

FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS KINGSLAND (SMAAAK)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4 OCTOBER 2014

MINUTES

Committee members: David Thompson (Chair), Jim Davies (Trustee), Danuta Wurm (Trustee), Rick Noordegraaf (Trustee)

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed those present and introduced the current Friends Committee. He advised that Joanna Bruce, who had been a founding Member of the Friends, had resigned due to personal circumstances and thanked her for her valuable contribution. He was pleased to report that our membership secretary, Gail Scott, had agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.

1. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

Since its inauguration, the Friends had sought to put on a wide range of live activities, using as many venues as possible to appeal to the local Kingsland community and beyond. Events had included Thomas Bowes' classical violin recital, jazz with Christine Tobin, country and western with the Whiskey River Boys and Highway Dave and the Varmints, "A Conversation with" Henry Daly and Richard Thompson and Betty's Bingo. A full list (including some future ones) is attached at Annex A. SMAAAK had also commissioned a new Church booklet authored by Patricia Potheary, designed by Carl Beebee with photography by Ollie Cameron-Swan, which had enjoyed excellent sales.

The Friends wished to thank our business sponsors, Border Oak, John Villar Wines, Brightwells Auctioneers, Scrummy Bites, The Playhouse Company and Hintons Country and Garden. Grateful thanks to our raffle prize donors, enthusiastic volunteers and the wonderful venues which had included The Angel, The Coronation Hall, The Corners, Luctonians and not least Kingsland Church. Our thanks too to Ruth Fisher for the contribution that her "Repairs for Repairs" needlework service made. The Friends are always looking for new volunteers and for ideas for future events and activities. Anyone interested please call on: 01568 709579.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

A financial report for FY 2013/14 was circulated (attached at B). During the first year total receipts were £19,715, the majority from ticket and artwork sales, and donations. This enabled us to make donations of £9,000 to the Church restoration fund with a further £5,000 already pledged for FY 2014/15.

3. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

SMAAAK membership comprised 3 families; 29 couples, 22 individuals, 1 small business and 1 honorary life membership. SMAAAK had recently written to all members asking them to renew their subscriptions.

4. REPORT TO THE CHARITIES COMMISSION

This had been sent to the Charities Commission and was circulated at the meeting.

5. FUTURE PROGRAMME

The future programme included dancing to the eclectic **Rob Heron & The Tea Pad Orchestra on Thursday 4 December** and a matinee childrens' event **"Sea Show" performed by The Squash Box Theatre Sunday 22 February 2015**, both at the Coronation Hall. Ideas for the future programme included "A Conversation with Robert Rogers", former Clerk of The House of Commons, Pop Up Opera, hArt 2015 and a major art show at the end of 2015.

6. WHAT NEXT FOR KINGSLAND CHURCH?

Our first objective, to make the building weather-tight, has been achieved. The big lesson from SMAAAK's first year is that there are donors with deep pockets willing to make grants to communities like ours, as long as our community makes a contribution. The fantastic £14,000 that Kingsland has raised so far has enabled the church building fund to claim many many times as much in grants.

But what next? We must restore and protect the church windows, some of which are more than 600 years old. Once the walls have dried out, we can renew the plaster and repaint the walls. But can we do something more exciting? Can we make this beautiful building more useful to our community? Yarpole did it, why not Kingsland? In tandem with discussions with the PCC, it was proposed that there would be a public consultation in Spring 2015, with an illustrative exhibition of ideas in the church.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was requested that, in future, a regular news update should be circulated by post to members living outside the reach of the parish magazine as well as email, and through kingslandlife.co.uk and smaaaak.co.uk websites.

October 2014

Annex A

SMAAAK ACTIVITIES 2013/2014

2013

18 JUNE	Thomas Bowes solo violin
4 JULY	Whiskey River Boys at The Corners
26 SEPTEMBER	Highway Dave and the Varmints at The Corners
9 NOVEMBER	Christine Tobin Upstairs At The Angel
21 NOVEMBER	Richard Johnson and Henry Daly at Luctonians
30 NOVEMBER	Harmonettes in the Coronation Hall
30 NOVEMBER to 18 DECEMBER	"A Company of Heaven" Art exhibition in the church
7 DECEMBER	"Betty's Bingo" in the Coronation Hall

2014

16 JANUARY	SMAAAK CHRISTMAS PARTY at The Angel
23 FEBRUARY	"If The Shoe Fits" IN THE Coronation Hall
28 MARCH	"Field Notes" in the Coronation Hall
Easter Weekend	Launch of the Grand Kingsland Potato Growing Competition
21 JUNE	"Precious Bane" by The Village Quire in the Church Launch of new Church Booklet written by Trish Potheary
19 JULY	"Cosi Fan Tutte" in the Church
6-14 SEPTEMBER	h.Art Exhibition, Kingsland Church
4 OCTOBER	Arcadia Music Festival Kingsland Church

FUTURE PROGRAMME

4 DECEMBER	The Tea Pad Orchestra in the Coronation Hall
22 FEBRUARY	"Sea Show" by The Squash Box Theatre in the Coronation Hall

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A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION, REGISTERED WITH THE CHARITIES COMMISSION
REGISTERED NUMBER 1152383

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

RECEIPTS

SALES	£ 10,290.00
DONATIONS	£ 5,350.00
CASH DONATIONS, BAR AND SNACKS	£ 1,120.00
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 1,450.00
RAFFLES	£ 959.00
BANK INTEREST	£ 6.00

£ 19,175.00

PAYMENTS

GRANTS TO CHURCH BUILDING FUND	£ 9,000.00
PAYMENTS TO ARTISTS AND PERFORMERS	£ 970.00
ADVERTISING	£ 144.00
CORONATION HALL	£ 100.00
LICENCES	£ 61.00
STATIONERY	£ 105.00
PRINTING	£ 634.00
FOOD, DRINK AND SERVICE	£ 1,517.00
EXHIBITION DISPLAY BOARDS AND LIGHTING	£ 195.00
WEBSITE / COMMUNICATIONS	£ 59.00

-£ 12,785.00

SURPLUS

£ 6,390.00

**COMMUNITY
BENEFIT: TOTAL SALES
BY ARTISTS AND
PERFORMERS £10,123**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT			
Family membership	3	£ 35.00	£ 105.00
Couple membership	29	£ 30.00	£ 870.00
Individual membership	22	£ 20.00	£ 440.00
Small business membership	1	£ 35.00	£ 35.00
Retiree/lifetime membership	1	-	-
TOTAL	547		£ 1,450.00