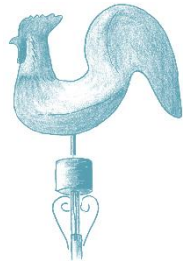




The Friends of St Andrew's COLYTON



Registered Charity No: 285239

6th June 2023

Dear Friends

FoStA Chair's Report, May 2022 to April 2023

In a year of ups and a down for FoStA, I am very happy to report that the ups were so good that the down hardly mattered. The first 'up' was our annual summer concert, for which we invited the folk duo Ninebarrow back to sing for us again. We were lucky to have a beautiful sunny evening for the event, so sunny that the gazebos on the church lawn were much appreciated for providing some shade. Instead of being outsourced to a professional caterer, this year's canapés were made by FoStA committee members, the selection orchestrated by Susan Fouracre - and though we say it ourselves, they were good, plentiful, and an excellent accompaniment to the Pimms. Alfresco drinks and a very convivial atmosphere were the perfect lead-in to a concert of atmospheric songs, some new, some more familiar, performed by Jon Whitley and Jay LaBourchardiere. All in all, it made for a very enjoyable summer's evening of socialising and music.

The down was a first for FoStA when violinist Roberto Ruisi was obliged to cancel his autumn concert for us with only weeks to go. This is the first time ever that a Tillett Trust musician we have booked has not been able to play for us, and his reason was a good one as he had been offered a new job as a concert master. Sadly, the short notice meant that we were unable to book a replacement. Our relationship with the Tillett Trust remains strong as ever, and we will be booking more of their talented young musicians for 2024, and have an autumn concert already booked featuring a Tillett Trust sponsored accordion player.

We had no autumn speaker, so our next event was in January 2023, and it kick-started the year with a flourish of flamboyant fashion. This was unlike any event we have staged so far, and combined a talk, a slide show, an exhibition and a fashion parade, all on the subject of designer Zandra Rhodes - and all thanks to brilliant raconteur and lifelong collector of her clothing, Claire Branfield. With a parade of mannequins on the stage, gloriously decked in the fabulous colours, fabrics and styles that characterise the designer's work, wonderful stories of dresses found online, their owners, and histories, and three brave and stylish models striding down the aisle in a series of outfits, it was as entertaining and visually exciting as it was informative. Claire gave her time, flair and expertise to us without charging any fee, an act of generosity for which we are all grateful.

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The main draw on our funds was for a revamp of the church sound system. After some teething trouble - having trumpeted our contribution to the update, we were a little embarrassed at the Zandra Rhodes event to find that some members of the audience were having trouble hearing, until Nathalie McNeice stepped in as microphone holder - the system is now working well. We have again been the beneficiary of generous legacies. These, plus the funds we raise from our various events mean we have been able to commit to fund a major programme of renovation and restoration work, to include repairs to the roof and exterior stonework. Some of these repairs are more urgent than others, but it has been decided to do all the work recommended by the most recent quinquennial report, thereby making the best and most economic use of the scaffolding required, and the various builders and craftsmen involved. We hope that these comprehensive repairs will be of lasting value and keep the church building in good shape for some years to come.

Our committee remains in very good shape, though we have much missed the presence of Dawn Franklin, who has been absent due to ill health. We look forward to her return as soon as she has fully recovered. Ellen Anning has been an invaluable addition as a co-opted member, and relative newcomer Niall McNeice has already more than proved his worth; Claire Branfield was his contact and the Zandra Rhodes evening his idea, and it is thanks to Niall that we will be welcoming folk singer Brooke Sharkey, plus two musical collaborators, to sing and play for us at this year's summer concert.

Until we meet again, we send you our very best wishes,



Ros Yarlott - Chair



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Hon Treasurer's report 2022/23 - Receipts and payments Account for the year to 5th April 2023

	2023	2022
INCOME		
Subscriptions	£1,252.00	£1,197.00
Donations & Legacies	£20,218.74	£0.00
Events (gross)	£1,878.88	£1,896.69
VAT reclaimed on grants	£0.00	£18,866.46
CBF deposit account interest	£582.23	£24.99
CBF Investment Fund dividends	£4,056.62	£3,938.44
TOTAL	£27,988.47	£25,923.58
EXPENDITURE		
Admin etc	£396.40	£178.70
Grant to St Andrew's Church: sound	£10,634.16	£0.00
Grant to St Andrew's Church: lighting	£0.00	£18,000.00
Grant to St Andrew's Church: piano refurbishment	£0.00	£500.00
Cost of events	£810.35	£1,200.00
Cost of equipment etc	£422.00	£78.11
TOTAL	£12,262.91	£19,956.81
Surplus/deficit for the year	£15,725.56	£5,966.77
SUMMARY OF RESERVES		
Brought forward from previous year	£165,239.50	£159,272.73
Surplus/deficit for the year	£15,725.56	£5,966.77
Profit on sale of shares	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£180,965.06	£165,239.50
REPRESENTED BY:		
Bank current account	£67,632.54	£56,545.83
Petty cash float	£0.00	£0.00
CBF Deposit Account	£29,378.52	£24,739.67
CBF Investment Income Fund (at cost)*	£83,954.00	£83,954.00
TOTAL	£180,965.06	£165,239.50

* The valuation at 30 April 2023 was £140,627.70 (30 April 2022 was £142,169.85)

Signed *D.J. Makemson*
Dominic Makemson, Hon. Treasurer

8 Ryalls Court, Seaton, Devon, EX12 2HJ

Date 6th June 2023

Signed *R. Whitell*
Bob Whitell

4 Govers Meadow, Colyton, Devon, EX24 6PG

Date 6th June 2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: The Friends of St. Andrews, Colyton

On accounts for the year ended

5th April 2023

Charity no (if any)

285239

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

R. Whitell

Date:

06/06/2023

Name:

ROBERT WILLIAM WHITELL

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

N/A

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None to report

R. Whittell

6/6/23