

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Friends of St. Margaret's**

**Monday, February 8, 2016**

The meeting was held at 10, Rectory Close, starting at 7.45 pm.

**Present:** Jean Garner, Ann Ward, Loraine Winn, Ros and Arthur Yardy, Chris Turner, Dave Milne (Chairman) and Sue Milne.

**Apologies:** Jane Dunkley and Vicki Mynott,

**Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of January 4 were agreed and signed as a true record.

**Matters arising:** As regards the proposed security system, Dave contacted 2 companies, both of which were approved by Ecclesiastical Insurance. One had replied so far.

Dave and Patrick Mulcahy had now met to consider the Quinquennial Report. Various work needed in the tower and ringing chamber could possibly be done by the bell ringers. Arthur agreed to speak to Nick Hiorns, the Tower Captain. Dave and Patrick intended to obtain some lime mortar if possible to effect minor repairs. The bigger items around the church were such that now may be the time to speak to John Barker with a view to applying for more grants, whilst the churchyard was the responsibility of the Parish Council.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ann reported that the current account stood at £17,669.58 and the deposit at £11,511.21. Cash in hand was £89.20.

£250.18 had been paid to Ecclesiastical for our insurance.

**Church kitchen:** Dave said that, following his operation, he had not yet been able to meet the officer from the Diocesan Advisory Committee regarding the kitchen project, but would contact her now.

**Curry Night, February 19:** As usual, arrangements were agreed, with setting-up at 5pm.

**Scarecrow Weekend, July 9/10:** Loraine said that she would be away. She had spoken to Vicki, who was willing to organise the teas as long as she had help.

**Pudding Night:** As it would be 2 years in the autumn since the last Pudding Night, there was discussion as to whether to hold another. Despite a lack of enthusiasm, it was agreed that the previous nights had been excellent fund raisers. Sue phoned Gwyneth Nisbet and booked the Village Hall provisionally for Friday, September 23. It might be possible to re-arrange the format to lessen the work-load.

**Diary dates:** Northants Historic Churches' Ride & Stride - Saturday, September 10.  
Light for a Loved One switch-on - Sunday, December 4, at 4.30pm.  
Curry Nights agreed as October 14 and November 18 [now booked]  
plus January 20, February 24 and March 24 2017 [to be confirmed by Old School  
later this year].

**Date of next meeting:** Monday, February 8 at 7.45 pm.

**Any Other Business:** Ros said that, as part of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations on the weekend of June 12/13, she, Ann and a few others were planning to organise a flower festival in St. Margaret's. HOPE were involved in the street party aspect of the weekend but the flower festival would be run as a FOSM event. Ros would speak to Sheila Robertson regarding the possibility of obtaining a mission grant via the Diocese, as Sheila had already looked into it.  
She also asked the feeling of the committee regarding paying the insurance premium on the church, as the PCC was short of funds, but was told that this would not fall within the terms of our constitution.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm.