

V. Hall

FOSA (Friends of St. Andrew's Church).

St. Andrew's is a historic and beautiful place of worship where weekly services are held and marriages, baptisms and funerals take place. In addition, it is a delightful venue for concerts, flower and arts festivals, and a centre for bellringers to learn and pursue this traditional skill. The churchyard is a favourite conservation area for nature lovers and dog walkers. But like all ancient buildings there is a constant need for renovation and refurbishment, and FOSA exists to raise funds for this.

Current projects include upgrading heating and sound systems, restoring the unique gallery so it may safely be used, and pursuing the possibility of a water supply to the church so we could have modern kitchen and toilet facilities, bringing the building into the modern world where visitors expect this standard of comfort.

Our committee is small and hard working and is currently preparing an Open Gardens Day, and a concert celebrating musical instruments through the ages.

We enjoy fantastic local support for all our fund-raising events but would love more supporters to join our committee, as some of us have been members for around thirty years and would welcome new ideas and vigour!

One painless way to encourage our efforts would be to come along to monthly Bingo sessions, which are held at the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month. All ages are welcome, it is a friendly group concluding every session with raffle prizes all round so you will not go home empty handed even if you never call 'Bingo!'

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