

The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Minutes of the meeting held at St Mary's Church, Bacton
Thursday 14th October 2021, 7.00pm

Present

Paul Wigglesworth (Chair)	David Chambers	Hazel Laflin
Andy Friend (Treasurer)	Diana Chambers	Kevin Laflin
Sarah Spink (Secretary)	Gail Wigglesworth	Katrina Laflin
Lisa Denton	John Kingsley	Martin Buckle
Sue Holdich	Vanessa Kingsley	
Philip Jeffries	Richard Peaty	

Welcome and Apologies

Paul welcomed the Friends to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Mike Hall, Simon Holdich, Rose Graham, Helen Thomson and Carole and Carlton Jackson.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were accepted as accurate – proposed by Andy and seconded by Sue.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Financial Report: Presented by Andy Friend

The balance of accounts at the end of September 2021 stood at £4630, all unallocated.

The Friends were encouraged to 'spread the word' about Amazon Smile for additional fundraising in the run up to Christmas.

PCC Update: Presented by David Chambers.

With a faculty now in place, work to introduce three phase electricity into St. Mary's can begin. This will enable heating to be installed beneath the pews and is estimated to cost in the region of £20,000

The PCC has been given the option to fit the heaters at a fixed price, whilst awaiting connection to the network in Spring 2022.

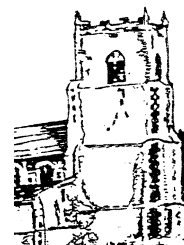
The Christmas lights at St. Mary's will be switched on on the evening of Sunday 28th November 2021, in an event organised by the PCC and Bacton Parish Council.

Future Fundraising

Most of the discussion focused on the jubilee celebrations in development for June 2022, during which local organisations will come together to host a programme of events.

Philip Jeffries outlined the initial plans for the four-day event, during which St. Mary's will be a focal point of the village.

Philip suggested that a 'Festival of Flowers' could be held in St. Mary's church and run throughout the four days.

**Thursday 2nd June**

National celebrations begin.

'Last Night of the Proms' event on Bacton Manor lawn early evening until 9pm.

9pm local piper, fireworks, and lighting of beacons.

Friday 3rd June

Service of thanksgiving.

It was suggested that the Friends may like to host a cheese and wine event in the evening, alongside an organ recital or concert.

Sarah agreed to contact the Ipswich Community Wind Band regarding their availability for the evening.

Andy agreed to investigate the possibility of enabling ticket sales online via the FOSM website.

Saturday 4th June

Fete – further details tbc.

Sunday 5th June

National programme of lunches.

Family picnic event to be held on Bacton Manor lawn.

There followed much discussion around future fundraising, with suggestions made for all four seasons:

Spring

Quiz

Garage Sale

Craft fayre – Lisa agreed to collect business cards and check availability of local sellers.

Summer

Quiz

Ceilidh

Jubilee event (June)

Bacton fayre (August)

Autumn

Family/chocolate bingo – possibly themed, with face painters etc.

Christmas craft fayre (October/November)

Winter

Family/chocolate bingo – possibly themed, with face painters etc.

The Friends considered the possibility of running a regular weekend coffee morning and it was agreed that this will be discussed in greater detail at the November meeting.

Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11th November, 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm