

Notes of discussion on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at Holly Cottage, Brackenfield at 10am

Present: Stefan Priest, Martin Philips, Rebecca and Ivo Naylor, Mike Edwards, Christine Edwards,

Apologies: Nigel Rogers, Sarah Poulson,

Purpose of the meeting:

This was the fourth planning meeting for a village event in summer 2017, to arrange distribution of “save the day” invitations and discuss funding, insurance and activities.

Matters arising:

- Mike attended the Parish Council meeting on 9.1.17 to request funds to cover the Event Insurance premium of £116 (including insurance premium tax at pre-June 2017 rate) which provides £2 million of public liability cover for up to 250 people.
- Martin has secured promise of an overnight stay in a hotel as a raffle prize.
- Sarah and Christine are following up possible music performers.
- Councillor Barry Lewis attended the PC meeting on 9.1.17 and has emailed Mike regarding the potential availability of funds from the Community Leadership Fund. He needs to know aims and benefits of the event and how much is being requested and for what. Mike will get back to him following this meeting.
- Mike has compiled a list of Brackenfield addresses for the purpose of delivering invitations.
- Mike asked whether defibrillator/life support training was still viewed as a worthwhile, priority for use of any funds raised at the picnic. All present agreed that this was important and relevant, as the defibrillator is a valuable asset to the village and as many people as possible need to be aware of it. Should there be further fund raising activities in the village, we can consult residents about their ideas and priorities.
- Martin suggested that we establish a temporary “Village Picnic Committee” to be responsible for this event, with a view to developing a constituted community association or similar at a later date, should there be sufficient local interest. *We agreed to seek six people to act as committee members before the next meeting.*

Discussion:

Martin welcomed Rebecca and outlined our previous discussions about the purpose of the picnic (to bring the community together; to stimulate community development; enjoyment and fund-raising) and ideas for activities.

Rebecca explained the summer event she organised privately in 2010, which included a barbecue (outside caterers), Winster Morris Dancers, licensed sale of wine and beer, raffle, visit by the local fire brigade, stalls selling plants, books, cakes and games (welly wanging being the most popular and profitable!). She sold tickets in advance at £10 each and made a profit of £300 donated towards Church Hall repairs, though ticket sales were late coming and probably assisted by good weather. The fire-engine, from Alfreton, was popular with children

and the crew were pleased to attend and offered to come again.
We discussed which ideas might be transferable to the village picnic:

- Fire engine – **Mike** agreed to contact the Alfreton station to ask if they could attend (preferably at a specific time we could include in a programme of events)
- Welly wanging – maybe one free go then 50p per throw
- Map of the village – people could be invited to write their name and house on a flag and pin it in the map; maybe also linked to a competition to stick in a pin to locate “treasure”. **Christine** agreed to contact Geoff Mallott to ask if we could use his treasure map from the well-dressing.
- Drinks – we could either get a license and sell drinks or alternatively ask one of the local Inns to provide a bar and maybe bring some nibbles and donate a raffle prize. **Martin** agreed to ask the White Horse and **Mike** said he would ask the Plough.
- Coconut shy – **Mike** agreed to ask John and Janet Pearson if we could borrow theirs.
- Treasure Hunt – ideally in teams of people who don't know each other but this might be hard to achieve; could be family groups; Rebecca suggested having a trail of things to spot e.g. butterflies, maybe linked to a colouring activity for children.
- Raffle
- Face-painting
- Simple family games e.g.
 - Apple bobbing or more grown-up version involving balancing a coin on a lemon for 5 seconds – if successful the contestant receives twice their stake as a prize (see Rebecca for details)
 - Cups of sand, some of which contain prizes, poured through a sieve to see if there is a prize.
- Cake stall – bring and buy
- Goal-keeper challenge – use the existing goal on the green; ask a local player to attend and defend the goal – pay to shoot. **Stefan** agreed to ask around local clubs.
- Talk to visitors – different coloured stickers for residents and visitors
- Interview/short talk by someone who has a long history in the village e.g. “10 things you didn't know about Brackenfield” Gladwyn is an obvious choice. **Rebecca** agreed to ask Gladwyn if he would be willing to participate.
- Menu of the day – list of activities on offer which can be ticked when completed and submitted for a prize
- Opportunities(e.g. linked to games/prize distribution) to gather names , email contacts, whether people would like future events, if so what and whether they would be prepared to help with organisation
- Donation box explaining costs and asking for contributions towards future events

Other issues:

- **Reminders a week before**
- **Dogs** – need to be clear; well-behaved pets on a lead welcome
- **Chairs** – remind people to bring chairs and/or blankets

- **Rubbish disposal** – we will need bins, bags to collect waste we can take to recycling centre.
- **Focal point** – area cordoned off, perhaps with hay bails as a platform to speak from? We will also need a generator. *Mike agreed to ask the Pearsons if they can help with this.*
- **Sound system** – *Mike and Martin will ask contacts if they can help.*
- **Marquee** – there are insurance implications; contractors need their own insurance cover. *Mike agreed to follow up regulations and also to ask Councillor Lewis if his fund could cover the cost of marquee and/or sound system and generator.*

Invitations:

Mike, Christine, Martin and Stefan agreed to deliver “save the day” invitations.

We agreed to ask Nigel if we can place an invitation on the church noticeboard with a note saying that the invitation extends to all residents of Brackenfield and their family and friends.

Follow-up meeting – date in September to be advertised at the party, inviting people to give feedback and discuss what next

Next meeting:

Monday 20th February 2017 at 10am at Holly Cottage

To be discussed:

Programme; temporary committee; *arrangements for handling money*