

**REPORT ON THE FRIENDS MEETING
HELD AT St NICHOLAS CHURCH, THORNE
AT 10.00am ON 27th MARCH 2004.**

There were about 24 members present.

After asking the Vicar to give a blessing the Chairman Derek Singleton asked for volunteers for Treasurer and Secretary of the Friends. There was a discussion identifying the need for separation of these functions from those of the Trustees after which Gill Eden was asked to be Secretary/ Treasurer and she accepted. It was agreed that these functions may have to be separated as the workload increased (After the meeting Jill was offered assistance with treasurers duties)

It was reported that since the last meeting over £200 had been raised from subscriptions/donations and there were already about 44 signed up as Friends. Ian said that he was getting advice from the Bank regarding drawing up a preformed for standing orders and pledges. He also suggested a Friends page on the Town Council website which was approved. (www.thorne-moorends.gov.uk)

The rest of the meeting was devoted to ideas for fundraising etc:

Huge bugs bunny from Audrey which she is raffling.

Beautiful quilt-Venetia. Sell by raffle.

100 club - Sue to investigate.

Old photos on CD - John Platt already selling well.

Events - 2nd April - Easter Bonnet dance.

26th June - Tom and Paulines Golden Wedding. They would like to share the event with The Friends and suggest donations instead of presents.

6th July - Wheatsheaf Girls Choir.

Publicity - Gill to do regular news column/events listing for Gazette. Also try to get cut out membership form in the Gazette. - Friends asked to distribute membership forms.

Music in the Church -Kate Harrison folk/blues Sept/Oct.

- Organ recital – Messiah performance 18th December 2004?

Post cards/notelets. Stained glass windows/ line drawing of church - Ian/Sue.

Project involving school - Trevor/Sue/Kate.

6th Form enterprise group/prints of old Thorne - Trevor/John.

Projects to cater for the needs of young people - Joy.

It was agreed that for the time being meetings would be held on the last Saturday of each month, the next one being Saturday 24th April, 10.00am at the Church.