



Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust

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Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday, 12 November 2015

Time: 09:45

Venue: St.Nicholas Minster

Address: [Venue Address]

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES

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To confirm the minutes of the AGM held on 13 November 2014.

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 persons must be signed by a member of the Trust and by the person nominated.

4 REPORT TO THE TRUST

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The Chairman of the Trust will report on the activities of the Trust since the last

AGM, the report is attached.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Trust's accounts for the period ending 31 December 2014 will be tabled at the meeting.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other business as may be determined by the Chairman of the meeting as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

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Minutes

Thursday, 13 November 2014 at 09:45

Annual General Meeting

Present:

Dr Paul Davies (in the Chair), Mrs C Walker, Mr Jim Carter, Mr Tony King, Mr David McDermott, Mr Ian Miller, Mrs Sandra McCullagh, Mr Colin Smith, Mr Mike Taylor, Mr Robert Price, Mr Hugh Sturzaker, Mr Anthony Smith, Mr Robin Hodds and Mrs Karline Smith.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Lady Leicester, Henry Cator, Mike Muskett and Michael Boon.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the AGM meeting held on 14 November 2013 were confirmed.

3 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As all members were willing to continue and no alternative nominations were received all members were re-elected on block.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Committee were re-appointed en bloc.

4 REPORT TO THE TRUST

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

RESOLVED:

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

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Trust considered the Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2013.

RESOLVED:

That the Trust's Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2013 be accepted.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at: 09:50

Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust
Chairman's Report 2014/2015

During the year, Collen Walker resigned as a trustee during the year due to the pressure of county council commitments.

The Trust continues to be a member of the Waveney and Blyth Arts and agreed to be a contributor to the Greater Yarmouth Tourism Business Improvement District.

The Trust has had an active fund-raising year. Margaret King at Brahams, in Market Row, has continued to sell tickets, for which the Trust is grateful. However, she has now retired and the Trust is using the Tourism Information Centre on Marine Parade a ticket outlet (less a small commission). 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.

A two-month long exhibition on "Great Yarmouth and the Sea" by the Great Yarmouth Local History and Archaeological Society was hosted by the Minster. This raised funds (£274) and increased the footfall in the Minster. Many visited, especially those on holiday.

The Trust organised the following events:

Dixiemix Jazz Band raised £575 (much reduced on previous years' takings)

Umgawa Kagooga 8-piece Ska Band (only attracted 49 attendees). Raised £250 (thanks to a donation from Colin Smith of £250 – the band's fee).

For the first time a series of six Sunday afternoon concerts (with a slice of cake and a cuppa in the ticket price of £5) were organised. The concerts comprised different styles of music: Gorleston Community Choir, Wherry Brass Band, Mollyhawks shanty singers, Gary Winters and Hayley Moss, Kitty Collins (songs from the 1940s and 50s) and the curate Grant Bolton-Debbage with Bill Kibby. The total sum raised was £1,767. Cakes were made by Sara Smith, Sandra McCullough and Molly Davies.

The Blessing of the Nets with a herring supper was enhanced this year by the inclusion of two local schools. The congregation increased this year to c180. The herrings were cooked once again by the Burlington Hotel. The total raised was £978

The Christmas Tree and Crib Festival attracted c60 exhibits with 572 adults paying the £2 entry fee. The profit from the festival came to £2029.

The highlight of the year was Merry Opera's performance of Messiah by 12 accomplished singers. Sponsorship of £550 was obtained from six councillors' ward budgets. In spite of an audience of 135 a loss of £456 resulted.

The Third Celebrations Fair was cancelled as we failed to attract enough retailers.

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 and the Advertiser.

It also has a website (www.sncpt.co.uk) and a Facebook page entitled "Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust". Both are updated regularly.

The Chairman has performed numerous church and graveyard tours and talks for various groups with the fees being donated to the Trust. Colin Smith has also donated his many lecture fees to the Trust, as has Hugh Sturzaker and Tony Smith.

The web-site: www.easyfundraising.org.uk has produced some finance. This site gives a percentage of the cost of purchases made through the site to our Trust. Most of the major firms (eg John Lewis, ebay, Amazon etc) contribute. It is a painless way of raising finance.

It is pleasing to note that progress has been made on the re-ordering of the Minster. A consultant is producing a plan for heating the whole Minster and the organ will be, hopefully, restored in 2016.

The Trust acknowledges the excellent secretarial support of Robin Hodds and Karline Smith and their colleagues and the work of Michael Muskett (treasurer). Also, Margaret King, for helping to sell tickets through Brahams.

The Chairman thanks the members and trustees for their support over the year, especially those, who have supported and helped at Trust events and sold tickets. However, there have been occasions when more support has been needed and the few trust volunteers at events have had difficulty in maintaining standards and have had to rely on people outside the Trust.

Paul Davies – November 2015