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FRIENDS OF ST. MILDRED'S
Registered Charity 1159264

Annual Report and Newsletter 2021

Notice of AGM

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Dear Friend of St Mildred's,

Welcome to this issue of the Friends of St Mildred's Newsletter which contains the **Notice and Agenda for the AGM taking place at 11:15 am on Sunday 24th October 2021 at St. Mildred's Church, Tenterden** together with various supporting reports.

Thank you all for your continuing support. The Fabric Report later in the Newsletter shows how well your donations are being used to maintain the fabric of our splendid Church building.

The FOSM Committee



FRIENDS OF ST. MILDRED'S
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AGENDA

Date: Sunday 24th October 2021

Time: 11.15 am

Venue: St. Mildred's Church, Tenterden

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Appointment of Examiner**
- 6. Election of Trustees**

Nominations:

Jeremy Cooper
Roy Isworth
Malcolm Kneller
Stephanie Marshall
Tim Monckton

- 7. Election of Officers**

Nominations:

Secretary: Stephanie Marshall

- 8. Election of General Committee Members**

Nominations:

Jeremy Cooper
Linda Fennell
Esther Mansel
Gill Topley

- 9. Any Other Business**

Any further nominations must be in writing and received by The Secretary, FOSM, Linford, Woodchurch Road, Tenterden, TN30 7AE on or before Sunday 3rd October, 2021.

September, 2021.



Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting of The Friends of St Mildred's

Held on Wednesday 28th October 2020 at 11.00 am

Via Zoom

Present: Tim Monckton (Chairman), Malcolm Kneller (Treasurer), Stephanie Marshall (Secretary), Chris Brown, Paul Clokie, John Coleman, Pam Coleman, Jeremy Cooper, Brian Guest, Linda Guest, Barbara Halstead, Lindsay Hammond, Nick Hudd, Jane Johnson, Penny Kneller, Nicholas Marshall, Mary Monckton, Clare Picking, Kate Rawlinson, Caroline Salmon, Jan Sienesi, Gill Topley, Martin Vink,

The Meeting opened at 11.00 am, the attendees having been counted and the quorum reached.

1. **Apologies**

Jean Easto, Rob Easto, Rupert Harvey, Sue Harvey, Roy Isworth, Linde Ovington-Lee, Carolyn Wilson.

2. **Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting**

These were circulated with the Annual Report and Newsletter. There were no matters raised from the floor and the minutes were accepted and approved as read.

3. **Chairman's Report**

Tim Monckton drew the Meeting's attention to his Report for 2019-20 as written in the Annual Report and Newsletter accompanying the Agenda for the Meeting.

Reflecting on his four years as Chairman, Tim said that it had been a pleasure and privilege to be the second Chair of the FOSM Committee since 2014. He expressed great pride in the money raised through concerts and social events; in the establishment of FOSM within the community; and in the amazing efforts of present and past Committee Members for their devotion to the common cause. On behalf of all Friends, he thanked Committee Members for their dedication and support, particularly remembering the late June Harrison for her constant cheerfulness, bright ideas for FOSM events, fund-raising and membership recruitment and as an outstanding caterer at events.

Tim thanked the Trustees for overseeing FOSM and retiring Committee Members Paul Clokie, Jan Sienesi and Bridget Snow for their great contributions to FOSM. He mentioned his special gratitude to Stephanie Marshall for the exceptional discharge of her duties as Secretary.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Malcolm Kneller presented the Treasurer's Report that had been circulated with the Annual Report and Newsletter. He made the following additional comments referring to particular paragraphs in his Report:

Paragraph 1: He thanked Richard Williams for examining the accounts for the past three years. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, Richard was unable to continue as independent examiner. In the absence of a volunteer coming forward and subject to a vote in item 5, Malcolm had secured the services of the Michael Martin Partnership, a local firm of accountants, who had agreed to examine the accounts for a maximum cost of £200.

Paragraph 3: Malcolm said payment of Gift Aid (£1842) outstanding at the year end had since been received.

Paragraph 4: Malcolm stressed the importance of events in raising money through ticket sales and donations and drew attention to the current lack of income due to coronavirus restrictions.

