

**Minutes of meeting of the Friends of St. Margaret's
Monday, May 17th, 2010**

The meeting was held at Petal Cottage, starting at 7.45pm.

Present: David Sweeney (Chairman), Edward Green, Jane Davies, Loraine Winn, Andy and Karen Hopkins, Jean Garner, Dave and Sue Milne and Debby Kristan.

Apologies: Ann Ward and Cameron Ross.

Karen Hopkins had indicated her willingness to join the committee. David S proposed and Dave seconded that she be co-opted and this was agreed unanimously.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

Treasurer's report: Dave said that, having raised the remaining portion of the £17,000 needed by the end of Stage 1 of the restoration, we were now £1,500 into the £30,000 contingency fund.

Alison Howard had undertaken the Access Survey as required by English Heritage and had been remunerated accordingly. EH had seen the survey and were satisfied with it.

Membership renewal: Over 90 members had now renewed.

English Heritage update: The Access Survey had already been mentioned. The two boarded-up windows were to be uncovered briefly later in the week for assessment.

Fondue evening: The response having been insufficient, we agreed to cancel the event and hope to use the idea again at some time in the future.

Summer Concert: Sue had had no reply to her letter to the school. Loraine said she had shown a copy of the letter to Sue Wakeley, the music teacher, who had not seen it. It was unlikely that time would now allow a concert before the end of term but it might be possible to do something in September using material the children had prepared in the summer term.

A discussion followed regarding a concert on the second Friday of the Christmas Tree Festival (December 17th). We would still wish the schoolchildren to perform during the festival and Loraine would approach the school to see whether they could come on the Gala Night (December 10th). At Jean's suggestion, Sue agreed to write to Jane Hargrave, the contact for the Daventry Youth Musicians.

Classical Spectacular: Debby had a draft letter to send to Leicester Grammar School. David S is also working on another classical event during Lent 2011 but could not provide any details yet.

Church Fete, Hollowell and Scarecrow Weekend: Jean said that our presence at the church fete would be low-key so as not to compete with the PCC's fund raising.

She would simply need a table to recruit FOSM members and attract members for the Hundred Club.

Jane, Debby and Loraine were to cover Hollowell using David's 'Big Bottle' and gingerbread men. A gazebo would be needed and appeals would be made for one to borrow.

For the Scarecrow Weekend, Ann Ward was available, Karen and Andy would help on the Saturday and Loraine, on the Sunday, after the church service. Karen and Andy would bring their gas barbecue to cook beef burgers and sausages.

It was agreed that a sub-committee comprising the volunteers for these events would meet in June on a mutually convenient date.

Any other business: Dave said that as all three signatories to the Nationwide account (Sue, David S and himself) could be away at the same time this summer, it would be advisable to have a fourth. Loraine had indicated that she would be willing and all agreed that the necessary steps be taken.

The Parish Council were to hold another Open Day on Saturday, June 5th and had asked whether FOSM wished to be represented. David S said that he would attend.

Loraine said that Barby were fund raising for restoration and were organising a sponsored walk of 1km. She would obtain one of their sponsorship forms. They were also running a 'sponsor a stone' scheme.

David stated that he wished to launch an appeal for the repair of the 5th window in the autumn, to run alongside our efforts for the contingency fund. He also said that Cameron was keen to conduct an e mail campaign. A discussion followed regarding websites and publicity generally.

Finally, David said that there was a demand for us to produce some more beer, following 'Crick in the Neck'. We would, however, have to find another micro-brewery as Tunnel Brewery's beer had not kept well.

Date of next full meeting: Monday, August 16th at Loraine's House, Orchard View, Yelvertoft Road.

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