

# FoWC AGM 2019

The 2019 FoWC AGM, held on Friday 8 March in All Saint's Church in Waldron, was attended by 20 people. The chairman Tim Williams thanked his committee for their hard work, particularly Angela Hough and Richard Fanshawe who had stepped down in recent months, and also Di Steele (not on the committee) who has laboured to update the FoWC website which currently also promotes church events pending rehabilitation of the official church website. (The rest of the committee were re-elected without dissent - Tim Williams, Nigel Beard, Ian Dixon, Roger Dixon, Roger Clark and Mary Everett Manser – and all proposals were passed *nem con*).

The chairman discussed the events of the past year, which included a concert in rustic dress by Sussex Harmony in April, the Photographic Competition in November and the Cracking Christmas Fair held in All Saints church on 8 December. He also commented on the vigorous support in the village for the All Saints' Organ Fund, which benefitted from successful fund raising at Culverwood and from George Pitcher's Camino between Chichester and Waldron. Ray Cade had arranged a Quiz Night in State Hall in November for the Friends, who were also pleased to support Valerie Chidson's British Legion evening with her talk in All Saints' Church about a family member who had been a pilot – and PoW - in WW1. The Friends have resources and volunteers often available to help at such village events.

This year's plans include concerts, a Quiz Night at The Star in support of the Friends on Monday evening, 3 June, the Rotary Classic Car Fun Day on the Cattam on 11 August, and another Cracking Christmas Fair, this time on Sunday 1 December, ahead of rival festive events. A recital to celebrate refurbishment of the All Saints' organ is also being considered.

As to 2020 - our next FoWC pantomime will be staged at All Saints on January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> - dates for next year's diary - and we also hope to host Open Gardens in Waldron once again.

The Treasurer Roger Dixon announced healthy reserves amounting to over £56,000, with the plans for St Barts' being the likely beneficiary, recent money having gone to improving the lighting at All Saints' and pay for the new mobile servery and floor tiling in the very useful social area. The Relief Fund of £1000 awaits proposals for adequate facilities at both churches, though the discreet Porterloo at each site has been welcomed.

We are always grateful for new volunteers to join our secular committee, so please let one of us know if you can spare a little time to support our thriving village: it may open new doors for you !