

Friends Committee

There have been a few changes to the Committee over the last few months. Catherine Llyod has stepped down - we would like to thank her for her support over the last few years. At our AGM in May we were pleased to announce that Sylvie Harris was to join us; followed by Donald Sargeant in September. This now brings the Committee back up to nine members. We would ideally like to have twelve.

Both Sylvie & Donald came and sat in on a couple of meetings before deciding that they would like to formally join us – might you like to try the same?

If you would like to know more please contact Andrea Kirkby – 01580 211037.

Projects supported

The Friends are just completing payments for the Quinquennial work; currently there are a few extras that need to be added when final quotes come in, including some work on the louvers on the tower windows and netting under the platform at the top of the tower to stop the pigeons making a mess. Some good news is that the work seems to be costing less than originally thought.

We have agreed to help fund the new sound system with an £8,000 donation which is approximately the cost of the microphones, amplifiers and control box. The Committee were satisfied after looking at the proposals that the system would be very user friendly so events being held at the Church would be able to make full use of it.

Gift Aid

We are very grateful to all our members who Gift Aid their donations. It adds 25% to the value of their donations. 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 UK 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.

Christmas Fair 2013

This year we will hold our Christmas Fair on the evening of Friday 29th November. We enclose an extra sheet about our plans for this event.

Fund Raising 2013

The Friends Human Fruit Machine Stall at the Village Fete proved to be a great success, despite the windy weather, both in raising funds and attracting people's attention – trying to work out who was hiding under the red wigs, tee shirts and dark glasses!. Along with selling our Tea Towels and Number quiz sheets we raised over £400.

We sold just under 100 Quiz sheets; congratulations to Zoe Galloway, this year's winner. A full list of answers is still on our website.

Other fundraising events during the summer - Sylvie & Anthony Harris hosted a cheese and wine party and Pam & Roger Stubbs a supper party, together helping to raise £650.

We are very happy to provide helpers and support if you would like to run a small fund raising event for us.

Email

Thanks to those of you who advised us of your email addresses. If you do have an email address we could use, it helps to keep our postage costs to a minimum. We promise to keep email communications with you to a minimum. Please send your email address to admin@fsmg.org.uk

Carol Parties 2013

Jill Dunstall is again arranging a group of carol singers. This yearly event is always very generously supported both by the singers and the people who host the parties. This year the singers will be visiting on of nights of Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December. If you would like to support us by holding a party please speak to Jill or one of the Friends committee members.

Committee Members

Sylvie Harris
Steve Hope - treasurer
Andrea Kirkby - secretary
Tom Leathart
Bryan Mason
Barbara Payne - chairman
Wendy Russell
Donald Sargeant
Pam Stubbs

Web Site

Have you visited our web site recently... ever? We try to keep it up to date and would love to put more photographs on it of Friends events, so if you do take any please lets us have them.

Diary Dates 2013/14

Christmas Fair
Friday 29th November
AGM Saturday 15th March