

**The Minutes of a meeting  
of the Friends of St Mary's Bacton  
on 10th November 2016 at 7.30pm  
at the Community**

**Present**

Sue Middleton (Chairman)  
Richard Middleton (Secretary)  
Rose Graham  
Helen Thomson  
Peggy Boyer  
David White  
Claire Bissett

**Welcome and apologies.** All were welcomed. The following had offered their apologies:

Sarah Spink  
Mike Talbot  
Simon Holdich  
Norma Lambert  
Janice Shea

**Minutes of the last meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 October were accepted as a true record.

Proposed Helen  
Seconded Andy

**Matters arising**

Andy presented his report of the metal detecting rally this year. He intends to produce two copies. One copy for the record and one to be given to the Finbows who own the land used for the rally. Pictures of the rally will be placed on the Friends website.

**Financial report.** Clare reports that there was little change to the financial circumstances of the Friends.

**Christmas concert on 3 December 2016**

Sue had met with the Friends of St Georges on 9 November.

The six members of St Georges would help lay out the St Mary's on the day from 1pm. Programmes would be 50p and the band will be providing 100 copies. Sue and any spare volunteers to sell them and help with seating.  
Sue will unlock the church at 1pm and 6 pm.  
Chairs and the bar can be laid out at 1pm.  
The band arrives at 6pm: Rose and Angela Cook will provide tea and coffee and biscuits for the band. Rose will buy whatever is necessary.  
The community room will be reserved for band use.

Helen will arrange with David Black for the heating be turned on in the morning of 3 December. Peggy and Margaret will run the raffle. Other volunteers will go around the church selling tickets. Those providing raffle prizes are asked to give them to Peggy at the church on the day or to Sue or Pam.

Garry Spink is providing wine on sale or return.

Helen will provide glasses and apple and orange juice and sparkling water. Bar price will be 1.50 a glass for wine. Tumblers of juice £1.

Sue and Angela Cook will decorate the church from 1pm.

Peter Gibbs is providing yew branches at the end of the month

Friends of St Georges are providing treasury services for the event and will collect all cash etc on the day.

Access to village hall toilets will be arranged by Keith Parsons.

Richard Peaty will arrange extra chairs if required from the village hall.

Dick and John to greet and check tickets at the door. Tickets to be retained, and handed in to the bar on receipt of wine.

Helen will arrange for the floodlighting the church.

The church will be left ready for the next day's services. All volunteers to help.

All volunteers with responsibilities on the evening should be at the church by 6.45

#### **Friends website**

Matters concerning the website were dealt with by Andy under the matters arising above.

#### **Doom painting update.**

Helen had sent out a report on the progress of the doom. The PCC will undoubtedly agree the planned activity at their next meeting, and associated electrical work will then be able to start in the new year.

#### **Any other business**

Rose raised the matter of the finds held by the Friends. She suggested assembling displays of different aspects of Bacton history, perhaps starting with the Iron Age. There was discussion concerning the large number of finds that had been given to the Friends after metal detecting rallies, and how to make some form of educational use of them. No conclusion was reached, but David offered to explore ideas with the Primary School.

#### **Date of next meeting**

9 February 2017 at Church Cottage

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.