

FRIENDS OF ST WENEFREDE'S CHURCH, BICKLEY

2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 2015 AT 7PM AT THE CORONATION HALL

PRESENT

Fred Taylor, Betty Taylor, Ann Weaver, Herbert Ackerley, Constance Mellor, Geoff Willis, Ann Bailey, John Bailey, Dilys Willis, Elizabeth Orme, Jill Wyndham Lewis, David Wyndham Lewis

APOLOGIES

Ann O'Shea, June Wakeley, Joyce & John Stockton, Margaret Bugh, Edith Evanson, Freda & David Hughes.

MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON FRIDAY 23 MAY 2014

These were accepted as a true record of proceedings (Prop: D Willis, Sec: J Bailey)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman outlined details of the 3 committee meetings held during the course of the year.

- Communication to potential Friends had been further extended using the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registers.
- The website proves to be a particularly successful method of communication that is continually growing in content.
- Discussions have begun with the PCC to update and eventually reprint the Centenary Book.
- Following a question posed by Geoff Willis the Committee confirmed they were very much aware of the importance of a target for funds raised and were happy to receive proposals from all sources. In the meantime, the Chair is liaising with the PCC to understand current requirements and priorities.

TREASURER'S REPORT

5 new households have joined Friends of St. Wenefrede's Church taking the total to 52. The Bank balance stands at £3993.60 with no outgoings. The accounts have been audited by Mr Herbert Ackerley to whom the Committee extends its thanks.

PCC REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Mr John Bailey thanked all those attending the AGM and the Officers of Friends of St. Wenefrede's Church for their hard work over the year, to David for having created and updating the website at no cost to the Church and to the whole committee for promoting the charity, organising fundraising, as seen from the Treasurer's report again at no cost. Resultant from the previous PCC he suggested that the Friends of St. Wenefrede's may wish to consider raising funds for the urgent repair to 3 of the Churches Alter Frontals.

FUNDRAISING

- A history of Saint Wenefrede is being compiled in booklet form for publication, the bulk of the text having been kindly provided by the Treasurer.
- Greetings cards and post cards are to be produced for which the Treasurer is organising professional photographs to be taken.
- The Chairman outlined plans to hold a Parish Garden Trail, probably to take place in early July 2016. A number of residents have already volunteered to either open their gardens or host a tea tent but any assistance in any area would be most welcome.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE AND AUDITOR

- Mrs Brenda Parker had decided to stand down from the Committee. The Chair thanked her for her support during the course of the year.
- The Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and PCC Representative all indicated their willingness to stand for a further year and were elected as one. (Prop: Herbert Ackerley, Sec: Ann Bailey).
- It was proposed by Mrs Dilys Willis, seconded by Mrs Ann Bailey and unanimously agreed that Mrs Ann Weaver be elected to the vacant post of Trustee.
- The committee recommended that the auditors of this year's accounts, Macefen Financial Services, be retained for the coming year to which Mr Herbert Ackerley agreed.

There being no other business the Chair thanked John and Ann Bailey for setting out the hall and preparing for the meeting, thanked the Sponsors for providing the food and wine which had been thoroughly enjoyed by all those attending, and closed the meeting at 8pm.