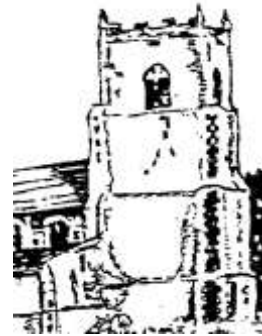


**Minutes of the Meeting of
The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Thursday 9th February 2017
Church Cottage, Bacton**

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Present

Sue Middleton (Trustee, Chair)
Sarah Spink (Trustee, Secretary)
Simon Holdich (Trustee)
Richard Peaty (Trustee)
Peggy Boyer (Trustee)
Andy Friend, (Trustee)
Helen Thomson

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Apologies had been received from Dick Middleton, Rev David White, Claire Bisset, Norma Lambert and Rose Graham.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

- The meeting was held on Thursday 10th November 2016. The minutes were accepted as a true copy – proposed by Helen and seconded by Andy.

3. Matters arising

- There were no matters arising.

4. Financial Report - Claire Bisset

- The balance of accounts on 31.01.17 stood at £17,366, of which £13,210 had been allocated.
- Sue reported that a cheque for £400 had been received from John Price, treasurer of the Friends of St George's, Wyverstone. This accounted for 50% of the profits generated by the Christmas concert held in December 2016. A fund of £120 had been left in the Company of Friends bank account for future use.

5. Doom painting update – Helen Thomson

- Helen updated the friends on the progress of the Doom painting restoration and the repositioning of the parclose screen:

Parclose Screen. As you know it has been proposed that the screen be positioned on the west end wall behind the organ. It would be in two sections positioned to the right and left of the organ so that it is visible. The PCC gave their approval for this at their meeting on the 17th November 2016. A quote of no more than £3,000 has been obtained from George Monger (a local conservation specialist) to clean and mount the screen. Revd David is currently progressing the faculty.

Doom. Now that all necessary permissions have been granted the electrical work should start on 13th March 2017. The total cost of the electrical work has been revised and reestimated to be in the region of £10,750. This was £5,750 for rewiring and £5,000 for the fixtures and fittings. We are very lucky, and very grateful, to have received a £5,000 donation towards the new fixtures and fittings from a generous benefactor. The intricacies of the outside repair work necessary on the east end gable have now been agreed with all the concerned parties, and we are awaiting revised quotes from the conservator and from the builder through the architect. This means that the work on the Doom conservation itself can start as soon as we have raised the money necessary for the work. The estimate for this work (including electrical work) was in the order of £67,000 in July 2016.

- The Friends discussed the issue of security cameras for the church porch. A faculty is required before cameras may be installed and the PCC is unable to extend church opening times until the cameras are in place. Consequently, proposed changes to St Mary's opening times have been delayed.

6. Christmas concert - feedback

- The concert was accepted as a great success and had raised £400 for FOSM.
- Sue expressed her gratitude to Rose Graham and Angela Cook for their work in providing refreshments for the band members across the evening.
- It was acknowledged that heating the church was a problem, but no solution to this was proposed.
- Ticket sales had been problematic and unpredictable. Sue suggested that the Friends should secure box offices from which tickets could be sold, for future events. Proposed sites included Lamberts garage, Bacton post office, Emzo, Laws etc. The Friends were in agreement with this suggestion.
- Bar takings were disappointingly low. There was discussion about future bar and ticket prices and the possibility of serving mulled wine at future winter events, considering the temperature inside the church.
- Sue had received a breakdown of takings:

<i>Door:</i>	<i>£803.98</i>
<i>Programmes:</i>	<i>£25.10</i>
<i>Raffle:</i>	<i>£187.50</i>

Bar: £41.50
Sale of Wine: £100.00
Total: £1158.08

Expenses:

Band: £175
Bar: £177.88
Orange Juice: £7.60

Total: £360.48

Profit: £797.60

7. Piano for church

- Rev David White had requested an electric piano for St Mary's
- The PCC will not issue approval for a piano until the church organ has been fully refurbished.
- Once PCC approval has been obtained, the Friends will consider allocating funds towards installation of a piano.

8. Metal detecting – Simon Holdich

- Simon reported that he had secured land from Tony Finbow, totalling approximately 90 acres.
- As the site has no buildings, several marquees will be required. We are likely to require gas water heaters and a generator in addition to all "usual" supplies.
- The metal detecting rally 2017 will take place on Sunday 17th September, after the school summer holidays.
- After discussion, the Friends established that the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee, Andy Friend and Philip Jeffries all own marquees, which may be available for use. Richard agreed to raise this possibility with the Parish Council. The Village Hall committee is undergoing reorganisation, so will need to be approached once new members are in place.
- Simon agreed to be responsible for inviting detectorists to the rally, but requested that other organisation was left to members of the FOSM committee.
- Simon agreed to email Norman Rose (who had contacted Andy Friend recently) assuring him of an invitation to this year's rally and future events.

9. Any other business

- A meeting is to be held in the St Mary's community room on Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.30pm, to discuss the proposed 2018 WWI concert. This will be a brainstorming session, to which all potential volunteers are invited.

- The concert is planned for Saturday 17th November 2018, although the church may not be fully cleared before the Sunday morning service the following day.
- Sue reported that lighting, staging and electricity costs were very high for the 2014 concert. She suggested that the Friends consider purchasing their own equipment, which could be stored in a container at Black's and loaned out to generate income. This was discussed, but no conclusion reached.

10. Date of next meeting

- Thursday 13th April 2017, community room, 7.30pm.