

FOSTAC
Friends OF St Andrew's Church

4th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Thursday 16 April 2009
in St Andrew's Church – Shalford at 7.30 pm

There were 34 Members in attendance

Apologies:

Reverend Colin Wilson, Chris Russell, Mrs Ann Harvey, and Mr & Mrs Cornhill

The Chairman Brenda Hanley opened the Meeting and welcomed everyone to the 4th Annual General Meeting, and was pleased to see so many people in attendance. Congratulations were extended to Nan Stevens, Shirley, & Jo Crow on the wonderful show of flowers in the Church.

Brenda Hanley explained that the date had been arranged for this meeting, and printing of documents organized for this date, when unfortunately it was realized that this had coincided with Reverend Colin Wilson being on holiday.

Brenda Hanley introduced the Committee members to the meeting:

Madeline Eversden - Treasurer
Sue Tarling - Secretary
Kate Binks whose specialism is catering
Sue Heavers, is our stylist
Jo Crow our booking officer
Sue Morton who helps on all fronts
Sylvia Lester is our creative publicist
Ann Singleton and Ruth Burrows – FOSTAC membership
Frank Easton is not formally co-opted, but is our token man!

Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting had been distributed.

The adoption of these Minutes as a correct record was proposed by Janet Oates and seconded by Anne Hamilton

Treasurer's Report

Madeline Eversden presented the Treasurer's Report and explained that again FOSTAC had made a profit on every event. The profit for the year was £4,848.73, and an amount of 15,312.74 was transferred to the Church of England Deposit Fund Account, making our total in that account of £22,605.66 (this account received a rate of interest of 3.056%).

Madeline thanked Mal Hanley for acting as Auditor to these accounts.

The adoption of these accounts as a correct record was proposed by Sylvia Lester and seconded by Helen Willey

Events Report

Sue Morton gave a very lively report on the events held over the past year:

16/4/08	FOSTAC AGM
23/4/08	Coffee morning 31/5 & 1/6/08 Open Gardens
21/6/08	Braintree Male Voice Choir
3,4,5,7/6/08	Art Exhibition

26/7/08	Woodland Walk
6/9/08	Village Hall Fete — FOSTAC had a presence at this event
20/9/08	Linda Scoles
29/9/08	No findings at the archaeological dig at the Church
7/10/08	Coffee morning
6/11/08	Bridge afternoon
28/11/08	St Andrew's Quiz
13/12.08	Peter Mayo evening

FOSTAC Membership

Ruth Burrows reported that we have 119 members (there were 123 last year). FOSTAC has raised a fantastic amount of money so far, but we do need to keep going as an organization, and encourage new members to join us. The Church is an integral part of the village, and as such we need to maintain the Church as a building. Ruth went on to say that FOSTAC is grateful for the loyalty and support of its members, but that we need more members.

Election of Officers and Committee

Brenda Hanley stated that the present Officers and Committee of 12 are willing to stand again and suggested that if agreed could be voted in 'en bloc'. This was proposed by Peter Morton and seconded by Fred Talbot.

Update on Church Extension

Frank Easton reported that the Tenders are back and being analysed. One company has withdrawn, and 4 companies remain. The PCC has two weeks to make their decision. With regard to VAT, normally this is paid up front and claimed back-, therefore the PCC has to have sufficient funds to complete the job. Within two weeks we should know who has won the tender, and when the building work will be started.

Any Other Business

Brenda Hanley wished to extend a special thanks to the following:

The PCC for ensuring the Church always looks its best

Michael Mason who ensures the Church is heated and warm in the winter months

Jacqueline Wisbey for providing photographs of FOSTAC events; this ensures that should applications for funding require proof of helping ourselves, there is a record of events. Thanks were also expressed for the loyalty and generosity of FOSTAC members and ^{all} other supporters.

The Chairman then introduced the FOSTAC's President Sir Roger Singleton, who she hoped despite a very busy life ^{will} be able to continue being President.

Roger explained that FOSTAC brings together key elements of having fun, whilst serving the village of Shalford, and enabling the Church to be improved and maintained for future generations. Roger thanked the Chairman, the Committee, and partners behind the scenes and thanks to all the membership of FOSTAC.

Roger concluded the evening by saying that he hoped that when we are all together next time, it will be to celebrate the official opening of the Church extension.

There were drinks and nibbles to conclude the evening.