Malcolm invited questions from the floor, there were none.

Proposed by Linda Guest and seconded by Nick Marshall, the accounts were approved.

5. **Appointment of Examiner**

Proposed by Paul Clokie and seconded by Nick Marshall, the Meeting approved the appointment of the Michael Martin partnership as examiner for the account for the year ending 30/04/21

6. **Election of Trustees**

Brian Guest took the chair for this agenda item.

The nominations for 2020-2021 were Jeremy Cooper, Roy Isworth, Malcolm Kneller, Tim Monckton and Stephanie Marshall.

They were proposed *en bloc* by Chris Brown, seconded by Kate Rawlinson and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

7. **Election of Officers**

The nomination were:

Chairman: Jeremy Cooper (3 year term)

Secretary: Stephanie Marshall (1 year extension)

Tim Monckton reminded the Meeting that the Rule Change to FOSM Bye-Laws and Rules approved in 2017 allowed Stephanie Marshall to stand for re-election for a further year although she has already completed three years as secretary

Proposed by Jan Sienesi, seconded by Roy Isworth and approved unanimously by the Meeting, Jeremy was elected Chairman.

Proposed by Martin Vink, seconded by Mary Monckton and approved unanimously by the Meeting, Stephanie Marshall was elected Secretary.

In congratulating Jeremy and handing over to him, Tim said that Jeremy had already made an amazing contribution to FOSM especially in arranging concerts. He wished Jeremy good luck and said he was sure he would do a fantastic job, spreading the word of FOSM widely. Tim also thanked Stephanie for her stalwart support during his time as Chairman.

8. **Election of General Committee Members**

The nominations were Jane Johnson and Stephanie Marshall who were standing for re-election following completion of a three year term as Committee Members and Caroline Salmon who had joined the Committee during the year.

They were proposed *en bloc* by Lindsay Hammond, seconded by Brian Guest and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

Ahead of item 9, Jeremy thanked Tim for his four years as FOSM Chairman. He said Tim's combination of immense personal charm, old-fashioned courtesy and unflappable personality made his tenure a great success. He presided over wonderful choral performances, chamber music and piano performances of the highest order together with music of a lighter variety. On behalf of all Committee Members, Jeremy said that it had been a pleasure working alongside Tim and all were delighted that Tim was remaining on the Committee.

9. **Any Other Business**

Lindsay Hammond reflected on St Mildred's as a hugely important and symbolic building that people value and cherish as a place where relationships are formed, where they worship and come together for concerts. He thanked FOSM Members for their tireless efforts to maintain the Church to a high standard, a recent example being funding repairs to the stained glass windows; for the astounding amount of money raised; and for the warmth and welcome extended at events. He wished FOSM every success in the future.

10. **Close**

In closing the meeting, Jeremy encouraged FOSM Members to be creative and imaginative in their fundraising ideas in current difficult times. He was in discussion with Lindsay and Committee Members about holding a 'Covid safe' concert early in 2021 and aimed to double the number of Friends in the next 18 months, with particular emphasis on attracting younger people. He also invited FOSM Members interested in joining the Committee to contact him.

The Meeting closed at 11.40 am.

Trustees' Annual Report

The year 2020-21 was dominated by the Covid 19 Pandemic. The main consequence was that the charity was unable to hold any live events and our fundraising capacity was therefore significantly reduced.

Notwithstanding these limitations upon our activities, our total year end receipts of £ 14,909 were only c.£2000 below those of the previous financial year, and in the circumstances, we consider this to have been a creditable outcome. We were therefore delighted to be in a position to draw upon our reserves to donate £36,000 to the St Mildred's PCC to help towards the cost of work on the lightning protection scheme, stained glass windows and stonework.

