

# ***The Friends of St Andrew's, Bedford***

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**Dear Member OR Non-Member of The Friends**

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY 3rd MARCH 2024 AT 4.30PM**

**February 2024**

The Friends of St Andrew's was started in early 2001 by organising concerts and talks by local people. Over time, larger events were organised with day trips to places such as Tolethorpe Open Air Theatre, The Military Intelligence Museum at Chicksands, Visits to Christmas Markets and many more. The monthly Tea Dances, organised by Beryl Tench, have been a big success over many years, thanks to Beryl's hard work, and these will continue in 2024. The timetable for The Tea Dances is on the attached Sign-Up Sheet for The Friends. **but you don't have to be a member to attend.**

This year's AGM is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 in the Church Centre, Main Hall at 4.30pm and **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.** As usual this will be followed by afternoon tea. The Special Friend's Evensong will follow at 6.00pm and we are delighted to welcome the Rev-d Monica Robinson as preacher for this service.

Below is the list of events that we have planned for 2024, and those up to "Grease" are confirmed. The remaining three will be confirmed shortly. **Both Members & Non-members of The Friends are eligible to attend these events**, but Members qualify for discounted prices.

- Thursday 4th April **Presentation by David Fletcher**, Auctioneer and Valuer, famous for his appearances on the TV programme "Flog It"
- Wed 15th May **Visit to Kathy Brown's Tea Garden**, Stevington for a tour of the garden and for afternoon tea.
- Tues 4th June **Visit to W&H Peacock's Auction Centre** for a tour of the premises with lunch.
- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July **Trip to Tolethorpe Open Air Theatre** for a matinée performance of Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility."
- Sat 8<sup>th</sup> August **Visit to Milton Keynes Theatre** for an afternoon matinée performance of the smash hit musical, "Grease."
- September **River Cruise on River Ouse** with Fish & Chip Supper.
- November **Possible trip to Thursford for the "Christmas Spectacular."**
- Tues 17th Dec **Christmas Social Afternoon.**

Please help *The Friends* by signing up for Membership, OR by renewing your Membership, using the attached form. If you know of anyone, or have a friend that would like to join, they will be most welcome. After printing out and completing the form, please send it, together with your payment to either the Church Centre Office or to our Treasurer, John Thynne.

Many thanks for your loyalty to *The Friends* and Blessings to you.

Janet Connelly, Secretary of The Friends

