

Summary of Accounts – as at 31st December 2022

Receipts 2022		Expenses 2022	
Membership Subscriptions	£ 843	Church Room Project	£ 1,008
Donations	£ 1,180	Grant Expenditure	£ 2,499
Fund Raising (net)	£ 2,134	Broadband Project	£ 125
Grants Received	£ 9,780	Insurance	£ 211
Gift Aid	£ 370	Annual Review	£ 17
Bank Interest	£ 137	Future Event Costs	£ 19
		Hub Administration	£ 144
Total Receipts	£ 14,444	Total Expenses	£ 4,104
Surplus 2022	£ 10,340		
Surplus Brought Forward	£ 21,435		
Balance of Funds	£ 31,775		

These figures are still subject to an External Review

Grants Received are specifically to be used for a mixture of capital and running costs identified. Their unspent amounts as at 31 Dec 2022 of £7,281 will be used in the new year as originally granted. This balance is included in the Balance of Funds.

We are always very grateful to those members who have been with us for many years. Thank you to those who have already paid or arranged to pay the 2023 subscription. Your funding is very valuable to us and appreciated.

If after reading this you fancy joining our membership that would be great thank you. We look forward to seeing you at our events.

Renewal / Joining form is attached with a standing order form and all the relevant details. The funds will benefit greatly if you are eligible for Gift Aid as detailed on the application form.

If you would like to get involved, donate a promise or have suggestions for improvements or initiatives in the Community Hub, please contact us via fosmteam@gmail.com

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH STEVINGTON

Registered Charity Number: 1139161

Ann Prigmore-Steward
Helen Prentice (Treasurer)
Hugo van Kempen*
Jacqueline Curtis

Trustees:
Jane O'Connor
John Duffield
John Strutt
Robert Eadie

Stephanie Wingrove*
Tony Pyner*
Tricia Lennie (Chair)
* = Not 2023

The Friends of ST MARY'S CHURCH STEVINGTON

This has been a year of contrasts for The Friends, but thankfully with an increasingly optimistic trajectory! As the nation gradually recovered from lockdown the Church Room building could not have looked less promising. The shop had been closed, events cancelled, bills were outstripping income by a considerable margin and the structure had deteriorated. It was crunch time.

A meeting for stakeholders took place on 17th March 2022 and it was there that the plan for a rejuvenated Community Hub was born. All felt the building was too important in village life to let it dwindle and committed themselves to supporting events that residents wanted. The first was a big clean up and relaunch for a Queen's Jubilee tea



party on 2nd June with cakes and support provided by the WI and a generous financial donation from Kathy Brown's Garden.



From there, events took off in a multitude of directions; the Toddler Group, music and craft workshops, regular Coffee and Croissants mornings and support of the Community Shop to meet the needs of a changing village demographic.

Annual Review 2022



This ensured we were all very busy. A fresh bread delivery to the village and the initiative of online ordering have made a big difference to footfall. A major grant was secured from the Bedford and Luton

Community Fund so building improvement work can progress.



Audio visual equipment has been upgraded. Ward Councillor Jon Abbott contributed £1k of Ward Funds to a 5-year compliance certificate for the electrics and The Gale Family Trust granted £2,200 towards more professional storage and display for the Community Shop. Events like Christmas Wreath Making were enjoyed by all who attended, and we were delighted by the support of village organisations who helped to decorate the Christmas tree for the Christmas coffee morning with carols.



Thanks to all in our community who have supported financially or practically, the future of Stevington Community Hub now looks more promising!

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THE GALE FAMILY CHARITY TRUST

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Bedfordshire & Luton
Community Foundation

How you can help!

Use your Community Shop and Drop-In Cafe and let the shopkeepers know if you have suggestions for continued improvements. The shop committee invite you to their Open Day;



If you haven't visited your community shop yet, why not come along to the Open Morning on Saturday 11th March at 10 a.m. Have some refreshments and a good look around, you'll be surprised at what we have to offer. We look forward to seeing you then.

Sign up to support Stevington Community Hub via www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

So far 30 supporters donate via Easy Fundraising each time they make an online purchase. Retailers donate a small percentage and supporters don't spend any more than they had already planned. This seems the ideal fund-raising method in challenging times. Thank you to all those who have supported in 2022!



