

Report from St Edmunds Building Trust For Annual Meeting PCC – April 2024

There has been only 1 meeting in 2023 of members of the Friends Management Committee and the Trustees. There was also a separate Trustees meeting after the Treasurer, David Poore, retired. Linda Pitcher is the current Treasurer.

Projects: - There are no specific projects but there has been ongoing maintenance work.

Fundraising: Open Weekend 2023 & Music Evenings

The Open Weekend Sept 9/10th 2023 – Theme – “Transport through the Ages”. Volunteers were recruited for the Open Weekend. I would like to record our grateful thanks to those who assisted with this event. We raised some much needed funds and banked **£135.87**.

Attendance at OW: There were not as many people attending over the 2 days as we would have liked but those who came enjoyed it very much. It was hoped that having the date coinciding with the Ride & Stride weekend more visitors from outside the parish would visit but this didn't happen.

Materials were contributed by the IOW Bus Museum, Andy Brown, John Castle and many others. Local photographers Viv Loveless, Danny Watson and Doreen Gazey displayed photos of local historical interest that related to the theme.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers by Linda Redfern and the refreshments were served by volunteers.

Music Evening 23rd June & Carol Evening 3rd December – The summer music evening was held in St Marks and raised **£206.35** and the Carol Evening was held in St Edmunds. Both were enjoyed by good sized audiences. This event raised **£175.37**. Our thanks go to Wight Sax and 'Re-Buked' Ukulele Group whose members gave their time f.o.c. Paul Marshall, the MD of Wight Sax and Lynn Peppitt, their Chair, organised the events.

H & S: Precautions to comply with H & S regulations were taken at the events.

Annual Newsletter: A late Spring newsletter was circulated.

Membership: The Membership Secretary, Mary Shaw, has a very effective system in place and reports that there are **79** enrolled members listed.

To date she has email addresses for a large percentage of the members which benefits the Trust by reducing the costs, also aiding efficiency.

A monthly account spreadsheet is used, which shows the membership renewal payments and donations. 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 are passed to the Treasurer to enable her to claim Gift Aid back from the Inland Revenue.

Trustees 'St Edmund Church Building Trust':

The board of Trustees is in full compliance with the Trust Deed with 5 Trustees.

FINANCE:

'The Friends' have raised - **£517.59** through 3 events with more planned for 2024. 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 with a percentage of the profit being donated by Doreen Gazey, who owns the stock, and has brought in additional income.

The Treasurer reports that there is **£10,473.45** in the bank account as at 31st March 2024.

Lynn Peppitt

Trustee St Edmund's Building Trust (Admin)