

Friends of St. Mary's, Appleton Wiske
23rd January 2017

Present: Sarah Hurhangee; Angela Carlin; Sheila Simpson; Ken Blackwood; Jane Connolly
Apologies: Megan Patterson; Georgia Hogg; Claire Matata; Olwen Young; David Lewis

1	Apologies accepted due to other commitments. Olwen has said she wants to resign from the committee but still wishes to be part of The Friends and will attend future meetings if she is free. We thank her very much for her involvement and for passing William's tape and other information/photos to Ken. We will keep her up to date with the History Talk project.
2	Review of the Christmas Concert 2016
	We've had a lot of positive comments and feedback about the concert, and it was a very enjoyable evening. Thanks go to everyone involved.
	At future events like this it will be helpful to have one person to take responsibility for food/refreshments ie. Who was bringing what and how much. Also with ticket sales so that we know how many have been sold. The hamper was a great success but was everyone aware of how to get tickets for it?
3	2017 Autumn/Winter Event
	Military Wives Choir – Sheila to check
	Northallerton Male Voice Choir
	Ken suggested The North Country Theatre which sounded great, but on checking they charge £675 for a performance so we'll need to discuss that further.
4	SummerTea
	Linda Breckon has very kindly offered to host our Summer Tea in her garden, and has confirmed a date with Sheila of Saturday 10 th June. She has tables, chairs and gazebo, but we would need to book village hall for afternoon in case of rain. We will provide all china. Refreshments and serving will need to be organised.
5	History Talk
	We have a provisional date of Monday March 20 th for the Talk, dependent on whether Guides are willing to change their usual day in the Village Hall.
	The Talk, as yet untitled, is going to be on Appleton Wiske, and St. Mary's, 'through the ages' from late C18th onwards. It will be approx. 1 hour long, starting at 7.30pm, with slides and possibly sound recording. Tea/coffee/biscuits to follow.
	There will be display boards and information sheets. A possible display of wedding photos. Malcolm Wilkinson is considering how he can help pull together a display for after the talk.
6	Treasurer's Report
	Georgia has produced a Financial Statement as of December 31 st 2016, with a thorough break-down of income and expenditure of our Christmas Concert. Total income was £410.56. A cheque for £30.00 has been donated by a former vicar of the parish Frank Snow, who has shown generous interest in our efforts and we have written to thank him. Anne banked £343.56 for us. £30.00 has been kept back as a float.
7	Friends Outing
	Suggestions include: Durham Cathedral, with a tour of records; York Cathedral to include a service; Ripon Cathedral to include a service; Planetarium in Stockton.

7	Hog Roast
	We've been asked by Jackie if we would be willing to take on the Hog Roast this year. The general feeling was positive, we could possibly help this year alongside so that we know what's expected.
8	Church Scarecrow Group for Scarecrow Weekend, July.
	Ken suggested nuns. Angela suggested Sister Act. Sheila has three scarecrow bodies we can use. Could we play the soundtrack in Church??
AOB	1. A Village Art Competition of favourite views of Appleton Wiske and St. Mary's to use as greeting card illustrations. Three age categories 2-10; 11-19; 19-99 (or similar). Small cash prizes; display of entries in Church; winners to be chosen by someone?! Sarah to do posters and flyers for house-to-house drop.
	2. Toilet Twinning of our Toilet in St. Mary's. A donation box (dressed up like a toilet...) with information about what Twinning provides to the recipients (clean water, basic toilet, hygiene education for the 2.4 billion who don't have one) One for one. Maybe at Friends Events and/or in St. Mary's.
	3. Friends Header for notice board in St. Mary's, so we can publicise who, why and what we are.
	Anne suggested possible things to be supported by Friends: Organ – to be investigated further; Roof – definitely to be fund-raised for; Hymn Books & linen – not at present.
	Our next meeting will be Thursday 9th March at Sheila's to discuss the Talk @ 8pm.

Sarah 28.01.17