

Brackenfield Village Association
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 19 November 2018 at 10am at The Old House

Present: Linda Walker, Stefan Priest, Cath Pilsbury, Lynn Keeton, Mike Edwards,
Christine Edwards

Apologies: Martin Philips, Catherine Tomlinson,

Minutes of the meeting on 22 October 2018: Read and agreed.

Christmas Tree Switch On - 14th December:

- Santa is booked and will ride round in a Sleigh when the lights are switched on.
- Carols to be played as people arrive
- Christine has three bottles of mulled punch and 100 serviettes
- Cath has 80 cups for hot drinks
- Cath has the Event Notice and will bring it in a folder
- Cath has bought 10 bottles of mulled wine and 60 mince pies (to be served on a tray/blue gloves/tongues for handling); Cath will make a sign re allergens; Stefan will serve mulled wine
- Christine will bring tea and coffee and milk. Linda will serve.
- Christine will make a sign for wine sales
- Lynn will sell raffle tickets
- Cath, Lynn, Christine and Linda to meet at Green Farm to prepare raffle prizes on Mon 10 Dec at 2pm. Lynn will bring cellophane and ribbon.
- Jam and bears to be sold.
- Mike will ask Ralph to switch on the tree lights at 6.45pm
- Set up on the day from 5.30pm Mike will bring logs and light the fire
- Mike will get balloons and Cath will bring artificial tree to make the Hall look festive
- Linda and Stefan will put fairy lights up outside
- Cath will print the poster for display at school, bus stop, Horse and Jockey and Chip Shop. Christine will display on Parish Notice Board and send to Churches.

Picnic on the Green 2019:

- Booked: Hall; First Aid; Ice Cream; Double Cross; Maypole; Bins; Carlo the Clown (Punch and Judy); Request for RAF fly-past;
- Check re dog show
- Stefan will organise a Pimms stall
- Mike is following up Regia Anglorum

Heritage Cafe:

Mike and Stefan explained that following telephone discussion with Katherine Brown, the contract with Crafting Relationships has been terminated and the invoice for services provided has been paid.

Mike outlined the speaker programme for the coming months, which reflects the interests of those attending so far. A leaflet will be put together for advertising, as well as trying to engage more local people through word of mouth. It is hoped that there will be interest in various possible local projects such as archaeology and developing a heritage trail, as the group develops.

Register of Systems: Adopted. To be reviewed annually.

Future Events: Litter Pick

The Litter Pick planned for last summer was cancelled due to safety concerns, the hedgerows having grown very high and limiting visibility. It was noted that quite a number of local people go round informally collecting litter and it was felt that there is less litter at the moment than there has been in the past. It was agreed to monitor the situation and to come back to it if littering increases. Some people in the village were quite disappointed that it was cancelled. It might be possible to organise a short family walk round local footpaths in the spring instead.

Dates of next meeting:

3rd December at 10 am Holly Cottage

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