

MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF ST. MARGARET'S COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
1ST OCTOBER, 2018 AT 7.30 P.M. IN ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Meredith (Chairman)
June Collins
Raymond Collins (Treasurer)
Chris Cook
Jane Cook
Carole Cocup
Tamsin Stowers
George Crozer
Diane Welch (Secretary)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ann Judges
Wendy Brunt
Rev. Stephen Gwilt

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4TH JUNE, 2018

The following amendments were made to the Minutes before they were signed as a correct record of the Meeting.

Finance - Ray Collins presented the Financial Report at the Annual General Meeting

Church Fabric - The cost of **two windows** will be approximately £9,000, but further surveys will need to take place.

MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES THAT ARE NOT SEPARATE AGENDA ITEMS

Heritage Open Days these did not take place this year. It is planned that they will take place in the future and that registration for the National Open Day will be made before the deadline, which is 1st August, 2019.

Church Open Days will be considered when we have Events in the Church.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received

FINANCE

Raymond Collins presented the Profit and Loss Account for the Half Year to 30th September, 2018. A copy is attached to the Minutes. The Chairman commented that the Friends has a very healthy financial position.

A Gift Aid Rebate has of £351 has been paid by HMRC and the sum of £2,243 should be received back for this year. It was suggested that Members should be encouraged to Gift Aid their subscriptions.

Monies collected included receipts from the miniature and full size "Tommies," made for the Armistice Commemorations by Sidney Brunt and Raymond Collins.

Mr. Jeremy Mills has kindly agreed to audit the Annual Accounts.

Bank signatories will remain the same for the time being.

MEMBERSHIP

Two new Members have joined the Friends and there are others who have been contacted by Committee Members because they have expressed an interest in joining the Friends.

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

It was suggested that the Newsletter could include information on the following topics:-

Heritage Lottery Funding

The use of Friends' Funds which is the maintenance of the Building only. Details of the on-going work to restore the windows and all the work needed to be carried out on the roof.

Highlighting the events that have taken place and the amount of money raised.

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

June and Raymond Collins together with Chris and Jane cook will form an Expression of Interest Committee in order to take forward an initial bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

In the meantime, a bid is being made to the Friends of Kent Churches for specific monetary help for the window repairs.

JESSE HOGBEN BEQUEST

There is nothing further to report at the moment.

EVENTS

Scarecrow Festival 69 Scarecrows were displayed around the village but only 25 were exhibited at the Garden Party. There was a considerable amount of discussion how the event could be better promoted in the coming year. Ideas such as a Barbeque Trail during the middle weekend, and different organisations being asked to make a scarecrow. More advertising needs to be done.

Sunflowers The sale of the sunflower plants were extremely successful. A Vote of Thanks was given to Tamsin Stowers for all her hard work in growing the seedlings. Tamsin requested more plant pots please!

Medway Festival Due to the event being rained off, this event may take place again next year.

Sale of real Christmas Trees Tamsin explained that she had a contact who would supply Christmas Trees with £6.00 from every tree being donated to the Friends of St. Margaret's.

Coffee Tree Jane Cook stated that the Coffee Tree initiative would begin on Friday, 5th October.

Armistice Concert June Collins reported on the plans for the Armistice Concert. Poppies were being knitted and plans were well in hand to decorate and open the Church during the week before the Concert.

SCHOOL LIAISON

Mike Meredith has an appointment with Mrs. G. Stangroom to see if the School would like to participate in the events run by the Church and by the Friends of St. Margaret's.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Winter Windowland There was some doubt that this event would make money.

Valentine's Day

Displays There could be displays in Church with various themes, e.g. Nature.

Peninsula Railway Mike to contact Ken Reynolds about this event.

PUBLICITY

It was agreed that all the events should be publicised more widely, especially Ideas included contacting:-

The High Halstow Times

Village Voices

Radio Kent

Heart KM

Medway Messenger

DATA PROTECTION

George Crozer presented a paper on the ramifications of the General Data Protection Act in terms of what data the Friends should hold and whether permission has been sought to hold it. Only the Chairman and the Secretary hold any data at all. This is held for communication only. There was a great deal of discussion about all the implications of stored data and how we should keep personal details safe.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th January, 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Margaret's Church.

The Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.