

St Botolph's Church Saxilby: Annual Parochial Church Meeting - 2026

FUNDING COMMITTEE Report for 2025

2025 proved to be another busy year for Funding/ Social activities. The Funding Committee met five times during the year to plan the events, starting with one on 21st January, then 9th April, 28th May, 10th September and 5th November. **(NOTE: the sums raised can be seen in the treasurer's Report)**

The January meeting had a very busy agenda, planning for the events ahead. **Extracts from the meeting notes will give you a flavour of the meetings as follows:**

Film Show 22nd January. (this was the first of the bi-monthly film shows, 'The time of their lives')

Curry and Casserole Night - Saturday 25th January

At present 52 places have been booked. There will be a spice quiz and a raffle.

Helpers are meeting at 2pm on Saturday afternoon to set up.

It is requested that helpers wear bright coloured clothing in the evening. (This was a very popular event – a big thankyou to Helen Durasamy for taking the lead)

Book Sale- Saturday 22nd February 10am - 2pm

A list of provisional arrangements was distributed to the meeting by John Davidson.

Advertising the event via Foss Focus, noticeboards etc is needed.

Helpers will set up from 10am on Friday 21st February.

Books are to be collected no earlier than two weeks before the event. John Davidson and David Clay to collect.

Another volunteer to help with book collection would be appreciated.

Barbara Clay will co-ordinate catering. Small tables for teas are required.

Pricing of books was discussed. It was decided - Paperback books at 4 for £1.

Jigsaws (Martin, hopefully) and children's books to be sold in the small meeting room.

Maybe no reference books to be collected in future. (No magazines) etc.

Ideas for future Book Sales: Story time for children, maybe involving puppets

Offers of assistance for this book sale would be very welcome. (Another very successful event)

Big Breakfast: Saturday 8th March

David Turner will contact people to ask if they are able to help this time.

Mike Brown will help with setting up. Jenny Ross and Wanda Atkey will do the food shopping - same quantity as last time. The price for a breakfast will remain at £7 - as last time. (All went very well and was well supported)

Film Show: Wednesday 19th March (The film was 'The Old Oak')

Extracts from the April Meeting notes are as follows: -

VE Day 8th May - SIGNS will be organising refreshments for a gathering in the Church Hall from 4:30pm - 6pm.

A Commemoration service will take place at 6pm in Church. The bells will be rung at 6:30pm.

It was suggested that VE Day could be a launch for a request for knitted poppies as a community project, to display from the Church at Remembrance. (All went to plan – a very memorable occasion)

Churches Festival - 10th/11th May. - Light refreshments will be available. Jenny organising.

Helpers are needed. A general appeal for cakes will be given out at Church.

Volunteers are needed to "man" the Church during Saturday and Sunday. One-hour slots. Again, an appeal for volunteers to be given out at Church.

Bells to be rung between 2pm and 4pm on the Saturday.

Flower displays: An appeal will be made for funds to buy the flowers (Another enjoyable weekend)

Film Show Wednesday 21st May. (The film this time was "Thelma")

Teddy Bear Jump Saturday 21st June.

a) Health and Safety concerns need to be addressed - Risk assessment.

b) Refreshments : ice-cream, cakes (can be bought), tea and coffee served. etc

c) Picnics can be brought to eat in the Church Hall garden.

d) Raffle (David T to sort prizes for this.)

e) Tombola, Teddy tombola maybe?

f) Donation Box and card machine should be available.

g) Games- Suggestions - ski ball, Hook a duck, Jenga, bubble machine etc

Gazebos to be erected on the Friday afternoon in preparation. **(The planning paid off – another great day)**

Extracts from the May Meeting notes are as follows: -

Teddy Bear Jump: 21st June

(i) Risk assessment to be done on the morning of the jump to add to last year's document.

(ii) Gazebos will be erected on Friday afternoon 1:30pm (David T to ask usual team)

(iii) Refreshments: Ice-cream (Wanda) - Possibly Small freezer from Helen Small cakes to sell, tea, coffee and squash.

(iv) Raffle prizes. David Turner to source prizes. Discussion about the best place to put the raffle.

(v) Games etc ski ball, large snakes and ladders, hook a duck etc

David will make a list of games and who is able to oversee them.

Teddy tombola - donations of teddies are now being received.

(vi) Nurse Could Helen Wright act as head nurse if Janet Herbert is unavailable?

(vii) The ringers who launched the teddies from the tower roof will be asked to do this again this year.

(All went to plan, another very enjoyable day)

Strawberry Tea 12th July 3pm - 5pm

1) Rev'd Jane to check that the hall is booked for this event. Booking needs to be from 1pm until 6pm

2) Refreshments: Strawberries & cream – Jenny Scones - to be requested Gluten free scones- Rev'd Jane Pimms- Shirley & Peter **(Another very enjoyable event)**

Extracts from the September Meeting notes are as follows: -

Film Show Wednesday 17th September. **John Davidson** to help with setting up.

Big Breakfast: Village Hall 9-11.30am Saturday 25th October.

Helpers so far - Karen, Helen, Wendy, Jenny, Wanda.

Others to be asked : Mike Brown, Dilys, Lynne and Ron and others. David T to do this.

Jenny and Wanda to do the shopping. **(All went to plan)**

5. Christmas Fair- Saturday 29th November. 11am- 3pm

Set up on Friday 28th November 7pm - 8:30pm Volunteers needed to set up tables etc.

Stalls: Cakes: Gift Stall: Produce/ Jams and preserves: Tombola: Games: Chocolate Tombola: Mystery Gifts: Christmas Stall: Jigsaws: Raffle: **(All went to plan, another very good event)**

The year ended with a very enjoyable Christmas concert - in church by Foss Ladies Choir on Sat 13th December, raising funds for the church.

St Botolph's was also very busy fundraising for charities in 2025.

Thanks to Jenny Ross and her monthly Coffee Morning team, £2190 was raised during the year.

The charities were Bearded Fishermen, St Barnabas Hospice, The Joy Foundation, Pumpkin and Friends, Christian Aid, Mercy Ships UK, Little Princess Trust, The Firefighters Trust, The Nomad Trust, Saxilby Wildline Wildlife Sanctuary, and Pace4life

A big thank you to all involved and to the parishioners who came in support.