

The Friends of St Andrew's, Bedford

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The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Andrew's Bedford
will be held in the Church Hall, St Andrew's Church Centre, Kimbolton Road,
Bedford on, **SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023 at 3.45pm**

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approve Minutes of the AGM held on 2 October 2022
4. Matters Arising
 - Big Sing – still under review for a suitable venue
 - Beds & Herts Historical Churches Trust Talk (held on 23 February 2023)
 - Bletchley Park trip (not pursued due to lack of staffing)
 - Talk to explain the various household plastics recycling systems by Bedford Boro Council representative (in negotiations with Bedford Boro Council)
 - Trip to Brooklands (not pursued due to lack of staff)
 - Trip to Bicester Village (not pursued)
 - Visit to Toilethorpe (now a fixed annual event)
5. To receive the Chairman's Annual Report and Treasurer's Financial Statement for the year ending 31 December 2022
6. Election of Officers and Committee:
 - Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Committee Members (6 max)
7. Confirmation of Trustees
8. Open Discussion
9. TEA – everyone invited !
10. Sung Evensong 6.00pm in Church at which the guest preacher will be the Rev. Duncan Goldthorpe

The FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREWS, BEDFORD
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 2 October 2022
In St Andrews Church Hall at 4.30 pm

1. INTRODUCTION

The meeting commenced with a prayer from Revd Lucy Davis
Ralph Hall (Chairman) took the chair.

2. ATTENDANCE - 33 people were present with 8 apologies.

3. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 7 November 2021

The minutes, previously circulated to members, were duly approved without alteration by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Trip to The Big Sing – This will kept under review.

Beds & Herts Historical Churches Trust Talk – This is scheduled for early 2023

Bletchley Park Trip – Possibly arranged in 2023 but catering difficult due to lack of staffing.

Household Plastics Waste – Awaiting a date from Bedford Borough Council. Likely to be 2023.

Brooklands – A viable trip for 2023 but no guarantee due to lack of staff.

Bicester Village – Being investigated to co-incide with Christmas shopping next year.

Tolethorpe – A successful trip held again this year and, if there is sufficient interest to make it viable, will be undertaken again in 2023.

CHAIRMAN'S & FINANCIAL REPORTS (year ending 31.12.21)

The Chairman's and Treasurer's reports were received as printed in the AGM leaflet:

- **The Chairman's report** recorded a good start to the year with Ralph Hall and Robin Farman as Co-Chairmen. Unfortunately Robin Farman left St Andrews during the summer and, despite the continued pressure from Covid, a successful trip to Tolethorpe was undertaken to see 'Hay Fever'. The Friends 21st Birthday Tea in August was a most enjoyable afternoon and very well attended. The Ouse river cruise was a sell out and will again be held next year if possible. The monthly Tea Dance numbers were also picking up again. Eunice Hall and Ursula Pearson had indicated they would like to retire this year after a combined total of 35 years serving on the committee and Ralph Hall thanked them both for their commitment and organisation over many years. At a meeting of the Trustees it had been agreed to move the AGM back to March next year and this will be held on Sunday 5 March (so a very short 6 months to the next AGM). This will keep the AGMs more in line with the accounting date. Jenny Pegg has indicated that she will retire next March, and we are currently looking for a replacement. Ralph Hall warned that this date would come around quickly and that, without a secretary, the committee may not be able to go forward. He urged everyone to keep an eye on the Vicar's weekly letter and the noticeboard in the corridor by the main hall for information on upcoming events.

The Treasurer's Report showed a healthy balance of £5739.08 at 31 December 2021 and thanked Alan Colley for independently auditing the accounts. Unfortunately the Treasurer had been unable to attend the meeting due to Covid but he would be happy to answer any questions once he was recovered.

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4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jenny Pegg (Secretary) explained that there would be some changes on the committee this year with Pat Skelton and Zoe Browne stepping up to take the vacant positions left by Eunice Hall and Ursula Pearson. She stressed that she had agreed to stay on as secretary until March 2023 but would definitely be retiring then, even if a replacement had not been found. If a new secretary had been identified however, she would stay on a consultancy basis for a few months to make sure the new secretary was settled in if necessary.

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Ralph Hall	Jenny Pegg	Sheila Bates
Secretary	Jenny Pegg	Ralph Hall	Peter Brawn
Treasurer	John Thynne	Jenny Pegg	Sue Smith
Committee Members	Pat Skelton	Henry Griffin	Sue Smith
	Zoe Browne		
	Ann Mason		
	Jenny Thynne		
	Valerie Littleford		
	Peter Brawn		

7. Ralph Hall confirmed that the Trustees for the next 6 months would be the Revd Lucy Davis, Ralph Hall, John Thynne, Jenny Pegg, and Peter Brawn.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION

The chairman offered the floor to Angela Huddart who took the opportunity to talk briefly about Mission Outreach and Emmaus Village, urging everyone to visit, even if just for coffee!

There being no other business the meeting closed at 5.00pm.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022

Friends, I trust you have read the letter from our Secretary, Jenny Pegg, (available through the Friends link in Lucy's weekly newsletter and on the website) so I will not repeat the information you already have. I would like to say a huge thank you to our secretary of 22 years. She has been the stalwart through many changes and gave up a lot of her spare time to be able for us to have a good variety of events. I, on behalf of all the committee, wish her the very best of health in fulfilling her dreams. Thank You Jenny.

Finally, my thanks also go to all committee members for the hard work they have put in.

Ralph Hall
Chairman

Treasurer's Report 2022

My thanks, as always, go to Alan Colley for auditing and approving our accounts for another year. Thank you Alan.

I would also like to echo our Chairman's thanks to Jenny Pegg for her many years of hard work on the committee and also to thank Beryl Tench for the regular, and very welcome, monies her Tea Dances bring in.

John Thynne.
Treasurer

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Income and Expenditure account 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2022</u>	2021	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2022</u>	2021
Membership	420.00	270			
AGM Service collecti	-	27	AGM Costs	-	42
Tea Dances	1609.50	491			
Donations	112.35	-	<u>St Andrews</u>		
			AV System		2,000
			Defibrillator Service		164
<u>Trips/events</u>			<u>Trips/events</u>		
Tolethorpe	1359.00	-	Tolethorpe	990.00	-
River trip	525.00	-	River trip	483	-
Talk D Rogers	55.00	-			
	<u>4,080.85</u>	<u>787.50</u>		<u>1,473.00</u>	<u>2,206</u>

Balance B/Forward 1 January		5,739.08
Income	4,080.85	
Expenditure	<u>1,473.00</u>	
Net income		2,607.85
Balance C/Forward 31 December		8,346.93

Represented by		
Bank - Santander		8,346.93

Note: This Income and Expenditure account is prepared on a cash basis

Independently examined by GA Colley ACIB DipFS

Alan Colley

