

The Friends of St Mary's Church

Report for Annual Parish Meeting – 21st May 2013

This Grade 2* listed Church continues to attract many visitors – artists, photographers and those who wish to enjoy the quiet tranquillity of the Church ruin and Churchyard.

Wildlife is abundant – this year Barn Owls have been nesting in the owl box and have been seen swooping across the fields. Many other species of birds nest in the trees surrounding the churchyard and Church Lane itself - this year again House Martins and Bats have continued to visit the ruin which all adds to its ambience.

Historically, there has always been a service on 11th November, with the Rector, British Legion, Schoolchildren and parishioners attending. As the 11th fell on Remembrance Sunday this year nobody was able to attend. A very small service was held on Monday 12th November with three parishioners including Horry Self who read out the names on the war memorial.

Our funds amount to £118.36 which unfortunately could not continue to be held within the Parish Council Community Account. I now hold these funds.

Horry Self as ever, continues to keep the area around the war memorial clear, come rain or shine and Steven West kindly spent time clearing the churchyard prior to Armistice Day. These acts of kindness are much appreciated by those who visit the churchyard and ruin.

Claire Kirby.