

# St James the Less Church, Tatham

## Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Friends Meeting on 12th January 2015

Held at the Bridge Inn, Tatham, at 7.30pm.

Present	Colin Burford (Chair), Linda Kirkby, John Holt, Sue Marsden, Liz Quine, Mel Winstanley, Paul Whatmough, Margaret Whatmough (Secretary), Rebecca Sanderson, John Parkinson, Sue Wood, Chris Berry, Kate McDonald, Kathy Walker, Olive Beard, John Harrison, Barbara Harrison, Jenny Herd – 18 people
Apologies	Carl Hunter, Rita Murphy, Richard Sanderson, Mike Winstanley, Clare Danz, Sue Dawson
Chair	The meeting was opened by the Chair, Colin Burford
Minutes	The minutes of the previous minutes were agreed as a true record.
Matters Arising	<p>The application to the Charities Commission was submitted at the end of November 2014. This had been acknowledged and the Charities Commission should make contact again on or before 16th January.</p> <p>The Xmas Dinner held at The Bridge Inn went extremely well and was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks were offered to Rebecca Sanderson for organising the event.</p>
Secretary's Report	Nothing to report
Treasurer's Report	<p>Application for refund of VAT has been submitted.</p> <p>The money for the St Lawrence concert will have to go into the 100 Club account until the Friends are in a position to open their own bank account.</p>
Projects Sub Group	<p>Paul Whatmough reported that the temperature in the church was being closely monitored to establish the most cost effective way of maintaining an acceptable temperature and boiler efficiency. However it became clear that there was still confusion on how the RHI worked and it was agreed that <b>John Holt would contact Edward Mason of Tatham Fells who has previous experience with this and arrange a meeting.</b> Paul will continue to monitor the boiler and temperature.</p> <p>Rebecca Sanderson suggested that better curtaining could perhaps be provided to reduce draughts.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Friends would concentrate now on generating funds as the PCC are not currently in a position to proceed with further projects. However, a meeting had been held with the DAC which had been very encouraging and positive. One outcome had been that the DAC had suggested a much better scheme for the sewage system which will need to be installed prior to installation of kitchen and toilet facilities. Discussion had taken place regarding the pews but it was clear that the DAC was very reluctant to get rid of them. There was still a lot of work to do on preparation of the plans for submission and the PCC was not ready to apply for a faculty.</p> <p>It was also clear that there would be a strong reluctance to see the organ removed. The recommended organ specialists had been emailed but no reply had been received to date.</p>
Constitution Sub Group	As previously reported, a response from the Charities Commission was still being awaited. No further queries were raised on this matter.

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<p>Events Sub Group / Fund Raising</p>	<p>Sue Wood updated the meeting with regard to the 100 Club. There were 57 members to date. The first draw had been held at St James the Less Church on Sunday, 11th January. There had been 53 members as at 1st January 2015 who had been eligible for the draw and the prize money had been divided as follows: First Prize £53, Second Prize £26.50 and Third Prize £13.25. However some prize winners had indicated that they were happy for their winnings to go to the Church. It was agreed that all winners must be advised that they must cash their winning cheque. If they then wished to donate the equivalent amount to the Church, this must be a separate transaction. The next draw would take place at the concert to be given by the St Lawrence Singers. The 100 Club had achieved a profit of £172.25 for the month of January. Thanks were offered to Sue Wood and Clare Danz for all their efforts in setting up the 100 Club.</p> <p>The next event will be the concert given by the St Lawrence Singers on Saturday, 21st February 2015 at 19:00. Tickets are available from Barbara Harrison and Sue Wood though Friends were asked to take six tickets each to sell. Supper would be provided after the concert. John Parkinson offered to assist Veda Gardner with crockery. The concert would be advertised in the local publications.</p> <p>The Wennington Open Gardens was planned for Sunday, 14th June. <b>Margaret Whatmough agreed to speak to the Parish Council regarding parking on the green and any clash with the travellers who may be returning to the village after the Appleby Horse Fair.</b></p> <p>It was suggested that the Events Group should produce a plan of proposed events to cover the coming year so that the PCC could also plan their events and avoid any potential clash.</p> <p>Sue Marsden raised the query as to when the Friends were going to start Community Groups to use the church facilities. <b>Colin Burford and Sue will meet to discuss.</b></p>
<p>Publicity Sub-Group</p>	<p>Chris Berry is updating the website on a regular basis and will look at literature from other churches to broaden the scope of the website.</p>
<p>PCC Report</p>	<p>Linda Kirkby reported that the Brewers Apron concert raised £850. It was agreed that it had been a very enjoyable evening. Linda thanked all those who had helped clean the after the boiler and heating installation and prior to the concert.</p> <p>The Crib Service on Christmas Eve had been well attended by 112 people. Thanks were extended to John and Phyllis Holt for their hospitality after the service.</p> <p>Mulled wine had been offered after the church service on the 5th Sunday of the month.</p> <p>The next proposed fund raisers for the PCC was catering for the Scarecrow Festival on Sunday, 26th April and the Bric a Brac Stall at Wray Fair on 4th May.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Phyllis Holt had sent three rotas to the meeting and was asking for volunteers for cleaning, coffee and flowers.</p> <p>Colin advised that Rita Murphy has written to the BBC regarding Songs of Praise. She had submitted the draft letter to the Church Wardens and PCC and it had been unanimously approved. Rita has also made an approach to the actor Timothy Spall to be an Honorary Member of the Friends, following his role as the artist JMW Turner who</p>

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	painted Hornby Castle from Tatham Church.
Date of next meeting	Wednesday, 18th March 2015 at the Bridge Inn at 7.30pm

*Minutes circulated by Margaret Whatmough, 28th January 2015*