

## Friends of St. Mary's Church Appleton Wiske

### Annual General Meeting

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7:30pm

### Zoom Meeting Minutes

Present: Megan, Janice, Sheila, Sue, Ken, Angela, Sarah



1. **Apologies** from Dan and Georgia.

#### 2. **Chairman's Report**

Due to the difficult times this year we have only been able to hold one event, the New Normal Hog Roast, thanks to Claire and Neville. It raised £540.00 for St. Mary's and all agreed the pork baps were excellent, thanks were given to Jackie for donating the baps and all her help selling tickets.

The notice boards have been fitted in the porch. Angela confirmed that the fixing of the porch and external lights have been agreed (Church Council).

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#### 3. **Treasurer's Report**

Please see attached financial summary for 2019 and 2020.

#### 4. **Election of Officers**

- **Chairman** – Sarah re-elected.
- **Treasurer** – Georgia has stepped down as treasurer and committee member but is happy to help at future events and we thanked her in her absence. Janice kindly offered to replace her, proposed and seconded.
- **Secretary** – Megan has stepped down as secretary and committee member, but is happy to help at future events. Thanks were expressed and a gift is on its way. Position remains vacant.
- **Committee members** – Janice, Sheila, Sue, Dan, Sarah.

**All**

#### 5. **Objectives for the next 12 months**

The objective for the coming year should be to keep "The Friends" in the public eye, eg with a monthly update of activities posted on village notice boards, on Simon's email or by flier to those people we know who cannot go out and do not have the Internet. The village website and Facebook pages will also be used. A new poster advertising us and what we do will be put up. By this means we can also inform people of our future plans, ask for volunteers and remind people that the church is open. We will publicise the position of secretary as currently vacant.

**All**

Ken and Dan were thanked for setting up the [friends@appletonwiske.com](mailto:friends@appletonwiske.com) address for future contacts.

## **6. Remembrance Day poppies**

**All**

Angela updated us as to the current situation regarding the Remembrance Sunday service which as of 28/9/20 is that the service will be held outside, probably by the Lych gate, with a Uniformed person present to perform the salute before and after the 2 minute silence. No children ie. the Cubs, will at present be allowed. Anne has managed to get a poppy wreath and two boxes of poppies. These can't be sold door-to-door or in school but Jackie has agreed to sell them in the shop.

We agreed that the knitted poppies will again be used to decorate the Lych gate, preferably by beginning of November. Sarah to ask Dan for help. We discussed whether to ask villagers to knit more poppies but agreed to only ask June Gill if she would like to knit/crochet some more poppies and committee members to also make some more to refresh the display.

## **7. Christmas display**

**All**

A Christmas tree festival and Christmas wreath trail were suggested but at present felt to be impractical and difficult in church due to limited space. The beautiful flowers for the Harvest Festival were appreciated, and Christmas flowers would again be displayed.

Megan suggested having a giant Christmas Card in the shop for people to sign for villagers for a donation to Friends. This was agreed and will be done asap. Megan to do posters for the village diary and Facebook.

## **8. AOB**

Sheila has a beautiful tea-towel with St. Mary's image on it. On contacting the company ([www.stuartmorris.co.uk](http://www.stuartmorris.co.uk)) the prices are £2.65 excl. VAT for 50. All agreed that it is a good fundraising idea and Sarah to follow-up. Photo of original tea-towel attached.

Sheila was very worried about the way the Hog Roast raffle was organised. Legally raffle tickets sold, as we did, from books of raffle ticket strips should only be sold AT THE EVENT. Tickets sold in advance of an event, or at any other place other than the event venue, need a licence and a promoter. As a group representing St. Mary's we must always adhere to the law!

In the past we have been very careful about serving alcohol legally, we need to be as diligent about our raffles. Perhaps it would be a good idea to ask HDC to send a copy of the rules concerning raffles.

On the subject of raffles she thought 50p was too cheap for raffle tickets - it wastes paper and it wastes time folding tickets. We have been selling raffle tickets for £1 each for some time now, and last Christmas tickets for the 100 Square were £2 each and we sold out!

**Possible events for next year** - Harvest 2021 -We may like to do a "Beetle Drive" family evening with shared supper or Pie and Peas.

Christmas 2021 - We could do a Reindeer Drive family evening with mince pies and Christmas nibbles.

Christening exhibition and tea like the wedding one that Linda suggested. Perhaps we could add it to our possible list of possible future events, if not next year, then some other time.

Friends of the School are hoping to hold a Barn Dance.

#### **9. Date and Time next Meeting**

We will stay in touch by email and arrange a meeting if needed.