

## **St Margaret's Men's Group AGM Agenda.**

### **Open Meeting with a prayer.**

#### **Objectives of Men's Group: -**

- Bring men of the parish together through social events / activities.
- Organise Spiritual events for Men of the Parish.
- Provide assistance to other Parish groups when requested, when able.
- Donate any surplus funds from our activities to selected charities.

**Participation in Men's Group activities** - Membership is informal all men of the parish are welcome to participate in our activities. Currently we have 30 men on our distribution list. Out of that a core of circa 16 regularly participated in meetings. Most of our activities attract about 12 men. We open up some of our activities to the wider Parish community and they can attract up to 60.

**Communications** – One Newsletter per year. Notes in church bulletin for some activities. Email distribution list.

#### **Financial Statement from Treasurer.**

##### **Charitable donations: -**

- £200 to Fr. John's Parish in India.
- £250 to SCIAF
- £250 to Mary's Meals
- (Was our donation to Haiti Help in the previous year? – it was mentioned at the One World Group AGM two weeks ago).

##### **Assistance to other Parish Groups.**

- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – St Margaret's Pilgrimage Committee. Set up the Church and Stewards for the day.
- July – Clearing rubbish from the Crypt Store room.
- October – Moving furniture in Lady Chapel to allow decorating.

##### **Spiritual Activities.**

- **Advent 2015 Scripture Discussion Meetings** were well supported with a total of 12 men of the parish attending one or more of the meetings, averaged 8/10 per meeting.
- **Lent 2016 Scripture Discussion Meetings** averaged about 12 per meeting.

##### **Social Events & Activities.**

- Men's Group Meal out, every two months, usually at Gratz Wednesday steak night or Tapas Tuesday. Regularly attended by circa 12 men.
- Walking Group – completed Pilgrimage route to St Andrew's. Final section from Kingsbarns to St Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Celebratory meal at Glass House. Regular participation circa 8 Parishioners.

##### **Special Events & Activities: -**

- **16<sup>th</sup> May – Fun Wine Tasting evening.** Attended by approx. 40 Parishioners. £348 surplus for good causes.

- **26<sup>th</sup> July – Mass at the Chapel Royal, Falkland Palace.** Followed by a variety of other activities. Circa 14 Parishioners attended. Request for repeat this year.
- **8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September – Wine Tasting tour of Tuscany.** Twelve Parishioners went on this trip. Blog on <http://tuscantiplers.wordpress.com/>.
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Meal out with Partners.** In the Scott Room at the Pitbauchlie House Hotel. Fully subscribed all 22 places were taken up within a few days. Request for repeat this year.
- **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Golf Outing at Thornton Golf Club.** 9 golfers teed off. Winner Kevin Shandley.
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Theatre trip. “The Importance of being Earnest” at the Kings Theatre, Edinburgh.** 21 Parishioners participated. A Pre-theatre supper at Bennet’s.
- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November – St Andrew’s Night Fun Whisky Tasting Evening.** Sell out event, over 40 Parishioners attended. £329 surplus for good causes.
- **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January at the Odeon. Live streaming of "Les Pecheurs de Perles"** (The Pearl Fishers) from the Met. Circa 12 attended. Pre eats at Bella Italia.
- **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January at the Odeon. Live streaming *Turandot*** enjoyed by 10 Parishioners. Pre- eats at F&B’s.
- **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Parish Olympics - Fun Night.** A sell-out evening attended by about 30 Parishioners. £239 surplus for good causes.
- **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at the Odeon. Live screening of *Madame Butterfly*** from Met. Attended by 8 Parishioners. Pre-eats at Tony Macaroni’s.

#### Election of Office Bearers.

No formal Constitution. We currently have 3 Office Bearers. Generally have two office bearers at a meeting and at least 6 participants to make a quorum. All 3 current office bearers are willing to step aside if others would like a crack at the whip, if not we will carry on in position. There is no reason why we cannot raise the number of office bearers if anyone else would like to come on board. Some other members have taken the lead in organising successful events over the last year.

#### **Open discussion to the Meeting.**

#### **Formally appoint Office Bearers.**

#### Events and Activities Program for 2016/17.

- Suggest a continuation of the Men’s meal out every two months and Walking Group as long as there is an interest.

#### Events and Activities already in the calendar: -

- **19<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Operetta Tour of Austria.** Ten people have signed up for this event and it is now closed.
- **A number of other suggestions for cultural events,** including further Opera screenings at the Odeon, a theatre trip to London and a trip to Pitlochry Festival Theatre.

#### **Proposed events: -**

- **Meal out with Partners.**
- **Mass at the Chapel Royal at Falkland Palace.**
- **Golf outing.**
- **Ideas for other Parish events**

- **Scripture Group Meetings between now and Advent.**

**AOB.**

- George Toal has flagged up that the St Margaret's Pilgrimage Committee will be requiring a number of Stewards to help facilitate the Pilgrimage on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June this year. Training evening for Stewards on 3<sup>rd</sup> May in the Crypt.

**Close the Meeting with a prayer.**