2023



Put the following dates in your diary:

Friday 24th March 2023. FOSMS Quiz night.

The return of the popular Quiz and Chilli Supper (7pm).

Several teams are already entered, but if you have not heard but would like to take part, please contact Robert Eadie robert@eadies.org.uk for details.

Saturday 14th October 2023.

FOSMS fundraising Dinner & Auction of Promises with Auctioneer David Fletcher –in The Village Hall, Court Lane.



Help FOSMS put together a short film about the transformation of the Community Hub. We want to produce a film documenting our journey to show to grant awarding bodies, but we don't have the equipment or technical expertise. **Do you know anyone who could advise?**

All Week Every Week

Community Shop

Mon – Fri: 10am-12 and 3-5pm
Sat: 10am-12.

Tinned, local and fresh goods at competitive prices.

Fresh bread orders to collect on Saturdays.

Pre-order book.



Health & Wellbeing Talks
Wednesdays 2 - 3pm

8 MARCH

Keeping safe (accidents in the home & how to make your environment safer)

Hillary Tuohy



TO HELP US PLAN FOR THE CATERING PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING BY:
REGISTERING ON WEBSITE, WWW.FOSMSTEVEINGTON.UK; SENDING US AN EMAIL FOSMTEAM@GMAIL.COM; OR ENTERING YOUR NAME ON THE LIST IN THE CHURCH ROOM.

Community Hub

- Online bread orders via Facebook – pick up on Saturdays
- Drop-in café and Warm Hub
- Information Hub
- Free WiFi
- Audio-visual presentation facilities
- Lending library: borrow donated books, donate books you think others may enjoy
- Community Piano available
- Equipment loans of wheelchairs and mobility aids
- Private hire available (inc. Serving kitchen) £12 per hour

12TH APRIL

Demystifying dementia

Sarah Russell



17TH MAY

The benefits of a healthy lifestyle and body mass index. How to maintain a healthy weight.

Sam Thompson
Weight loss coach

What's On?

Wednesdays

Soup Lunches
12:30 - 2pm

Free but donations welcome

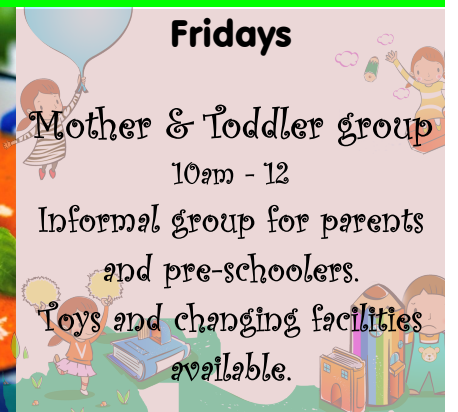


Fridays

Mother & Toddler group
10am - 12

Informal group for parents and pre-schoolers.

Toys and changing facilities available.



Drop-in Sessions

TUESDAYS

Guitar Jam

3-5pm



When John Duffield on shop duty.

WEDNESDAYS

Lace Making

3-5pm

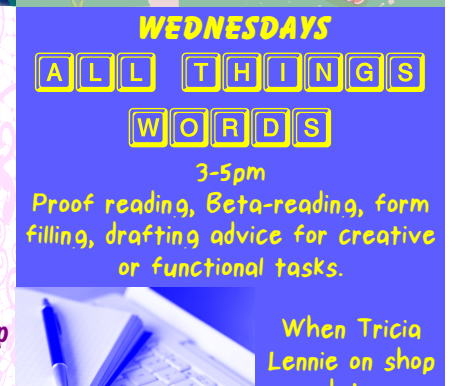
Materials provided for a donation

When Ann Prigmore-Steward on shop duty.

WEDNESDAYS
ALL THINGS WORDS

Proof reading, Beta-reading, form filling, drafting advice for creative or functional tasks.

When Tricia Lennie on shop duty.



First Sat of Month

Coffee & Croissants

10am - 12 ☺ £3



Last Sat of Month

WaveLength

11am - 12.30

A peer led support group for IT users.



Sat 11th March

Community Shop

Open Morning

10am-12

