

WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

Our last newsletter was in September 2016. So what has been happening within the Friends of St. Catherine's Church since then:-

The 24 Hour music event has taken place.
Oliver the Musical has taken place.



On the 4th February we hosted an evening sing along to Oliver. Hot Sausage and Mustard followed by Cold Jelly and Custard was served before the start and at the interval. The evening raised £256 for the FOSCAT funds.



The 24 hour Music event was well supported by the community. Volunteers ensured that music was played every hour from 10.45 on Saturday to 10.45 on Sunday. Thanks to Michele and David for planning the event and to everyone else who gave their time playing and supporting everyone.

Over £2,024 was raised for the Friends funds.

The Churchyard Enhancement - Progress

For some years now the Friends of St Catherine's Church has been supporting and assisting financially with plans to enhance the Churchyard and the area around West End of the Church. The Church is a listed building and everything has to be approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee and advised 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. John Quinlan, the architect, has been making good progress and produced artists impressions for parts of the plan and also information needed to proceed with the Diocesan application. We are currently working through the application with the DAC and also Island Roads regarding the re-siting of the Entrance.

Copies of the plans are available on our Facebook page and website.

The purpose of the work is to make the Churchyard more friendly for the community to spend time there.



Forthcoming Dates

AGM is 26th April at 8.00 p.m. All welcome

19th May - Spring Quiz at St Catherine's 19:30.

Bridge Tournament - Date TBC

Meal at St Catherine's arranged by Nava Date TBC

November - Organ concert with Douglas Potts Date TBC



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Financial Report

SOLAR PANELS - Energy From Nature

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

Period	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
July 2016 to October 2016	1121	£573
October 2016 to January 2017	300	£153
Totals	12385 kWh	£6335



Fundraising Events 2016/7

Lead Organiser for the event

Ventnor Guitar Club Concert	£473.91	Hugh
24 Hour Music Event	£2024.27	Michele and David
Oliver	£256	Michele

During the year FOSCAT helped with a donation towards architects fees for the Churchyard enhancement and also a contribution towards the new boiler.



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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Membership of the Friends.

We warmly invite all who share in our vision for St Catherine's to join the Friends
 There is no annual subscription but you can if you wish make a donation which will be used towards the costs involved in running events. Club 52 gives you the option to pay a small amount monthly. We will preferably email you our newsletter and details of forthcoming events. If you do not have email we can post it for you.

I/we wish to pay £

Name

Address

E-mail

Tel. No.

Club 52 (e.g. £1 a week or £4.33p a month) = £52 p.a.

** If you wish to pay by standing order and require a form for your bank please tick here... ☐

Alternatively, if you wish to set up a standing order with your bank via the Internet, you will require our

Account details, which are:-

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

Account No. 49572350

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