

Friends Report to the Parish Council AGM 27-4-22

2021 was another year in which we experienced the restrictions of Covid, curtailing many of our normal activities.

However, in September we resumed our lunches and welcomed old friends and new to this monthly occasion.

Before reopening for lunches, four of our team successfully completed their Food Safety and Hygiene Catering Courses. In November we were delighted to be given a 5 rating for safety and hygiene from MSDC.

Although we weren't able to be as expansive in our plans as prior to Covid, we held two successful fund raising events: a quiz and Big Breakfast in 2021.

We continued to support the sale of Books, DVDs and Puzzles on a Saturday morning in the Church Institute.

The Friends of St Mary's was set up to raise funds for the maintenance of the church building. With any ancient building like St Mary's, repairs are an ongoing concern. We are particularly lucky that Peter Godden has given so much devoted time and effort to its care.

All this helps to maintain the church as a safe and beautiful building which all of us can enjoy.

Libby Brookes 26-4-22