



The Friends of Dedham Church Charity

Annual Report 2010

Registered Charity Number:

Charity No: 1103634

Registered Address:

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Charity Trustees as at December 2010

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Objective of the Charity:

To maintain, repair, restore, preserve, improve, beautify and reconstruct for the benefit of the public the fabric of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Dedham its monuments, fixtures, fittings, furniture, stained glass, ornaments and other chattels and its churchyard. In addition the Society may support any charitable purpose in the parish of Dedham that promotes the whole mission of the said Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Membership

The Friends currently have 126 members, fourteen of whom are life members.

Main Objectives 2010

In 2010 the Friends pledged to support the refurbishment work to be carried out in the Nave. As the project start date is still to be agreed and the final cost for this is anticipated to be high, the Friends agreed to ring-fence a large part of their funds to support this major project. Consequently no grants were given to the Church in 2010.

Three small grants were given to local community projects – Dedham Youth Club, the Duchy Barn and Dedham Films.

Members' Events: A member's trip to Burghley was arranged in 2010 and 39 people attended. A Friends of Dedham Church drinks party was held at the house of Peter and Joanna Wilson on 12th August with over 60 members attending.

Fund Raising Activities

A Golf Day was held at Hintlesham Hall on 12th May and was attended by 65 people. Players enjoyed a round of 18 holes followed by a delicious lunch in the clubhouse. £1,239 was raised.

On 25th June, the Dedham Summer Ball was held to raise general funds for the Friends. It was a very successful evening with 174 people attending and £7,845 was raised. Many thanks to all those who attended the events.

Other funding was raised through general donations, subscriptions and gift aid.

Financial Review

In 2010 the Friends of Dedham Church raised a total of £10,974 after event expenses. This revenue was achieved through subscriptions, donations, fund raising events, member's events, gift aid and interest.

In 2010 a total of a total of £1,222.48 was approved in grants: £580 for a marquee for Dedham Youth Club to help them in their fund raising, £142 for the annual maintenance costs of the CCTV at the Duchy Barn and £500 for the initial establishment costs of Dedham Films which was launched in September 2010.

The Friends' current assets amount to £32,176.38. I am confident, therefore, that we have the resources to continue to support the fabric of the Church and other connected community projects in Dedham.

A set of accounts are attached to this report.

Plans for the Future

The Friends will continue to raise funds towards the refurbishment work to be carried out in the Nave. Additional projects that will be supported include a security system to protect the Church, the upgrade of kitchen and cloakroom facilities and the continuing work in the Churchyard.

The 2010 Dedham Summer Ball will be held on 24th June at Le Talbooth.

A Members' trip will be held on 6th September to Bletchley Park.

A Member's drinks party will take place on 18th August at the home of Philip and Jill Strangward.