



Friends of All Saints' Dogmersfield ("FOASD")

**Reg Charity No: 1103661 (reg: Red Cottages, Dogmersfield, RG27 8SX)
Annual General Meeting 2025 – Sunday 26th October 2025 at 12.15pm at
At All Saints Church, Church Lane, Dogmersfield**

Attending:-

Nicky Jarvis (NJ)
Valery Scott (VS)
Suzy Stedman (SS)
Sarah Welch (SW)
Christine Lowe (CL)
Angela Dickson (AD)
Richard James (RJ)
Stephen Dennison (SD)
Sue Smith (SSm)

1. Apologies & Welcome

Nicky welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that we had received apologies from: John Geering, Paula Morrish, Louise High, Joyce Stace, Ian and Lorraine Taylor, Robert and Caroline Dixon, Guy Stephenson and Sarah Groombridge.

2. Approval of 2024 Minutes

A copy of the previous Minutes from 2024 was available and NJ advised that these were also available on our website. NJ asked if Minutes of the 2024 AGM could be adopted as a true and accurate record. Proposed by SS and Seconded by SD.

3. Matters Arising from 2023 AGM

NJ confirmed that the only matter of note was the suggestion that we publicise our FOASD fundraising events directly to our members by email from the Dogmersfield Friends gmail account. NJ confirmed that she had ensured this had happened with the 2024/5 events. SD did advise that he had only received the AGM notice via email. NJ suggested she could also send a note from her personal email account to SD. RJ asked if SD wanted to be on his PCC email list as that often included the FOASD events. SD agreed and VS will let RJ have SD's details.

4. Trustees Annual Report (TAR) – Nicky Jarvis – Chair

FOASD Committee and Introductions

NJ advised our Committee is made up of a Team of 7 Trustees who are:-

Nicky Jarvis – Chair

Valery Scott – Treasurer & Membership Secretary

Louise High – Secretary

Sarah Welch – Trustee

Suzy Stedman – Trustee

Paula Morrish – Trustee

Sarah Groombridge – Trustee

The Charity – what we do ...

Friends of All Saints' Dogmersfield is a local charity made up of local Trustees. The charity was setup in 2004 initially from within the congregation of All Saints' Church. The reach of this charity now extends beyond the walls of the church as we have welcomed Trustees from the local village and beyond. The mission statement of FOASD is to raise funds for the restoration, preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement and beautification of All Saints' Church, Dogmersfield. The funds we raise at the events I mention below are all used for this purpose. Another aim of our small group is to bring the community together at many local events we arrange.

In recent years our funds raised have been instrumental in enabling the specialist repairs needed to the stonework to go ahead. In late 2022 we launched our Bell Tower Appeal and I'll give an update on that a little later. One of the important aspects of this project will be the creation of community space within the church and this will be key to encouraging the local community to feel this is a space for them.

Valery's Treasurer's report will give plenty of facts and figures in relation to the past financial year, from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 plus an overview of each of our activities since the last AGM, what we've achieved at these events.

My update will touch on what we've achieved and what our aims are for the future. I'll also give you an update on our Bell Tower Appeal.

Looking back over this financial period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, the diary of our regular events was a busy one and during this period we ran or helped to run 8 fabulous events. It goes without saying that we couldn't do this many without the wonderful help of our Committee, Family, Friends and Villagers. We really are very grateful.

Our Bell Tower Appeal – Update and going forward ...

As mentioned a little earlier, I wanted to give an update on our Bell Tower Appeal. I'm pleased to announce that following our request to the Diocese for approval for all the works – including repairs to the existing bells, a new ringing platform and 3 new bells, plus the community space ... we've now been given the formal approval!

We are about to give the bell foundry the go ahead to make a start on the new bells and currently the work is pencilled in to start early next year. This is of course subject to contracts etc being signed. We're really pleased with the recent progress. You'll see when Valery gives her update that we've been greatly supported by donations and also at our fundraising events, however there's still more to do. We've been busy applying for Grants for some of the work being undertaken as part of the project. Some grant funders will be happy to consider us for the kitchenette and community space and others will look to support us with regard to the bells and bell tower repairs. In total we've applied for 4 grants so far and we should start to hear on those soon.

One aspect giving slight concern is the Listed Places of Worship Scheme. We've previously been apply to apply for VAT relief via this scheme for works carried out to the church, however there has been a recent change made to this scheme of applying a cap for the year 25/26 at £25K. This in and of itself isn't a major concern, however more worryingly is currently there is a chance the scheme will be scrapped after 31st March 2026. This would obviously mean any vat we wish to reclaim will need to be prior to 31st March 2026. A decision will be made in November's budget and we'll be keeping our eyes peeled for any information around that.

