

## **Annual Report from the Friends of Snape Church. 2024-5**

We had our first AGM in Spring 2025 and were delighted to see it well attended. There is a real sense of commitment from our members. We are so very grateful for that, as well as grateful to everyone who has attended the events we have hosted and their donations. We also thank the performers and poster designers who donate their time and talent and, of course, generous sponsors.

We advertise in Ebb and Flow and other local circulars and on the Snape Village website. Events since our last report include the following which give a sense of the variety we host. Refreshments continue to be served at the start or in the interval. Admission continues to be by donation.

History of Snape presentation by Brian Boulton, June in the village hall at 3 pm.

Open barn book sale at Abbey Farm, with talk about the barn and songs from Five in a Bar.

Performances of *Hannah Snell* and *Lady in a Veil* by Georgina Lock in March and November respectively at the Church.

A Christmas concert by the very popular Longshoremen in December – their second visit, both sponsored by Andrew Heald and Matilda McNair of Fishers Gin.

Carols on the Green with brass quartet accompaniment with sustenance donated by Tesco's and Waitrose.

Suffolk Constabulary Police choir and the Songbirds – sponsored by Hugh and Ian Curle was a great success in the Village Hall.

Forthcoming events include:

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm, in the church is Oliver King's organ recital. Oliver is an internationally renowned organist and currently director of Music at St Mary's Church in Saffron Walden. The expected duration is an hour. Admission is by donation as usual with refreshments before the performance.

Please save the 23<sup>rd</sup> August for Ben Goble's showcase in Miranda's Barn at Abbey Farm. As well as around fifty singers and musicians ranging from five years to seventy years old, there will be tea, cake and books for sale.

The good news is that work will start on the church guttering in May and can offer at least £7000 from the FoSC bank account. Of course, there will be impact on our coffers. So, - as well as applying for grants – first to shore up drainage on Church Green - we are seeking more business sponsorship for our events.

The seven committee members are volunteers who continue to meet and discuss whatever is necessary on a Tuesday or Wednesday before a concert and at other times as required.

Georgina Lock

Chair of FoSC.