

FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST MARY WARWICK

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THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, THE LORD LEYCESTER HOSPITAL, HIGH STREET, WARWICK ON WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL 2015 AT 8.30PM

1. Present:	The Lord Lieutenant Sir Martin Dunne (The President) Mr. John Luxton, (Church Warden) and 20 members. Kevin McHale, Christine Smeaton, John Brown, Di Luxton, Eunice Shorthose, Geoffrey Eve, Clive Black, Helen Black, Peter & Christine Young, Anne & Brian Whinray, Rita Ray, Joan Brian, Jane Boxley, Brenda Watts, Jim Watts, Barry Golding, Ian Bayliss <u>Invited Guest</u> Sofia Tayton
1. Apologies For Absence.	Apologies had been received from: Noel & Jim Reeves, Jayne McHale, Shelia Freeman, Shirley Skinner, Peter and Doreen Ritchie. Rev. Vaughan Roberts.
2. Minutes of 2014 A.G. M.	The minutes of the meeting held on 30 th April had been circulated and were approved as a true record of proceedings. Proposed: John Luxton. Seconded: John Brown.
3. Chairman's Report	The meeting began with words of welcome to members and invited guests from Clive and the singing of the 'Birthday' song to Doreen Richie. 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>) He reported on the events that took place last year and expressed particular satisfaction with the minced pie and mulled wine stall run as part of the Victorian Evening. He also mentioned the gift of Servers albs and the new notice board. Clive expressed his thanks to the Committee and in particular Kevin (Hon Sec), Ian Bayliss (Hon Treasurer) and Shirley Skinner (Hon Membership Sec.) Shirley is standing down and it is hoped to co-opt a new membership secretary as soon as possible. A gift and card will be presented to Shirley at the earliest time. Clive invited all members to be forthcoming with suggestions for future events, trips and lectures. He noted a suggestion from

	John Brown to visit Waddesden Manor, next year.
4. 5. 6. Election of Chairman, Honorary Secretary & Honorary Treasurer	Mr. Clive Black was re-elected unopposed as Chairman. Mr. Kevin McHale was re-elected as Hon. Secretary. Mr. Ian Bayliss was prepared to stand for re-election. He was duly re-elected and thanked by the Chairman him for the excellent work he had done in the past. Proposed: Charles Brown Seconded: Geoffrey Eve
7. Election of Committee.	The Committee were all elected unopposed. Proposed: Charles Brown Seconded: Geoffrey Eve
8. Presentation and adoption of annual accounts.	The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Ian Bayliss presented the audited annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014. 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 refurbishment project relating to the refurbishment of the Beauchamp Chapel. Proposed: Sheila Young. Seconded: Christine Smeaton.
9. Appointment of Auditor.	Mr. Tony King was re-elected as auditor for the year. The Hon. Secretary confirmed that he would write to thank the auditor for his work. Proposed: Kevin McHale. Seconded: Doreen Richie.
10. Future Programme.	16th May Behind the scenes at St Mary's Demonstration: Bell Ringers 11th June All about Antiques Fellowship Evening Christine gave a short presentation 23rd June Broughton Castle and Gardens Trip Kevin gave a short presentation and reported ticket sales were going very well. He clarified the date of the trip (23 rd June 2015.) 17th July Croquet evening The home of Mr and Mrs Bratby, Warwick November Mulled wine and mince pie stall, Warwick Victorian evening Clive reported that all was well in hand for these events and that the programme for 2016 would be finalised in the Autumn.

<p>11. Any other Business.</p>	<p>Geoffrey Eve enquired why the 'Friends Trips' took place during the week. He pointed out that the Barrack Street car park was free at the weekends. Clive reminded Geoffrey that a survey of members' views had been taken in 2013. This showed a clear majority specified a preference for weekday trips.</p>
	<p><u>LECTURE.</u> The Lecture was a presentation by Sofia Tayton entitled 'Solicitors for the Elderly'. This was an opportunity for all members; those in their later years but also those with elderly parents; to check that they have the best provision in terms of powers of attorney, funding for care and legacies. This was not a 'sales pitch' in any way and, in his introduction, Clive alerted members to all the solicitors operating in the district. A free and lively question and answer session followed. Sofia was thanked by the Clive for the interesting talk and for standing in at short notice.</p>