



**Report from
The St Edmund's Church Building Trust
&
Friends of St Edmund's
for
Annual Meeting PCC – April 2023**

There were 3 meetings of the Trustees of the Building Trust and the Management Committee of the Friends of St Edmund in 2022.

Fundraising:

The Open Weekend August 2022 - Volunteers were recruited for the Open Weekend. We would like to record our grateful thanks to those who assisted with this event. We raised some funds and banked **£236.05**.

Attendance at OW: The number of visitors including members was below 100 over the 3 days and therefore the income was down.

The theme was Royal Events & The Platinum Jubilee.

Materials were contributed by the members.

Local photographer Viv Loveless displayed photos of Wootton through the last hundred years.

The other displays were all related to the theme of Royal Events and the Platinum Jubilee.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers donated by Linda Redfern and members of the community and beautifully arranged by Linda Redfern.

Many complimentary comments have been made about the 2022 event; some saying it was the best display in the history of the event.

H & S: Precautions to comply with Covid regulations were taken although reduced compared with the year before.

Events: Music Evening – 6th March 2022 - This event raised **£184.32**. Our thanks go to Wight Sax and the Shalfleet Shanty Singers who gave their time f.o.c; also to David McCulloch who with Lynn Peppitt & Ann Capps organised the event. Thanks also to the small team of 'Friends' who worked alongside them on the evening.

Annual Newsletter: This was printed in house and as many copies as possible were distributed by Email, some were sent out by post and others hand delivered.

Membership: The up to date membership list is being run by Mary Shaw as the Membership Secretary. Mary took over on 1st April 2022.

We can report that there were 77 enrolled members listed at the 31st December 2022.

To date we have email addresses for a large percentage of the members. It is hoped that before long we will have most of the members on email which will benefit the Trust by reducing the costs, also aiding efficiency.

A monthly account spreadsheet is created by Lynn Peppitt and shows the membership renewal payments and donations. This is sent to the Treasurer monthly. The cash and cheques are banked monthly.

To comply with GDPR the membership records are kept on a password protected computer and a paper copy is kept in a locked filing cabinet. Those that relate to Gift Aid will be passed to the Treasurer to enable him to claim Gift Aid back from the Inland Revenue.

Trustees 'St Edmund Church Building Trust' - welcomed new Trustees –

Mike Broadsmith, representing the Parochial Church Council formally joined the Trustees on 1st January 2022. Richard Russell joined the Board of Trustees later in the year.

The board of Trustees is now in full compliance with the Trust Deed with 6 Trustees in post, which is the maximum permitted by the Charity Commission.

The balance in the Trust's bank account at 31st December 2022 was £6,178.17.

NOTE: Work on St Edmund's has continued and the church has been open and used for services throughout the year.

FINANCE:

The Friends have raised - **£420.37** through 2 events with more planned for 2023. Most members have made generous donations in addition to the basic membership fee of £5, which accounts for a large part of our income. Sales of cards, calendars and misc items have continued and have brought in further income. John Castle, a local artist created Christmas cards which sold well and brought in £60.00.

Doreen Gazey

Secretary to "The Friends of St Edmund's"

Lynn Peppitt

Trustee (Admin)