

Spring Newsletter 2012

Committee Members

This year we would like to recruit some more Committee Members. Keeping our Committee as large as possible helps us to organise more fund raising activities.

The Committee are responsible, in the main, for fund raising and reviewing funding applications received from the PCC for the fabric of the Church. There are usually four Committee meetings a year, lasting no more than 1½ hours each, plus our AGM, which is usually held in the spring. If you would like to know more please contact one of the Committee members listed opposite.

Christmas Fair 2011

Following the completion of the "Building for the Future works", which were on schedule, we decided to hold our Christmas Fair in November as planned. At very short notice Wendy Russell managed to organise our usual selection of good quality stalls. The Christmas Fair was a great success, despite clashing with another Fair in the Village on the same day. We raised in excess of £1500, which exceeded the profit made last year. Thank you to the organisers and to those of you who attended.

Projects Supported 2011

The Friends have covered the full cost of repairs to the Church Clock which took place in the summer.

Fund Raising 2012

This year we hope to be selling tea towels with various pictures of the Village and Church on them in aid of Friends funds.

We are planning to have something different on our stall at the Village Fete this year - a Human Fruit Machine, along with CD's & DVD's as in previous years

The dates and times of this year's Christmas Fair are yet to be decided. Please see local press for further details nearer the time.

Gift Aid

We are very grateful to all our members who Gift Aid their donations. It adds 25% to the value of your gift. For example a gift aided donation of £10 would be worth £12.50 to us.

If you don't already Gift Aid your donations please would you consider doing so. You need to be a U.K. taxpayer and pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that we would reclaim on your donation. If so you will be able to fill in one of our Gift Aid forms, please contact us and we will be able to supply you with a simple form to fill in and return.

Carol Parties 2011

Four Carol Parties were held last year and raised £600. A big thank you to the singers and to those of you who so generously hosted the parties. A special thank you needs to go to Jill Dunstall for co-ordinating the event.

Diary Dates 2012

AGM – Saturday 28th April in the Church Room

Please see enclosed letter with full details of the AGM, supper and Treasure Hunt. If you have not attended one of our AGM evenings, do come it is a great opportunity to meet other "Friends" enjoy a good supper and have some fun.

Village Fete –

Saturday 23rd June

If you would like to help on the Friends stall please contact one of the committee members.

E Mail

Thanks to those of you who advised us of your e-mail addresses. If you do have an e-mail address it would help with postage costs if we could contact you with details of events etc. We promise to keep these to a minimum. Please send your details to admin@fsmg.org.uk

Committee Members

Chairman – Barbara Payne

Secretary – Andrea Kirkby

Treasurer – Steve Hope

Members –

Catherine Lloyd

Tom Leathart

Bryan Mason

Wendy Russell

Pam Stubbs

Ian Torry