We've been overwhelmed by the fantastic response we've received to our appeal. It would appear that the bells really do touch people's hearts. We've had some wonderful donations and we're so grateful for each and every one.

We're keeping our supporters, members, the local community up to date on our project and we're really hoping that with Dogmersfield being without any community space (other than occasional use of the local primary school), we can really make a difference to the local community once this work is completed.

Our next year of fundraising – next financial year and beyond!

Going forward, we have our regular events in the diary, so far these are:-

-  Bonfire Party at the Dogmersfield Cricket Club - 2nd November 2025
-  Curry & Quiz at the Queens Head, Dogmersfield - 3rd November 2025
-  Curry & Quiz - March 2025 – date tbc
-  Open Garden at The Dower House – event/date tbc
-  Annual Village Duck Race – Sunday 24th May 2026 – date tbc
-  Royal Ascot at the Four Seasons – Friday 19th June 2026 – event tbc

There may well be a Christmas Concert in December 2025 (which will be in addition to the usual Carol Service). We're looking at how we can put this together and that will be a great collaboration between the Parish Council, the Church and the local Community.

We're also considering another music event at the church during 2026 which will be similar in nature to the one we held in 2024, details to be provided in due course. NJ advised a working group would be setup for this event and SD confirmed he would be happy to be a part of the working group.

As part of our Bell repairs and new bells being installed we'll also be hosting some Open Days at the Church and a celebration or two at various stages of the work! We'll be sure to keep our members updated with news of the progress and any events we organise.

My Personal Thanks and in Memory ...

Firstly, I would like to let you know of two members we have sadly lost recently. They are John Maunsell-Thomas who was a Life Member, a generous donor and an ardent support of FOASD. Also, we sadly lost Cynthia Tigwell who was also a Member. Cynthia was a great supporter of FOASD and would generously often supplying us with numerous cuddly toys for our Duck Race Raffles, Prize Giving and many charity stalls. Our best wishes go to John and Cynthia's families.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank every one of our supporters. I'm sure you'll agree when we've gone through Valery's report that for a small local village charity, the amounts we raise throughout the year are incredible, and that can only be achieved with your support – so thank you!

Also, as I mentioned earlier, I really appreciate the help of those who help out at all of the events and various fundraising throughout the year. We're a small committee and it simply wouldn't be possible to hold the events we do without this help. I would like to specifically thank Christine Lowe who has been an absolute driving force with our Bell Tower Project – she and I and also Richard (thank you!) have spent many hours putting together all the many reams of paperwork for the grant applications and also, with regard to the project in general.

Lastly, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank every one of our committee members (and very often their family and friends!) for their tireless help with all the events we hold. I really feel that we have a committee who can each bring different strengths to what we do, and this has led to some really successful fundraising events this year.

We would also like to thank all our members, local residents and everyone at the church for supporting and helping us.

This is all a collaboration and hopefully with the new community space and when the work is completed it will feel like we're all working together!

5. Treasurer's report – Valery E Scott – Treasurer & Membership Secretary

This is the summary of the key points in the Annual Receipts & Payments Accounts. Hard copies have been distributed for reference.

The Annual Receipts & Payments Accounts have been prepared using the online template provided by the Charity Commission for England & Wales. The figures show all funds received, and payments include event costs, capital expenditure and payments for services and work done.

The primary focus for all fundraising remains The Bell Tower Appeal.

The accounts have been prepared by Valery Scott (Treasurer) and verified by Nicky Jarvis (Chair) and independently inspected by Anne Fillis in her capacity as a qualified FCCA.

All information relates to the y/e 31 March 2025

Membership Subscriptions received: £2090

The total membership for year 24/25 was 55

The membership breakdown is:

23 Life memberships, 19 Joint memberships, 12 Single memberships & 1 Family membership.

Donations totalled: £12598

This figure includes two significant donations, one of £7500 & one of £3000, the remainder being various ad hoc smaller donations.

Fundraising Events Profits: £9889 - (Broken down by event below)

The Receipts and Payments report details all income & expenditure for all events, the figures below are net of all expenditure incurred for each event.

