



THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, BACTON

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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 St. Mary's Church. If you would like to come, please call the Secretary to find out where the meeting is being held.

Diary Dates

11th September
7:30pm

Meeting of the Friends of St. Mary's, at Mill House Farm.

14th September
Metal Detecting Day, Bacton

16th and 17th January
2009

Cinderella, Bacton Middle School.

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Cinderella ... is coming to Bacton!

The Company of Friends drawn from Bacton and Wyverstone, will once again be bringing all the excitement, humour and good old-fashioned fun of pantomime to Bacton this year. Cinderella, her wicked stepmother and her ugly sisters will all be brought to colourful life to the delight of children of all ages and their Mums and Dads a well.



If you fancy yourself in one of the many parts to be filled, come along to the auditions to be held in the Bacton Scout Hall next month.

Last year's production of Aladdin was tremendously successful, playing to full houses for all three performances. You only had to see (and hear) the reactions of the younger members of the audiences to know that the spirit of Pantomime is very much alive and well and living in Bacton!

Were you in that audience? Would you like to be a part of giving that quality of entertainment from *on* the stage? If so, come along and strut your stuff at one of the auditions, we have plenty of parts to fill!

Audition dates:

4th September 2008

11th September 2008

7pm. Bacton Scout Hall

Flintwork repaired.

If you have walked along the pathway behind the church recently, you may have noticed that some extensive repair work has been carried out on the flintwork of the walls to the right of the entrance porch. The existing flintwork was crumbling badly and something needed to be done before more serious damage occurred.



The Friends of Saint Mary's have been able to provide the funds for the specialised and skilled work needed to restore the flintwork to its former glory, exactly the sort of work that the Friends were set up do. This follows similar work, assisted by funds from the Friends, to restore window mullions. Previous projects have included providing seat cushions, replacing the heating boiler and repairing some of the clerestory windows.



You can help too.

As any householder will know, maintaining a building is an ongoing and expensive business, it is even more so when that building is a 15th century traditional flint and mortar parish church. The Friends are dedicated to the parallel tasks of maintaining and improving the fabric and facilities of the church and also of promoting its use as a village asset. It is exiting and rewarding work that is frequently also great fun. Ask anyone who has been involved in any of the concerts, fashion shows, metal detecting days or the pantomime.

If you think you have something to offer, be it by helping to organise or run a function or if you just have an opinion to express, the Friends would like to hear from you. Any committee member will gladly tell you how you can get involved. It requires no more than an hour and a half once a month to come along to a meeting, anything more is entirely up to you. Please contact any one of the members listed on the front of this newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Fifth Metal Detecting Day Planned

Plans for a fifth metal detecting day are well advanced, and early sign are that it will be every bit as successful as its predecessors which have all turned up some interesting and surprising finds.

For more information, contact Simon Holdich on 01449 781054.