

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

**Thursday 10th December 2015
Held at Church Cottage**

(Registered Charity No.1106579)

Present: Ann Kent (Chair, Trustee)
Simon Holdich (Trustee)
Revd Barbara Bilston
Andy Friend (Trustee, Membership secretary)
Janice Shea,
Sarah Spink
Sue Middleton (Trustee, secretary)
Dick Middleton (Trustee)
Mike Talbot
Peggy Boyer (Trustee)
Richard Peaty (Trustee)
Keith Parsons

1. Welcome and apologies. Ann welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that the following had offered their apologies: Claire Bissett, Helen Thomson, Rose Graham

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

The Minutes of the previous meeting on September 10th were taken as read. Dick Middleton proposed, Simon Holdich seconded. Agreed unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

Simon to check that Ben Crosswell is the correct name for the Estate Manager Orwell Park. The Dry Rot work is completed, though no bill has been presented to the Friends' Treasurer. Doom Painting – Ongoing. The most recent estimate is in the region of £27,000 from the Brian Manley wished to convey thanks from the PCC for the Friends continuing fundraising efforts.

4. Financial Report

The balance stood at £20,633, although £18,250 has been allocated for work – Financial report and Trustees Record of Financial Decisions attached.

5. Events in 2016

- **Wine Tasting Evening – February 20th 2016.**

Ann has asked that the questions be simplified. The wines will be Supermarket wines. No decision was made regarding refreshments. Details to be discussed and finalised at January meeting

- **Murder Mystery – April 16th 2016.**

Kath Lockwood has offered to produce another Murder Mystery.

- **Thank you Event – June 17th**

Sue to compile a list of those people to be invited who have given their support to the Friends.

As the church piano has been disposed of, it was agreed that background music could be provided electronically. It was thought that a music licence may not be required as it was an invitation event.

Ann said that these three events would all require a considerable amount of work with organising and catering. She thought that maybe the Trianon Concert, booked for November would be too much work on top of everything else in 2016, as there would hopefully also be a Metal Detecting Day during the year. It was suggested that a St George's Day Concert may be arranged for 2017. The Army Air Corps Band has been disbanded. Other bands were suggested.

6. Trianon Concert

After discussion it was agreed to cancel the Trianon Concert. Dick proposed and Sue seconded the motion and it was agreed unanimously. Ann to write to Margo Pigott, the Trianon organiser.

7. Any other Business

Andy has designed a Friends of St Marys web page which he showed the committee. He had put on the Metal Detecting Day booklet, and other useful information. Everyone agreed it was a really good idea, and a great way to store all Friends information. The address is www.fosm.august-house.net (CHECK). The web address could be changed as an independent one, the cost being about £25 per year to run. I was agreed that this was a great asset to the Friends. Ann thanked Andy for his hard work and proposed that Andy continued to develop the website. Sue seconded the motion. All in favour.

The next meeting will be held on January 14th 2016 in the Community Rooms at 7.30pm

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