

### Friends Committee

The Friends Committee is again looking for new members. If you would like to know more please contact Andrea Kirkby – 01580 211037.

### Christmas Fair 2013

The Christmas Fair last year was again a great success, and we hope combining it with village late night shopping will become an annual event. It was again very well supported by the local businesses. £2381 was raised through the support of many Friends, especially in manning the extra Friends Stalls that we decided to try. The committee are also very grateful for the support of the Primary School Choir, the Kildown Community Choir and Nick & Barbara (fairground organ) who all added so much to the atmosphere.

### Carol Parties 2013

Jill Dunstall again organised the Carol Parties and Carol Singers in December who this year raised £688. The Committee would like to thank the hosts of the Parties, Jill and her band of Carol Singers for their support.

### Planting

Following a successful clearing of drains and weeding around the outside of the Church last summer, the Committee plan to do further weeding and plant some ground cover plants along the south side of the Church. We hope to do this around the middle of April. If you are interested in helping or can provide any plant cuttings that are suitable for hot, dry locations please contact a committee member.

### AGM 2014

This year's AGM will be held on Saturday 29th March in the Church Room, a week later than published in the last newsletter. If you have not been before, then go on – do it! It gives you the opportunity to meet members of the Committee you may not know, find out more about what goes on and offers the chance to ask questions about any aspect of the Friends. It is also a very enjoyable social event; a two course supper is provided and the evening is rounded off by a light-hearted quiz. All of this for £8 a ticket – please see separate sheet.

### Projects supported

The Quinennial work has now been completed and fully paid for. We have donated £8,000 towards the new sound system as previously agreed. The Committee also paid for the annual Clock maintenance. We have also agreed to fund some £900 for work needed to upgrade the lightning protection and £149 for repairs to the flat roof where rainwater has been coming in.

### Fund Raising 2014

The Friends will be rolling out the Human Fruit Machine at the Village Fete this year, after its great success last year. We are always looking for helpers for this – training will be provided! We would also like to organise some summer events, eg wine evenings, open gardens, afternoon teas. If you would be able to provide us with a venue we would be happy to provide the manpower and catering. Please contact one of the Committee members.

### Donation

The Friends Committee were most grateful to receive a donation of £1000 in November from the Bowring Family Trust.

### Gift Aid

We are very grateful to all our members who Gift Aid their donations. If you don't already Gift Aid your donations please would you consider doing so if you are a UK tax payer. Please contact us and we will be able to supply you with a simple form to fill in and return.

### Photographs

Photos proved an invaluable record of our activities and can be used on publications such as this and our website. We need an official photographer! If you would like to fill this role at any of our events please let us know.

### Diary Dates 2014

Village Fete  
Saturday 14th June  
Christmas Fair  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November

### Email

In order to keep our postage costs to a minimum we would be grateful to receive your email address. Please send it to admin@fsmg.org.uk

### Committee Members

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