

Fulbrook Meeting Place Report for 2016

The regular events of weekly Fitness Group and monthly Lunch Club and Coffee Mornings continue to go well with membership numbers holding. Regrettably the new team running the Fulbrook Forum (was Fulbrook Fellowship) decided to move their meeting venue to the Carpenters Arms. Many thanks go to the Fulbrook Fellowship for their support over the past 10 years and we wish the new regime every success. We are pleased to report that Frankie and Danny at the Carpenters Arms are very generously donating the £15 fee we used to receive each meeting as they do not want the church to be out of pocket.

We only held 3 events in 2016 – a Quiz in April, with questions from David Foster, which was a great success and fun-filled evening. Then we had Open Gardens in June with refreshments being served at the FMP. The weather was not helpful and consequently visitor numbers and revenue were down on 2014. Finally in December we held a wonderful evening of music organised by Brian Kay with the Burford Singers. Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the music and listening to Brian's excellent story-telling.

In total the FMP raised nearly £4200 in the year which went towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.

It was decided during the year that, as everything at the FMP was running smoothly, the need for a management committee had diminished to such a degree that it was no longer necessary. Immense thanks go to Diana Lethbridge, Jacky Harrington and the members of the committee, over the years, for all the hard work carried out in establishing the success of the FMP. Bookings for now will continue with Chrissy Wright and any future Fulbrook Meeting Place issues will be handled by a representative on the PCC.

Plans are in hand for 2017 and 2 events are already being organised – the Great St James Tea Party at Waterloo Farm, by courtesy of Martin and Deborah Knight, on Saturday July 8th and a Saints Day Supper, at the FMP, to be organised by Lyn Bibbings & Peter Burns and Jacky & John Harrington on Saturday 29th July.

Many thanks go to everyone who contributed towards the fundraising events and to the support of those attending. We now look forward to a successful 2017.

John Harrington
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