



## **Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust**

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### **Annual General Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, 14 November 2013

**Time:** 09:45

**Venue:** GY Minster

**Address:** [Venue Address]

#### **AGENDA**

**1 Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence

**2 Minutes of the AGM of 8 November 2012**

**3 - 4**

To confirm the minutes of the 8 November 2012

**3 Appointment of Committee Members**

Under the Articles of Association of the Trust, Members retire from office each year. If they are willing to continue and no alternative nominations are received they are deemed to be re-elected unless the AGM specifically resolves otherwise. Nominations for membership of the Committee from other person must be signed by a Member of the Trust and by the person nominated.

**4 Report of the Trust**

**5 - 7**

The Chairman of the Trust will report on the activities of the Trust since the last AGM, reported to follow

**5     Treasurer's Report**

The Trust's Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2012 are to follow

**6     Any other business**

Discussion of any other business not on the agenda

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**GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER PRESERVATION TRUST  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**8 November 2012 – 9.45 am**

**PRESENT:**

Dr Paul Davies (in the Chair); Councillor Colleen Walker, Mr Michael Boon, Mr Jim Carter, Mr Tony King, Mr David McDermott, Mr Ian Miller, Mr Michael Muskett, Mr Robert Price, Mr Anthony Smith and Mr Colin Smith.

Also in attendance were Mr Robin Hodds and Mrs Karline Smith.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Albert Jones, Mr Nick Pownall and Mr Hugh Sturzaker.

**2. MINUTES – ST NICHOLAS CHURCH PRESERVATION TRUST AGM**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10 November 2011 were confirmed.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Robert Silver and he had resigned as a Trustee.

The Company Secretary reported that other than the above there were no other notified changes to the membership and it was agreed that the Committee should be re-appointed en bloc.

**4. REPORT OF THE TRUST**

The Trust considered the Chairman's report and the activities carried out with the Trust since the last Annual General Meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Trust noted the Chairman's report and the activities carried out since the last Annual General Meeting.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Members considered the Treasurer's Report and the Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2011.

RESOLVED:

That the Trust's Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2011 be accepted.

**6. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting ended at 9.50 am.

## **Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust**

### **Chairman's Report 2012/2013**

No new trustees were appointed during the year. Susan Boone resigned on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

Our president, Michael Falcon, died during the year. He had given valuable service to the Minster and the Trust over the last 18 years. He was a founder member of the Trust. His support and energy will be greatly missed.

The Trust has continued to hold regular bi-monthly meetings. Pressure has been applied to the Member of Parliament for Great Yarmouth to reverse the Treasury's edict that VAT on organ restoration is no longer re-claimable. Work has been carried out to change the wording of the constitution to make it clear that the Trust is a secular body and stands outside the workings of the Minster.

Restoration work to the four pinnacles on the tower was completed. The Trust donated £20,000 towards this project. The trust also paid £8,220 for the restoration of the choir engine. Ten display boards were purchased by the Trust. The Trust became an associate member of the Gt. Yarmouth Tourist Authority (£30).

Major donations have been received from Great Yarmouth Rotary Club (£2,516), in memory of Michael Falcon (£1,567), June Fuller (£500), Rose Croix East Anglian Triennial Service (£984) and Paul Davies' Birthday gifts (£1,300).

The Trust has had an active fund-raising year. Brahams in Market Row and Digital Photography in Gorleston have been helping to sell tickets. However, it remains difficult to sell tickets for events and I would urge all trustees to help in this and also to support the events.

For the first time the Trust has organised, in conjunction with the Great Yarmouth Local History and Archaeological Society, two exhibitions (60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the East Coast Floods and a Herring Fishery display), both of which were well received, raised funds and increased footfall in the Minster.

The following events were organised:

Dixiemix Jazz Band

Gorleston Community Choir Concert

Great Yarmouth Brass

Yarmouth Yarns with fish and chips (Ernie Childs)

Blessing of the Nets with a herring supper

Christmas Tree and Crib Festival

Madrigals in the Minster

Herring Exhibition in association with Heritage Open Days

Teddy bear zip wire

Afternoon tea with music by John Farmer and Hannah Long

Beer Tasting at the Apollo PH

An Exhibition to commemorate the 1953 Floods (60<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

Morley Consort

Hosted an afternoon tea, a tour of the Minster and choral evensong for Rose Croix

A licensed bar has been run at many minster secular events

The Trust has received good publicity with the help of the Yarmouth Mercury, Radio Norfolk, the Norwich Diocesan Magazine, Norfolk Magazine and the Advertiser. It also has a website ([www.sncpt.co.uk](http://www.sncpt.co.uk)) and a Facebook page (Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust). The web-site continues and is updated regularly.

The chairman has performed numerous church and graveyard tours for various groups with the fees being donated to the Trust (£175). Colin Smith has also donated his many lecture fees to the Trust (£290) as has Hugh Sturzaker (£50). Two remembrance bird boxes in the cemetery have been sponsored (£30).

The web-site: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) has produced some finance. This site gives a percentage of the cost of purchases made through the

site. Most of the major firms (eg John Lewis, ebay, Amazon etc) contribute. It is a painless way of raising finance.

The Trust acknowledges the excellent secretarial support of Robin Hodds and Karline and their colleagues and the work of Michael Muskett (treasurer) and his colleagues at BDO.

The chairman thanks the members and trustees for their support over the year.

***Paul Davies – November 2013***

<b>Nov 2012/ Nov 2013</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>Audience</b>
Haven Rotary Carols	£173	
Xmas Tree Festival 50%	£883	
Floods Exhibition : free	£505	c1,000
Herring Exhibition : free	£137	c400
Zip Wire Teddies £1	£52	c50
Beer tasting £20	£250	c20
Tea Long/Farmer £7.50	£747	c100
Dixiemix Jazz £10	£1,235	119
Ernie Childs Yarns £10	£1,250	147
Cantus Orientissimus £5	£490	78
GY Brass £7.50	£335	66
Gorl Comunity Choir £5	£757	140
Morley Consort	£145	c50
Blessing of the Nets £6	c£1,000	94