The Committee remained determined to provide some musical sustenance to the people of Tenterden, during the dark early months of 2020. We were therefore delighted when popular performers Anna Szalucka (piano) and Joanna Gutowska (cello) (the founding members of the Bukolika Piano Trio: see later), recorded a series of short recitals especially for us, from their homes in St Albans and Gdansk (Poland). The results of their efforts were a delight – performing works by Bach, Bridge, Boccherini, Debussy, Chopin and Vivaldi. They were all streamed on the FOSM website. We also made a CD of the performances, to ensure wider coverage which we sold at £10 a copy). This initiative raised a significant sum of money for FOSM through a number of generous donations from many of those who listened to the recitals online. In March 2021, the Trio recorded a special concert of chamber music for FOSM's private You Tube Channel. The concert was viewed 116 times by 34 people and raised the sum of £766, a creditable result in a marketplace that is currently awash with online musical performances. The Trio have accepted our invitation to develop a special relationship with St. Mildred's and the Friends as our first Artists in Residence, for a period of 18 months. During this period, they will deliver some concerts in different formats, and work with the music students in selected local schools on master classes and the sharing of musical experiences. We are currently in discussion with three local schools, in connection with this project.

Finally in 2020-21 we welcomed a new Committee Member Caroline Salmon and co-opted Gill Topley to the Committee. Caroline is also our new Membership Secretary and has started as her first task a review of current membership of the Friends with a view to launching a new membership drive. Jan Sienesi, a founder of FOSM, and Paul Clokie have now retired from the Committee after long periods of service, so too has Bridget Snow. We thank them all for their significant contributions to FOSM. Special thanks for his dedication to FOSM also must go to Tim Monckton who stepped down as Chairman at the 2020 AGM to be replaced by Jeremy Cooper. Tim remains on the FOSM Committee.

Note: The full text of the Trustees' Annual Report may be viewed on the Friends of St Mildred's website [<https://www.friendsofstmildredstenterden.com>]

Jeremy Cooper

July 2021

THE FRIENDS OF ST MILDRED'S CHARITY

Treasurers Report for financial period 1st May 2020 until 30th April 2021

The FOSM annual accounts to 30th April 2021 have been independently examined and approved by MMP Accountants.

On 30th April 2021, our FOSM bank account stood at £40,319.32 with £165.84 in petty cash.

Covid has severely restricted our usual forms of income. However, FOSM was fortunate to receive a £5K legacy this financial year.

Our accounts for the year show a £22,429 loss, but we must remember that FOSM made a £36K grant to St Mildred's for Lightning protection, Stained glass windows and stonework repairs during this financial period. If this is considered, FOSM made £13,571 profit for the year.

Since FOSM was created it has passed £79k to the PCC for repairs to St Mildred's church.

Finally, as last year, I would like to thank Brian Guest for the time that he has spent maintaining records and giving me help and advice when asked.

Malcolm Kneller, Honorary Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name: The Friends of St. Mildreds, Tenterden
No of funds: 1159264

Account No: CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

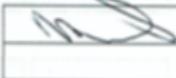
For the period from 01/05/2020 To 30/04/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	4,250	-	-	4,250	3,905
Donations	1,548	-	-	1,548	8,683
Legacies	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Sponsorship	300	-	-	300	-
Gift Aid	3,113	-	-	3,113	-
Events	697	-	-	697	8,410
Grants	0	-	-	-	600
Smile Amazon / Bridge / Misc	0	-	-	-	639
Bank interest	0	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,909	-	-	14,909	22,237
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,909	-	-	14,909	22,237
A3 Payments					
Events	1,080	-	-	1,080	6,194
Admin	28	-	-	28	99
Publicity and Web site	31	-	-	31	476
Insurance	199	-	-	199	331
Misc	0	-	-	-	102
Payments to St Mildreds PCC	36,000	-	-	36,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	37,338	-	-	37,338	7,202
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	37,338	-	-	37,338	7,202
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 22,429	-	-	- 22,429	15,035
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	62,914	-	-	62,914	-
Cash funds this year end	40,485	-	-	40,485	15,035

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	40,319	-	-
	Petty Cash	166	-	-
	Savings accounts	0	-	-
	Total cash funds	40,485	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	None			
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Details	asset belongs	Cost (optional)	DATE DUE (optional)
		None		-	-
				-	-
B5 Liabilities		Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		None		-	
				-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
			MALCOLM KIRKLAND	17-6-2021	
Independent Examiner					

Membership Secretary's Report

It goes without saying that this has been a difficult year for everyone, everywhere. For FOSM, this has meant no events and a slightly lower membership. As we look to the future, our aim is to work at raising our membership numbers and support for our events, so that we can continue to raise money for the necessary on-going maintenance of the wonderful building that is the Grade I listed St. Mildred's Church, the preeminent building in Tenterden.