Dower House Open Garden: £1347

Open Garden at The Dower House in May 2024 – this is now a regular fixture on our calendar of events which kindly hosted by Richard and Anne-Marie Revell and is a wonderfully popular event, both locally and also with the National Gardens Scheme. It's a fantastic time of year to view the arboretum which are always splendidly in flower! The tea and cake stall is a very busy one at this event but it's worth all the hard work!

Duck Race & BBQ: £2434

The Annual Village Duck Race – This event was held at Red Cottages. It made for a good setting as there was lots of room for the children to run around & those people that didn't want to walk around to the other side of the river could watch from Red Cottages. This again took the format of 'bring your own picnic' which has proved to be very popular, however for the first time in a few years we added a BBQ with hot dogs on the menu – which was very popular! We were also treated to music by local band 'Big Al and the Doggers' which went down a treat. The Bar is always well stocked at the beginning and usually not so by the end of the day! We always round off with the prize giving for the Duck Race which takes place along the River.

Four Seasons Ascot Afternoon Tea: £341

Royal Ascot Ladies Day at the Four Seasons in June 2024. This is always such great fun ... we all get to dress up in our finest dresses, some guests also choose hats or fascinators! We were able to once again make use of the TV facilities at the Four Seasons and follow the racing live with interest and a few small sweepstakes on each race! As usual, top notch hospitality from the Four Seasons and we're always so grateful for their support.

Music Soirée: £3134

This was our first event of this type and was extremely successful. We had a full house with some wonderful piano music & a classical trio. We welcomed guests with canapés and sold wine and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Quiz Evening QH October, £492 & Quiz Evening QH March: £474

(£220 of this was banked in the 25/26 financial year)

We held two Curry & Quiz nights at the Queens Head and we're very grateful for Fabian's support. The tickets for these always sell-out within a couple of days as it's so popular! These are great fun and we everyone enjoys the quiz, plus the social side of catching up with neighbours and friends. The food is delicious and I'm sure a few drinks certainly helps with the quiz.

Dower House Bonfire: £1081

We're very grateful to Anne-Marie and Richard Revell, and all their family, for their continued support throughout the year, and particularly for hosting the Bonfire Party in November. This is a wonderful event and is always well attended by many friends and neighbours, with children and dogs in tow ! There's plenty of mulled wine, hot dogs, home-made soup on offer together with a roaring bonfire what more could you wish for?!

Four Seasons Christmas Private Dining: £586

The last event of the calendar year, and one which we've hold for a couple of years now, was a small private dining Christmas meal at the Four Seasons. A lovely meal in fabulous surroundings, a game of 'Play Your Cards Right' and a raffle together with the sale of wine help us make a profit as well as having a great evening. We really do appreciate the support of the Four Seasons at both events we hold there.

Other Income: £275

Investment interest from funds held in CCLA account.

Other Payments: £11098

Payments totalling £10564 were made for services relating to work for the Church Restoration/Bell Tower, including total payments of £5200 for the Kitchenette for the community space which will be created as part of the Bell Tower work. The remainder of the payments were minimal and were connected to administration, printing & replacement of equipment.

The total cash funds held were: £80085

CCLA Deposit account - £5609

Lloyds current account - £74153

Petty Cash - £323

Summary

As the charity's income is in excess of £10,000 we are required by the Charity Commission to submit a full annual return and this will be submitted online once the Annual Receipts & Payments Accounts are approved. A copy of this document is below:-



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	1103661
Friends of All Saints Dogmersfield	

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2024		31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Annual Subscriptions	2,090	-	-	2,090	880
Donations	12,598	-	-	12,598	20,553
CCLA Interest	275	-	-	275	188
October Quiz	1,014	-	-	1,014	449
March Quiz	1,061	-	-	1,061	543
Bonfire Event	1,081	-	-	1,081	674
Duck Race Event	3,152	-	-	3,152	2,702
Four Seasons Ascot	1,304	-	-	1,304	139
Wreath Making	-	-	-	-	431
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	2,052
Open Garden	1,347	-	-	1,347	1,062
Four Seasons Xmas Dinner	3,035	-	-	3,035	690
Duck Race 25/26	146	-	-	146	-
Four Seasons Ascot 25/26	494	-	-	494	-
Music Soirée	4,344	-	-	4,344	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,941	-	-	31,941	30,363
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,941	-	-	31,941	30,363
A3 Payments					
Wax Website Upgrade	-	-	-	-	134
Gazebos	-	-	-	-	110
Printing Bell Tower Leaflets	-	-	-	-	54
Wix Website	230	-	-	230	94
General printing (leaflets)	40	-	-	40	72
Print Cartidges	35	-	-	35	29
Bell Tower All Over Construction	924	-	-	924	944
Bell Tower Kitchenette	5,200	-	-	5,200	-
Bell Tower Ryan Bunce	1,440	-	-	1,440	-
Bell Tower Marbas Group	3,000	-	-	3,000	2,274
Petty Cash Expenses (stamps)	24	-	-	24	31
October Quiz	522	-	-	522	-
March Quiz	807	-	-	807	-
Music Soirée	1,211	-	-	1,211	-
Duck Race Event	718	-	-	718	-
Four Season Xmas	2,449	-	-	2,449	-
Four Seasons Ascot	963	-	-	963	-
Sub total	17,563	-	-	17,563	3,742
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Water Urn	60	-	-	60	-
Glassware	145	-	-	145	-
Sub total	205	-	-	205	-
Total payments	17,768	-	-	17,768	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,173	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	65,912	-	-	65,912	67,107
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)					

