

THE PRYKE TRUST FRAMLINGHAM



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BEGINNINGS

Miss Florence Mary Anne Pryke of Spelhurst Kent, died in January 1961. The net value of the estate amounted to £3,174.13s 6d, left in the trusteeship of the Rector and Churchwardens of the Parish of St Michael's Framlingham 'for the benefit of the poor'.

The Charity Commissioners agreed to a wider based body of the trustees with the Rector being ex-officio, two persons nominated by the Parish Council and two co-optive Trustees. The Pryke Charity continued until 1990.

The Towns Lands Charity of 1862 owned various houses and land, which were sold by auction in the 1920s', the money raised was invested in 2.5% Treasury Stock with interest paid annually into the bank. Other income came from farmers and Carley & Webb. At one time there was a public right of way through the shop and an agreement was arranged at sometime that they could foreclose on the right of way by paying a said amount to the charity annually.

Up until the outbreak of the Second World War, coal was purchased from the local coal merchants for delivery to a number of poor recipients. Then with inflation and the annual income remaining the same, it was no longer feasible to purchase enough coal. A gift of £1 was made to about 60 pensioners at Christmas.

It is not always possible for the Trustees to identify residents of the town who are in need. If you know of anyone in the town who may be in need of a little financial assistance or a boost to help them through a difficult patch. Please let one of the trustees know or write to the Secretary.

We meet on the second Tuesday bi-monthly and over the past year have been able to make several small grants.

The current Trustees are:
Chairman: Vic Stanbrook
Vice-Chairman: Carl Moore
Treasurer: Sally Butcher
Secretary: Gwen Etheridge
Trustee: Alison Mooney
Rector (Ex-officio): Chris Davey

Today the Pryke Trust is able to make small grants to Framlingham residents, who may be in urgent need of financial help. Grants are also available for educational purposes at the discretion of the Trustees. Income is generated from investments and savings bonds, which give interest twice a year.

THE PRYKE TRUST TODAY

Richard Porter in 1701 left provision in his will for 18 two-penny loaves to be given to the poor weekly. The bakers in the town at that time were Simpsons in Well Close Square, Bonneys at the bottom of Fore Street, and Dew who took turns to supply the bread. As with the Towns Lands Charity when the gift of bread ceased, the sum of 10 shillings was given instead.

Thomas Mills in 1703 left some £9 per annum to supply bread for the poor. William Warne a farmer in around 1890 left money to relieve the poor of the Parish. These three bread charities along with the Towns Lands Charity were incorporated into the Framlingham United Town Charity in 1981.

Under section 13 of the Charities Act 1960, the Charity Commission had the power to make a scheme bringing charities with similar objectives together into one united Trust managed by one Trustee body. So in 1989 it was agreed to join together all the charities in Framlingham which were intended to give relief to those in need, so the Framlingham United Charity was amalgamated with the Pryke Charity and registered under the name of the Pryke Trust in 1990.