



THE FRIENDS OF BANHAM CHURCH

(Registered Charity Number 1060217)

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2013

THE CHAIRMAN WRITES

It gives me great pleasure to be writing to you in my first year as Chairman of the Trust. I would like to offer my very grateful thanks to Roger Farley who stood down as chairman after many years of great service to the trust, due to other commitments, he is continuing as a member and I am sure you will all join me in wishing him thanks, Sally McGinn has very kindly agreed to join the trustees in Rogers place. With the support of the trustees we are looking forward to a busy year ahead.

LAST YEAR'S MEETINGS

The AGM was held on 13th April in the Church.

During 2012 we held our second Trophy Challenge Quiz'n'Chips evening at Banham Community Centre in November. The trophy was once again won by Louis Sacksen's Team so congratulations and the challenge is still there to "rescue" the trophy from East Harling where it currently resides. Many thanks to Jane Hicks who ably assisted my role as quizmaster and all the other trustees for their efforts.

The Trustees met to discuss the future pattern of events, and to plan our programme for 2013. We are happy to try new things but need your support as members both to attend what you can but also to encourage friends and family to come along as well. We are always open to feedback from events, as well as offers of help.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2013

The AGM will be held on Friday 19th April 2013 in the Church. A formal notice of the meeting and an agenda is included in this newsletter.

We have joined the Creative Arts East Village Screen project, aimed at providing Cinema in the villages. They provide the equipment and I have now undertaken projectionist training. We are having a trial run on Wednesday 3rd April with "Rio", a children's film with mask making activities.

Immediately following the AGM we are having a film from the Time Reel (East Anglian Film Archives) "NORFOLK PAST- The County our parents knew" showing Norfolk life from the 1900's to the 1960's. This will be open to all so bring any friends.

The following evening, Saturday 20th April, we will be screening Skyfall (Cert 12a), the latest James Bond film released to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the James Bond movies. This is a fantastic award winning film, and has been hailed as "The greatest James Bond film ever" (HitFix). We are expecting a great night with the big screen and atmosphere of the setting... popcorn will be available together with other refreshments.

If the film weekend proves successful we hope to run a film every few months in venues around the village.

We are holding a Garden Party and BBQ by kind permission of Wendy Pontin on Saturday 13th July at 7.00pm. Tickets will be £7.50 each with children 12 and under at £3.75, which will be available from the trustees nearer the date. We are sure the warm and dry weather will be with us by then!! There will be entertainment on the evening, again to be confirmed nearer the time.

The Autumn meeting/event will be the annual Challenge Trophy Quiz at Banham Community centre on Saturday 12th October – a great evening for all ages with food served on the night.

Please put these dates in your diaries now, and any support with raffle prizes for these events is always gratefully received.

If you could let us have your email address we can update you on events.

HELP FOR THE CHURCH IN 2012

We had been waiting for a request from the PCC for the upgrade of the Chancel Heating which trustees had agreed to support. When this work was arranged it was also necessary to replace the post lights along the Church Pathway, which had suffered from vandalism and theft. The work for the heating and replacement of the light with low level (hopefully vandal proof) lighting on the path has now been done, and although this eventually fell into the 2013 accounting year, was fully paid for by the trust.

There continues to be a great deal of work to be done, you will all have seen the window currently missing for restoration, to keep this wonderful 13th century building open for all the community for such a wide range of events as are now carried out there. This trust has an important role to play, with other supporting bodies, in achieving this.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions for 2013 are due from January. It was decided to keep these at £5 a head for this year. This is a minimum figure and a number of members generously contribute more. If **you still prefer to pay by cash you should please by now have paid**. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid declaration. This enables us to get 25p from the Inland Revenue for every £1 you give us in membership fees or otherwise. **Membership remains our main, regular, source of income, so new members are always welcome!**

**Please return the form(s) with your subscription to the Treasurer
(Mrs. Daphne Griffith, Priory Cottage, The Green, Banham, NR16 2AA)**

Can you persuade any of your friends to join the FRIENDS?

THE FRIENDS OF BANHAM CHURCH TRUSTEES

Mrs Sally McGinn	Mrs. Anita Bounds
Mrs Pat Farley	Mrs. Jackie Rout
Mrs. Daphne Griffith (Treasurer)	Mr. David Hicks (Chairman)
Mrs. Sheila Ninham	Mr. Edward Riches

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held

IN THE CHURCH

7.15 pm. On Friday 19th April 2013

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To confirm the minutes of the fifteenth AGM held on 13th April 2012
3. To elect Sally McGinn as Trustee.
4. Chairman's report on the activities in 2012
5. Treasurer's report a) to approve the accounts for 2012
b) subscriptions
6. Meetings in 2013
7. Help for the church
8. Any other business

THE MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FILM – NORFOLK PAST (The County our parents knew) at 8.00pm AND BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

THE FILM WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SO PLEASE BRING ANY FRIENDS