Since its inception in 2014 the Friends of St. Mildred's has raised over £118,000 towards repairs to the church. This is an amazing amount, which has been achieved through the hard work, generosity and support of our members. We are truly grateful to you all.

Now we move forward. The programme is developing well for 2021-2022, as you will see elsewhere in the Newsletter. However, we need to increase our membership. We gained some new members from our stall at the Flower Festival, held in the church but the current membership of 150 is still down on last year. Not by a large number but we want to grow rather than shrink, so are now appealing to all of you who are currently members. Can you find us more members please? Your committee are currently doing all they can to spread the word but we need your help.

Hopefully, the excellent programme that we are currently developing will bring in ticket sales, donations and new members. We are looking forward very much to a return to normality and to enjoying these events together with all of you.

Caroline Salmon

St Mildred's Church - Fabric Report 2021

This report covers the period from September 2020 to August 2021. During this most difficult of years, we have made good progress with a number of repairs to our church.

I start this report with an update on the works we reported to you last year:

Firstly, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of St Mildred's and the family of Rev. John Hough, former vicar and Honorary Canon of St Mildred's from 1966-1975 we were able to carry out the restoration of three windows, along with stonework repairs primarily to the west face of the tower. This work covered the big west window (by the English firm Lyons and Baroud (who also made the East window) as well as one of the north side windows and

covered the big west window (by the English firm Lavers and Barraud (who also made the East window) as well as one of the north aisle windows and one on the south wall. This work was completed before Christmas 2020.

Secondly, the lightening protection work has now also been completed.

Thirdly, we received Faculty approval to redecorate the church. The work was combined with the removal of the pews, to lower the wooden floors in the side aisles and to relocate radiators to the north and south walls. The work was undertaken early in the new year. We took the opportunity to apply a contrast colouring to the east wall which has now become more of a focal point for users. The greater flexibility offered to both clergy and worshipers by the introduction of modern wooden chairs became evident more or less immediately as the layouts required to meet social distancing requirements were more easily accommodated.

As for the future, the alterations to the radiators and related pipework, unfortunately, provided further evidence (if any was needed) of how fragile our heating system really is. The problems we have, are fairly common in cast iron systems which are prone to rusting from the inside. When combined with a gas boiler which we know is reaching the end of its working life you will not be surprised that delivering a new heating system is one of our priorities. Through the work of the Big Picture Group, the group that is leading the transformation of the church, we have now obtained planning approval for a new air source heating plant room to be located on the northern boundary of the churchyard. This type of heat source is "green", more efficient and is becoming commonly specified. It works best if it is kept running 24/7 and will feed a new underfloor heating system to be provided in the church. A new but small gas / hydrogen boiler will also be supplied to top up heat on cold days. We estimate these works will cost about £500,000. Delivery is dependent on our fundraising initiatives but we hope the new system and floor will be installed and running by winter 2023.

Also on our radar is the necessary replacement of the Nave roof. This work was identified in our Quinquennial Survey. The Nave is roofed with cedar shingles and was last replaced in the 1970s (the north side is in a worse condition than the more visible south side). We have considered using an alternative and more long lasting material such as slate or peg tile but we think we would face opposition from the authorities as well as structural difficulties that are likely with such heavier materials. We are programming the works to take place in 2023 at a cost of about £90,000.

We have been offered funding to cover some of the cost of refurbishing the Whitfeld Memorial. We are exploring other funding sources to enable us to cover the full cost of the work but we hope this will proceed relatively soon.

We are drawing together a strategy covering the use and maintenance of the churchyard which we consider is a much underused resource. We hope to share the detail of this later this year.

As ever there is a lot happening at St Mildred's and we are lucky and grateful to have such a dedicated, hardworking and generous group of supporters such as the Friends of St. Mildred's to help us.

Robin Lovell

August 2021



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