Cash funds this year end

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds	74,153	-	-
	CCLA	5,609	-	-
	Petty Cash	323	-	-
	Total cash funds	80,085	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
	Water Urn		-	-
	Glassware		-	-
	Gazebos		-	-
	Rubber ducks		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
		-		
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

CCXX R2 accounts (SS)

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS DOGMERS FIELD

On accounts for the year ended

31-03-25

Charity no
(if any)

1103661

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

13-10-25

Name:

ANNE FILLIS

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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Oct 2018

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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We are required to have the Receipts & Payments Accounts formally approved by the Trustees by way of a Proposer & a Seconder. This was proposed by SW and Seconded by SS.

6. Church Wardens' Report – Sue Smith & Richard James

2025 has been a busy year with lots of different activities going on together with our Bell Tower and Community Space Project being very much in all of our minds. We have been grateful to our Clergy Team who have helped us to have a service every Sunday despite the additional challenges of covering for churches outside of our own benefice. They regularly do two services at Winchfield and All Saints' – one after each other – and occasionally without a coffee stop!

It is fair to say that our average attendances are down this year, due to a combination of reasons, illness, the pressures of family activities and sadly we have lost some of our congregation from the village. We try to encourage new villagers to come along to All Saints' and work closely with the School and the Parish Council in that regard. Our extra community space when it arrives will help us to make opportunities for the community to join together a lot easier.

We have had fewer weddings this year from the previous year (including that weekend in August when we had 3 on consecutive days!), our baptisms have continued which is always very heartening to see families involved in our Sunday morning service. The phrase "hatch them, match them and despatch them" is quite a relevant one as we often see families returning at varying stages of their lives for services at All Saints'.

Sadly we lost two of our dear friends from the congregation this year Cynthia Tigwell and John Maunsell-Thomas who were also both generous supporters of FOASD. The PCC are most grateful to FOASD for their continued support throughout the year and not just of the bell project. "Friends" _organise various events during the year in support of the church and we are most appreciative to the hosts, organisers and those who attend raising funds for All Saints'. Likewise at our own church events we are always supported by those from "Friends" and again we are very grateful, even if my Harvest quiz was a little bit harder this year!

All Saints' Church continues to flourish due to the contributions of many who worship here and others who do not but value its continued mission in the benefice. Under the direction of our Clergy and with the support of the PCC, we hope it will continue to strive to be relevant and meet the needs of the community it serves. The support of FOASD is always much appreciated in our working together, alongside the School and Parish Council.

With the festive season fast approaching (another year has flown by!) we will be delighted to see any of our "Friends" at one of the services, you will always be assured of a warm welcome.

7. AOB

NJ pointed out that she felt the music event even without the generous donation for baby grand piano is still worth doing due to the amount of profit raised.

SD asked if we had look into competitive interest rates as he has used Nat West in the past. VS confirmed that we used CCLA for our deposit account. We were expecting to be paying a large amount for a deposit to the bell foundry shortly, but NJ said they would take a look at alternative rates for flexible accounts.

SD asked about where we are with funds for the project as a whole. NJ talked through the position with funds generally and the often complicated process of applying for the Grants, and CL talked through the works, tenders etc.

NJ confirmed we will know more when we get the programme of works drafted and finalised tenders for the general building work.

8. Election of officers

NJ confirmed that she would be standing again as **Chair** and that VS and Louise High had also both agreed to stand as **Treasurer & Membership Secretary** and **Secretary** respectively.

These 3 elections were Proposed by SS and Seconded by SW.

Meeting Closed at 12.45pm.