



THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, BACTON

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Objectives

The preservation, maintenance, repair and improvement of St Mary's Church, Bacton, its monuments, fixtures, fittings and furnishings and to promote public interest in it as a building of historic and architectural merit and in its use as a community asset for the village and surrounding district.

Some of our Achievements

- Several leaded windows in the clerestory replaced
- Stone mullions in the clerestory repaired.
- Pew cushions provided.
- Hands-on history lessons for local schoolchildren.
- Annual Children's Christmas card competition.

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Who are the Friends?

The Friends of St Mary's are people like you. People with an interest in maintaining the Church for future generations. We do this by holding concerts, talent shows, metal detecting days, by selling notelets and Christmas cards and through a variety of other events, even teddy bear abseiling! New members will always be welcomed.

Meetings are held at 7:30pm on every second Thursday in the month and are open to all Bacton residents with an interest in the upkeep of the church. If you would like to come along please telephone any of the committee to find out where the meeting is to be held.

Let your Genius out of the Lamp!

The Friends of St Mary's are joining forces with the Friends of St George's, Wyverstone in a production of *Aladdin*, to be staged at Christmas.

Auditions will be held at 7:30pm on the 6th and 13th of September at the Bacton Scout Hall. All welcome!

If you want to help with the staging, admin or in any other way, please contact Mark on 01449 781311 or Helen on 01449 781841.

Detecting Village History

Hoping to repeat the success of the two previous metal detecting days, the Friends are planning another for next year. Previous events have uncovered interesting and historically important artefacts giving a fascinating insight into life in the village going back to the Romans and beyond.

The Russians are Coming!

Following their hugely successful concert in St Mary's last year, the Friends hope to bring the Russian choir *Hermitage* back again to once more fill the Church with their distinctive style of music.

Look out for the notices and come along for a truly unique evening's entertainment.

How You Can Help

You can join us, if you are not already a member. Membership is a loose concept here. Just let us know that you are in sympathy with our aims, and you are one of us.

You can think up fund raising ideas and put them into effect.

You can buy tickets for our entertainments and come and enjoy them. Even better, you can help to *sell* tickets.

And you could join the twenty or so people who have so far signed standing orders in favour of The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton.

If you are not a registered member but would like to join and be added to our mailing list, please complete the form below:



Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ e-mail _____

Telephone number _____

I would / would not be prepared to donate regular amounts by standing order.

Please return this form to: Andy Friend, August House, Church Road,
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Or e-mail your details to: andy@august-house.net