

Chair's report

As the Chair I continue to reflect on the privilege of having in our community a historic and ancient building which is also the focal point of our community. With this privilege however comes the responsibility to continue to bring to the community's awareness the need to maintain it. This can be costly but the reward we get as a community by maintaining and preserving this wonderful building far out way the costs. As you are aware we raise money to meet these costs by our membership and by holding community events. Looking back to 2021 we raised money by:

- Increasing our membership
- Online quiz
- Jazz at the Barn
- The Winter Glitz evening, held in the Parish Rooms
- Carols around the tree

How did we do?

From January –December 2021 the total sum raised via membership and events was £4505 bringing the overall total of cash to £34547 of which funds are committed towards on-going projects, such as the church heating.

During 2021 we made a substantial grant (50%) towards the external re-pointing of part of the Church Wall. The amount granted was £16,675.72. A further cost of £427.58 is due in October 2022.

Like other fund raising charities the plans we had in place for fundraising had to be put on hold until we could be assured that events could be held safely. We thank our members for continuing to support us at that time.

The Committee, being quorate, agreed not to hold a public AGM in 2019 on the understanding that the Charity Commission would find this acceptable as long as our accounts were completed, approved and signed off. This has been completed by the Auditors.

The Committee was asked if any intended to stand down at the next AGM (2021). With the exception of Lindsey Bailey, Jim Barlett and Julia Moore-Kelly, all confirmed that they would continue as a committee member. We welcomed Steven Sherwood as a new committee member who commenced in August 2019 and but was unable to be formally voted on to the committee in 2020. In 2020 we welcomed Mary Yearley and in 2021 we welcomed Joan Angelides, Kim Sabey and Maz Sabey to our committee. In 2022 we welcomed Jill and Ian Weeks. Although this AGM cover 20/21 we would ask that both be voted on as full committee members. Johnny have agreed to stay on as an Honorary officers (treasurer), and Kim Sabey has agreed to become the secretary.

Fabric: This has been set out in appendix 2

Looking forward:



Looking forward we are now discussing holding events again with Open Gardens confirmed on the 19th June, Jazz at the barn confirmed for Sunday 11th and the Winter Glitz evening confirmed for the 9th December. We hope to see you there.

We are also starting to discuss the possibility of holding a Brian Anderson Memorial lecture on the outcome of the opening of the Earl of Southampton Crypt.

Overall:

As chair I am very pleased and proud of our achievements, which of course would not have been successful without your help and support.

Thanks to the following:

- To the Committee past and present:
- Those who have worked so hard this year: In particular I want to thank Lindsey Bailey, Jim Bartlett and Julia Moore Kelly who is standing down from the committee this year. They have all been valued members of the committee and will be missed.
- I would also like to thank the committee who all contribute in different ways: whether it be coming up with fundraising ideas, promoting the events in every way possible including the use of the website, Facebook, email, flyers; hands-on on the day setting up, preparing the food, selling tickets, manning the bar , the car park, etc. We all have our roles: good teamwork is required and it works because it is fun and we achieve.
- To our Honorary Officer Johnny Billson our Treasurer who have just completed their fifth year, but because of the uncertainty have agreed to stay on another year.
- To this year's sponsors. We could not have run these events without support from the owners of the gardens, the cake makers, the many musical acts and member of our community who supported and freely gave of their time. To Hadlows, AH Freemantle, Daisy B's, who so generously help us with ticket sales and in many other ways. So thank you to all of you. If we had to pay the going rate for what you give we would not be able to raise the money we have raised.
- To you our members for coming along to the events with your friends and family.
We look forward to our continued relationship with you and with St Peter's so that together we can continue the work originally conceived by the Rev'd Bill Day and the late Brain Anderson who along with others thankfully saw the need to engage our community in helping to protect and preserve the building.

Status of Officers:

Pat Shirley-Chair

Kim Sabey- Secretary

Johnny Billson – Treasurer

Martin Young

Amanda Chamberlain



Claire Bennett

New committee members:

Steven Sherwood – 2020

Mary Yearley – 2021

Joan Angelides – 2021

Kim Sabey – 2021

Maz Sabey - 2021

Jill Weeks 2022

Ian Weeks 2022

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FoSP Chair

June 2021



Treasurer's Report

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2021

You should have a copy of the Accounts. I am just going to go through it, although not in any great detail. The accounts have been signed off by the committee and are currently being audited by Compass Accountants in the Tanneries. They do not make any charge, and we are very grateful to them.

Looking at the accounts, you will see that we spent £11,700 more than we took in. The major cause of the overspend was a grant to St Peter's to help with repointing the Earl of Southampton's chapel, which cost just over £16,000. I am sure that, if you walk through the churchyard you will have seen how good it now looks. You may be concerned that this is actually the third year in a row that we have spent more than came in. However, 4 years ago we had a balance of over £58,000 in the bank and there was concern in the committee that we were raising all of this money but not spending it.

The decision was made then reduce the amount of money we had. It was thought then that the money would go towards the church heating, but for a number of reasons, that has not yet happened. We do still have £34,000 in the bank.

How have we raised money?

You paid subscriptions of just under £1,900 last year. 2020 was very much the same, but in previous

years the money from subscriptions was about £2,300 each year, and I think that this reflects the drop off in our membership numbers. We all need to do what we can to attract new members.

There seem to be a lot of new people buying house in the village, and we need to persuade them to

join and support FOSP.

Our other main way of raising money is by putting on events. After a very constrained year in 2020,

we were able to let our hair down in 2021. We ran 4 events – Jazz in the Barn and Christmas Glitz, which each raised about £1,000, the carols in the square (£314) and the on-line quiz at the start of the year (£270).

The costs that show as Admin costs are £275 for insurance, £134 for our web site and £18 for the FOSP wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

So, even though we have been spending, I believe that we are still in a strong position.



Appendix 2:

Fabric Report

Steve doing

