

Committee Members

After many years of service, notably as chairman, Ian Torry will be leaving the Committee at the AGM. We remain indebted to him for his dedication and the many ways he has supported the work of The Friends.

Ideally we would like 12 people on the committee; could you be one of them? If you value the work of The Friends please consider this. A strong, active Committee spreads the workload and enables a wider range of fund raising activities, this being our main objective. The Committee are responsible, in the main, for liaising with the PCC concerning provision of maintenance, repairs and improvements. We normally hold 4 or 5 Committee meetings a year and our A.G.M., usually held in the spring.

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

Christmas Fair 2012

Last year, by way of a change, we held our Christmas Fair on a Friday evening as part of a Christmas Late Night Shopping evening. Many of the shops and businesses stayed open through the evening, some offering refreshments. A large number of people together created a really good village atmosphere. The Friends were very grateful for the support of the primary school choir, also to Barbara and Nick Seymour whose fairground organ provided music throughout the evening. £1,400 was raised for Friends funds.

This year we are planning to hold our Christmas Fair on the evening of Friday 29th November. Could you help to man a Friends stall? Please contact Barbara Payne on 01580 211528

Carol parties 2012

We are very grateful to those who hosted the three Carol parties last year, raising £529.

Our thanks go once again to Jill Dunstall who organised this event, along with her band of singers.

Projects supported

The Friends will be funding to the tune of some £18,000 the quinennial works which are currently being carried out in the Church.

Fund Raising 2013

This summer we are setting the "Fund raising Challenge". We are currently looking for people to host Coffee Mornings and Wine and Cheese parties in aid of the Friends. Each host would then invite at least 10 people to each event and charge a minimum donation per person. Two members of the Friends will be available to come and help host the event if required. If you are interested in hosting a party please contact Andrea Kirkby on 01580 211037.

We will be operating our new improved Friends Human Fruit Machine at the village fete on Saturday 15th June so do come and try your luck. We will also be launching a prize quiz

Diary Dates 2013

AGM

Saturday 11th May

Village Fete

Saturday 15th June

Christmas Fair

Friday 29th November

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 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.

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

Committee Members

Steve Hope - treasurer
Andrea Kirkby - secretary
Tom Leathart
Catherine Lloyd
Bryan Mason
Barbara Payne - chairman
Wendy Russell
Pam Stubbs
Ian Torry

Thank you for your help and support.