

## **2016 APCM: Report from Friends of All Saints Church (Allhallows)**

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The Friends of All Saints group was formed in the Spring of 2013. It exists to promote and assist with the "fabric" (aka maintenance and upkeep) of All Saints Church, Allhallows. The group consists of both regular church goers and non church goers who value the church as an historic and relevant building within the village of Allhallows.

The last 12 months have been both successful and busy for the group. Below is a list of the main events held during the year. Included in the list, is some of the work carried out on "Project Days". When the last Parish Council stepped down in May'15, the Project Days continued, on a monthly basis, doing volunteering works in the village. The work usually alternates between the church and the Brimp Youth Centre. Although not strictly an activity carried out by "The Friends of All Saints", many of the same volunteers take part in the Project Days.

- 2015
- (January/ February): Cemetery tidy up (as part of the Project Days)
- (April) St. George's Day: Cream tea event held in the grounds of the church
- (July): Temporary Screen erected inside the church (as part of the Project Days), to enable a room to be emptied (to house new toilet)
- (October): Professional show hosted: "Storm in a Teacup" (over 80 people in attendance)
- (August) Cream Tea event held in the grounds of the church
- (October): Professional show hosted: "Fenboy" (over 60 people in attendance)
- (November): New Toilet (temporary) installed in the church
- (December) Winter Warmers: hosted and performed by renowned soprano Christine Hubbard and her friends.
- (December) Christmas Tree Festival: held in the church
- 2016
- (February): Professional show hosted: "An Audience with Henry VIII" (over 90 people in attendance)
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In 2015, we launched a scheme supported by a third party organisation "Applause", which aims to bring high quality, professional shows to rural areas, at affordable prices, through the use of government grants. The Applause shows are very popular but they do not yield large incomes for the "Friends". The shows provide very good entertainment for the community, whilst providing an opportunity to promote the Friends of All Saints to a large audience.

The Friends welcome any new members who wish to assist with the work and encourage people to join up with their regular giving scheme (please see the leaflets available in the church, or discuss with one of the volunteers).