

**The Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St. James, Bishampton  
held at St. James, Bishampton on Monday, 13th May 2019 at 7:30pm**

**Present:**

**Trustees:** Derek Ruskin (Chairman), Eric Carter, Lucy Fairfax (Treasurer)  
Ian Hughes, Pam McAdam (Secretary) Geraldine Stapley & Wendy Wiggett

**Members:** Bill Dobie, Martin and Jennie Dickinson, Marian Gough, Paul Wiggett and  
Carol Wood (representing Andy Batchelor)

**Non Members:** Paddy Hartley

**Minute No: 39/2019 - Apologies**

Steve Dowling, Howard Morrish, Revd. Gary Noyes and Martin and Brenda Wilkinson

**Minute No: 40/2019 - Minutes of the AGM held on May 21st 2018**

The minutes were proposed as correct by Bill Dobie seconded by Marian Gough  
and unanimously agreed.

**Minute No: 41/2019 – Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman gave a report on the year's events and a copy is attached at Appendix A.

**Minute No: 42/2019 – Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer presented the end of year accounts for 2018 with comments as attached  
at Appendix B which have been examined and found correct by Mr Martin Wilkinson who  
audited the accounts.

**Minute No: 43/2019 – Ideas for Fund Raising Activities**

The Chairman explained about Give as you Live and Amazon Smile two ways that  
villagers can contribute funds to Friends of St James without it costing them anything.  
These two websites donate a percentage of the purchase price of eligible products to the  
selected charitable organization of your choice. The Chairman added that if anyone  
required assistance in setting these up on their computer he would be happy to help.  
A Jazz evening was suggested and Martin Dickinson felt this would be a great success  
and added that he was sure he could find at least 20 people from outside the village who  
would attend such an event.

The Chairman also suggested a Choral evening and Pam McAdam mentioned a Ceilidh  
both of which were agreed to as good ideas.

The Treasure Hunt for children was also welcomed and Carol Wood thought her  
husband may have details of one that he had organised some years ago which she  
would pass on if still available.

**Minute No: 44/2019 – Election of Trustees and Officers**

The following trustees and officers were proposed by Martin Dickinson seconded by  
Paul Wiggett and agreed unanimously.

Lucy Fairfax  
Howard Morrish  
Pam McAdam

Derek Ruskin  
Wendy Wiggett

The following officers were proposed by Eric Carter seconded by Ian Hughes and agreed unanimously.

Derek Ruskin – Chairman  
Lucy Fairfax - Treasurer  
Pam McAdam – Secretary

Eric Carter, Ian Hughes and Geraldine Stapley were all resigning as Trustees of Friends of St James and the Chairman extended his grateful thanks to all three of them for their hard work and support over the years.

**Minute No: 45/2019 –Questions/Discussion from the Floor**

Martin Dickinson asked whether any of the organisations that offer financial support to the restoration of Churches had been approached with regard to the repairs required to the church roof. The Chairman explained that a bid for funding can only be made if a specific project has been drawn up showing work to be done and anticipated costs. Martin Dickinson and Marian Gough both paid thanks to Friends of St James Trustees for all the fund raising work they do.

**Minute No: 46/2019 – Any other Business**

Eric Carter asked that grateful thanks be passed on to Martin Wilkinson for auditing last year's accounts.

The Chairman thanked those members/non members attending for their time and input and the meeting was formally closed at 20.06 pm