



Special Points of Interest

- AGM
- Committee Changes
- Solar Panels

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WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

Our last newsletter was in March 2015. So what has been happening within the Friends of St. Catherine's Church since then:-

Well the Committee has changed for members' personal reasons or career changes, as is the way with voluntary groups.

The changes included losing Chairman Rob Reed due to work and family commitments. However Malcolm Young and Nava Young have returned.

We are continuing to arrange events in support of enhancing the Churchyard.

Sadness

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Ken Lock. He served on the committee for a number of years and will be sadly missed.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN - THE PLANS ARE CHANGING

For some years now the Friends of St Catherine's Church has been supporting and assisting financially with plans to create a Community Garden around the Church entrance. The Church is a listed building and everything has to be approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee and by English Heritage. Both these organisations are in favour of the scheme but have requested changes to the plans that were submitted. This is in order to reduce the impact on the present churchyard by moving a smaller number of headstones. New outline plans have now been approved and we are now in the process of proceeding with full plans which will then be submitted for approval. Once these are agreed the full details will be made available to all the community.

It has also been decided to rename the project to reflect the current plans. The aim of the project is to make the graveyard more community friendly but its prime purpose is a Churchyard so the scheme is now "Churchyard Enhancement."



Important Dates

ROCKIN' ON HEAVEN'S DOOR 2.

On September 9th (7.30) at St Catherine's Church, Ventnor Guitar Club will return to for another evening of rock classics, interspersed with solo slots, all in support of the Friends of St Catherine's. The line-up will feature songs by the Beatles, Bob Dylan, Simon & Garfunkel, Gerry Rafferty and Chuck Berry. The solo slots will be a chance to showcase the talents of club members. Drinks will be available throughout, with light snacks during the interval. There will also be an opportunity hear about the work of the Friends' in supporting St Catherine's fundraising efforts.

Admission free with a retiring collection. Do come along- a splendid time is guaranteed for all!

24 Hour music event 15/16th October - full programme on website.

Bridge Tournament - Date TBA

Our AGM was held at St Catherine's on the 8th June 2016. The committee has decided to move the financial year end to that of the Church. The next AGM will therefore be held early 2017.

Malcolm Young was elected Chairman and Nava Young Treasurer. Accounts were approved and discussion to place around the community garden.



Financial Report

SOLAR PANELS - Energy From Nature

The church solar panels have generated the following Kwh and the performance translates thus:-

Quarter	kWh generated	Generation payment
December 2012 to December 2013	2154	£1039
December 2013 to February 2015	3827	£1896
February 2015 to July 2016	5280	£2674
Totals	11261kWh	£5609



FUNDRAISING 2015

Fundraising Events 2015

Bridge Tournament
Spring / Summer Quizzes
Sing-along Mamma Mia
Sing-along Les Miserables
Ventnor Guitar Club Concert

Lead Organiser's for the event

£200 Gordon
£152 Gordon/Robin/David
£240 Michele
£473 Michele
£505 Hugh



During the year FOSCAT helped with a donation to wards architects fees for the community garden and also purchased a film projector.

Current Committee

President – Reverend Hugh Wright
Patron — Currently vacant
Chairman – Malcolm Young
Secretary – Gordon Pollard
Treasurer – Nava Young
Vice Chairman – David Tamcken
Webmaster – Malcolm Young
Members – Jill Lock
Michele Brock
Publicity Officer – Evelyn Knowles

We would like some new Committee members from local community groups, who could benefit from the new facilities that St. Catherine's Church has to offer.

Come and join us!

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We warmly invite all who share in our vision for St Catherine's to join the Friends
Many people who joined the Friends of St Catherine's Church during its first year back in 2009 are still valued supporters today and have already renewed their subscriptions for the year to come.

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sort code 54-41-31

NatWest Bank, 19 High Street, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, PO37 6JX

For the account of: Friends of St. Catherine's Church

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