

## **FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH – REPORT MAY 2012**

FOSA is a Registered Charity. The purpose of the "Friends" is to raise money for restoration and refurbishment of our beautiful historic Parish Church. The small Committee meets several times a year to discuss fund-raising ideas, which usually take the form of some event in the Village Hall or the Church, or some other village location.

In the past 12 months, we have raised funds through Open Gardens, two Murder Play readings, a Warm-up for Christmas evening at Street Farm, monthly funds from events organised by others (such as the Grand National Tote organised by Susan and Nigel Merriam) and the biennial Flower Festival organised by Margaret Knights and friends.

Without this generous support we could not raise nearly as much for the Church, and it has to be said that the real "Friends" are not the Committee but those who support everything we do or raise extra funds for us.

We generally raise over £2,000 annually and keep a good balance of funds in hand for unforeseen events. We do not organise work on the Church, that is the role of the PCC, we just contribute funds when asked to do so. Currently we hope to give money for the refurbishment of the unique gallery at St Andrew's.

Everyone is invited to our AGM in July – the date will be in next month's Newsletter. It only last 40 minutes and you will not be roped onto the Committee, but it is always encouraging to know people are interested in what we do.

Thank you!  
Sheila Wright