise with the PCC. Richard Peaty proposed, Sue Middleton seconded, All in favour,

6. Recruitment

Ann asked the committee to continue to look out for new members.

7. Thank You Party It was agreed to postpone this until the Spring 2016, as it was too near the Metal Detecting Day, and not enough time to organise.

8, Metal Detecting September 6th 2015

146 people had already registered. Simon was expecting 200. The location is Canhams Farm, Cow Green. Simon will re-email potential detectorists.

- Registration – Sue Middleton, Ann Kent
- Manager - Ann Kent
- Finds - Norma Lambert
- Peggy Boyer Draw
- Parking from 7.30 – to be decided
- There is to be a site meeting at Canahams Farm at 5pm, Monday 3 August
- The tenancy of the farm is due to change, so there is a possibility of the Friends having to pay to have the fields knocked down after harvest, as detectorists don't want to work on stubble.
- Porta loos – our usual supplier unable to do this year – Keith Parsons to look in to this (Karzees supply the Fayre)
- Donations of Raffle prizes will be helpful. Donations to Rose
- The coin book and artefact book for the raffle will be bought through Amazon by Claire
- Find of the day- Simon will donate a bottle of whisky
- Helen has offered to produce the laminated name labels, Sue M to cut up and attach the rubber bands (Rose has rubber bands)
- Pencils, pens. Ann to find out if she still has a source for these.
- BBQs – two suitable gas bbqs have been located
- Field Stewards – two on at any one time
- Health and Safety – Simon to find out if the detectorist with H and S training will be coming, otherwise ask Robin Lambert
- Bacon – Sue M to order from Taste of Suffolk –01284 750720 8. Boldero Rd Bury, Green sliced – quantity to be decided
- Photography – Andy and Richard. – photographed on white paper with Raffle ticket numbers
- Sue M to gather food shopping. Helen and Sue to shop.

9. Any other business

Lighting the exterior of the church

It was established that the PCC was happy for this work to progress. The estimate for the work was a total of £275. The committee expressed their wishes for this work to be carried out and were very happy with the cost. Simon in favour, Peggy seconded. All in favour.

Date of next meeting
Thursday 10th September at 7.3 in the Community Room

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