

# FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST MARY WARWICK

Registered Charity No. 503629

## THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST MARY, WARWICK ON SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 2016 AT 12.00.

<b>Present:</b>	Kevin McHale, Jayne McHale, Peter Young, Sheila Freeman, Dr Charles Brown, Jean Liggins, David, Clive Black, David Guest, Gail Guest, Ian Bayliss, Noel Reeve, Jim Reeve, Frances Humphreys.
<b>1. Apologies For Absence.</b>	Apologies had been received from: Rev. Vaughan Roberts, Mr. John Luxton (Church Warden), Christine Smeaton, John Brown, Di Luxton, Dave Clark,
<b>2. Minutes of 2015 A.G.M.</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> April had been circulated and were approved as a true record of proceedings. Proposed: Ian Bayliss. Seconded: Jean Liggins.
<b>3. Chairman's Report</b>	<p>The meeting began with words of welcome to members and invited guests from Clive</p> <p>Clive thanked all for attending. He felt it had been a good year for the 'Friends' and that recent events had, in financial and fellowship terms, been particularly successful. (<i>see Hon. Treasures Report</i>)</p> <p>He reported on the events that took place last year and expressed particular satisfaction with the trip to Lord Leycester's Hospital</p> <p>Kevin McHale confirmed that a thank you letter and cheque, for Hospital funds, had been sent to the Master.</p> <p>Clive expressed his thanks to the Committee and in particular Kevin (Hon Sec), Ian Bayliss (Hon Treasurer) and Shirley Skinner (Hon Membership Sec.) He also thanked Jayne McHale would acts as membership secretary and Tony King our financial auditor.</p> <p>Sheila Young and Francis Humphreys stood down as Committee members this year. They were thanked by Clive for their help and support. It is hoped to co-opt a new member as soon as possible.</p>

<p><b>4. 5. 6. Election of Chairman, Honorary Secretary &amp; Honorary Treasurer</b></p>	<p>Mr. Clive Black was re-elected unopposed as Chairman. Mr. Kevin McHale was re-elected as Hon. Secretary until a replacement is found or April 2017. Mr. Ian Bayliss was prepared to stand for re-election. He was duly re-elected and thanked by the Chairman for the excellent work he had done in the past. Proposed: Jayne McHale Seconded: Sheila Freeman The election was unanimous. There were no other nominations.</p>
<p><b>7. Election of Committee.</b></p>	<p>Clive asked those in attendance to consider becoming committee members or suggest likely nominees. There were no nominations The Committee were all elected unopposed. Proposed: Peter Young Seconded: Frances Humphreys</p>
<p><b>8. Presentation and adoption of annual accounts.</b></p>	<p>The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Ian Bayliss presented the audited annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015. These were duly adopted. (see appendix II) He drew particular attention to the large amounts held in the Friends savings account. This was all ear-marked for the refurbishment project relating to the refurbishment of the Beauchamp Chapel. Proposed: Noel Reeve Seconded: Peter Young</p>
<p><b>9. Appointment of Auditor.</b></p>	<p>Mr. Tony King was re-elected as auditor for the year. Clive Black (Chair) confirmed that he would write to thank the auditor for his work. Proposed: Jayne McHale Seconded: Peter Young There were no other nominations.</p>
<p><b>10. Future Programme.</b></p>	<p>Clive reported that all was well in hand for these events and that the programme for 2017 would be finalised in the Autumn. (See Chairman's letter to members) Noel Reeve asked about disabled access at the Richard III exhibition. He confirmed that adequate provision was promised by the centre.</p> <p>Membership 2016/17 Clive reported that there were 98 members. 26 have not paid subscriptions for the last two years and 7 have paid for one of those years. Increasing our membership numbers was declared as our main focus for next year. Clive made mention to a discount scheme for guests attending our Fellowship Evening.</p>

<b>11. Any other Business.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Charles Brown asked if remunerations and 'Thank you' gifts made to those providing lecture and trips were sufficiently generous. Clive agreed to make sure this was considered when such events were being planned.</li><li>- Peter Young suggested a local trip to 'Old Bank'. He promised to liaise with the Hon. Sec. to take this forward.</li><li>- Sheila Freeman reported concerns about the state of repair and decoration in the Regimental Chapel. Although the Friends have no responsibility for this, Clive offered to discuss the issue with Rev. Vaughan Roberts.</li><li>- Sheila Freeman asked if there were any Friends' Christmas cards left for sale and if there were any plans to produce and sell any more. This will be discussed at the next full committee meeting, in September.</li></ul>
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