

THE FRIENDS OF COTTESMORE CHURCH

MINUTES OF AGM

held on 22ND May 2009 in St Nicholas Church, Cottesmore

PRESENT:

Ian Coates, Brian Webster, Tricia Veal, Dave Perrin, Diane Coates, Liz Field, Janice Patient, Bernie Gamble, Dougal Cowper, Fiona Solman

APOLOGIES:

Alan Patient, Mr Mrs McClelland, John Darrall, Barbara Webster, Di Toy

MINUTES:

. Minutes from last meeting taken as read.

MATTERS ARISING:

none

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Welcome to all and apologies for time mix up.

The aims of the formation of the FOCC were read and re-iterated. The year has been a busy one with many fund raising efforts which were listed as follows:

May – Fashion Show

June – Jean Dixon's fun blind auction – thanks again to Jean

July – Open Gardens, a tremendous effort by all, stressful but worth it in the end, thanks to all, especially Shirley Smith and her friend on Tombola.

September – Street market stall and quiz evening, a very wet day, but still successful selling FOCC linked goods and quiz evening well supported with supper provided by Mallory Godfrey, thanks again to her and to Brian for organising quiz.

November – Christmas Fayre, a combination of our own stalls and rented tables, another very successful event, our first to net over £1000.

December – carol singing, 12 volunteers started and 3 finished – say no more!

February – Barn Dance, James Joyce Band members were very impressed with the fact that everyone got up to dance

March – Pica Pica concert, thanks to Alan and Janice Patient for their help with the organisation of this event, it made a great difference. Thanks to Jeremy Skipper for loaning tables.

May – quiz and chips, organised by Brian Webster, thanks to Dougal and John for once again running the bar.

Other ongoing fundraisers: recipe books (idea by Barbara Perrin) still on sale, Christmas cards (idea by Tricia Veal) still available for Christmas 2009, Margaret Towl's Christmas Quiz, sold at various events and now being used countrywide by other interested parties!

Thanks were offered to all those who have helped in any way towards the organisation and enjoyment of these events.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A summary was circulated to all present. A balance at end of year was £4662.25. A sum of £1000 was handed over to the PCC earlier in the year and discussion is now to take place on what to do with the money raised to date.

Thanks to David Wallace for auditing books.

There is still refinement necessary on the handing over of monies to the treasurer to make recording and banking simpler.

Brian wished to stand down as treasurer but will remain as a committee member. Thanks were given for his hard work this year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership stands at 49. Reminders have been sent out to existing members as their renewal date arrives and we have had several renewal subscriptions. It was agreed to maintain the subscription at £12 per family.

ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE

Chairman – Ian Coates – proposed by Dave Perrin, seconded by Janice Patient
Vice chairperson – Tricia Veal – proposed by Ian Coates, seconded by Liz Field
Secretary – Liz Field – proposed by Janice Patient, seconded by Dougal Cowper
Treasurer – David Perrin – proposed by Diane Coates, seconded by Janice Patient
PCC representative will be Diane Coates
Co-opted member – Brian Webster

AOB:

CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL Being mindful of the parting words of our rector, “Don't burn yourselves out”, the chairman proposed a reduction in the number of fundraisers this coming year, since almost all committee members are in full time employment and we have still received very little help with organisation from volunteers. This will not exhaust everyone's energy nor the goodwill of our supporters. This will also give the PCC opportunities to organise their own fundraisers for general church funds. Diane to liaise to avoid double booking of dates. This proposal was seconded by Dave Perrin.

In response to comments that the PCC felt they were being replaced by the FOCC for all fundraising, Janice Patient commented that the FOCC were formed from responses to the Parish Plan. Tricia pointed out that the idea of a FOCC had been suggested by her several years before.

A safari supper is being organised by the PCC for August. More details nearer the date.

Hunstanton coach trip – June 13th. Bernie reported that 34 tickets had been sold so far, with tickets being offered outside the village, as response had not been as forthcoming as expected by the villagers of Cottesmore itself. Tickets still available from Dave Perrin.

WYSIWYG CONCERT – June 20th in church 7:30-10:00p.m.. Tickets £5 to include supper provided by Barbara Perrin. Tickets on sale from committee members, from June 1st. Posters to be made by Liz and erected by Liz and Diane. Brian to organise bar and John and Dougal to run. Tables from village hall (?)

OPEN GARDENS – 12th July, will be bi-annual event so as not to coincide with Greetham. Only 6 gardens so far. More people to ask but more people needed to volunteer. Cakes also required.

MALE VOICE CHOIR Bestwood male voice choir suggested by Janice; she will investigate.

COUNTRY AND WESTERN SINGERS Dave has 2 dates, either Nov 25th or 26th available to us. He is to proceed.

CINEMA PROGRAMME – Dougal suggested that we might join forces with Tony Collison to form the Cottesmore Film Club, showing films in the village hall on a regular basis.

GARAGE SALE – Fiona suggested a garage sale in the village, similar to Greetham's, with a cost of £5 to have one and charge visitors £1 for a map.

All of these are to be further discussed at the next committee meeting

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

24th June at Diane and Ian's

MEETING CLOSED AT:

21:11 (or 11 minutes past 9 for those not of a forces background.)