

**Brackenfield Village Association**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 10am at Holly Cottage**

**Present:** Stefan Priest, Cath Pilsbury, Martin Philips,, Mike Edwards, Lynn Keeton, Christine Edwards

**Apologies:** Rev'd Ralph Lawrence

**Minutes of the meeting on 30 October 2017:** Read and agreed

**Correspondence:**

- Christine has written to David and Caroline Wakefield to thank them for their support regarding the Christmas Tree.
- Letter received from the Big Lottery Fund confirming that the application for £386 to cover the outstanding cost of the Life Support Training session has been successful.

**Matters arising:**

**Meeting between the PCC, PC and BVA:** No news as yet from the PCC. Ideally, it would be useful to meet before the AGM in May, to help inform plans for the coming year. CE will follow up with Ralph. Martin will update the Parish Council.

**AGM:** The hall has been booked for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Advertised on the website and in the January Bulletin. Stefan will write a report of the past year and ideas for the future, including possible projects and funding sources. It was agreed to hold an informal discussion following the AGM to ascertain community views.

**Bulletin:** Thanks go to to Michael Poole for printing.

**Pudding Evening:**

Tickets are selling well – just a few remaining.

Martin will introduce the evening (including domestic/safety arrangements) and will close with a reminder about the AGM and Picnic dates.

Cath will bring tea/coffee and sugar remaining from Christmas.

Martin will get serviettes.

Christine will get milk.

Martin will light the fire earlier in the day.

Volunteers to arrive at the hall by 5pm to help set up tables. Table decorations?

Mike will take some photos. Committee will assist with serving, clearing and washing up.

**Picnic on the Green: Sunday 15 July from 11am to 5pm**

**Stalls:**

Laura Kay will do a cake stall and judge the Bake-Off and provide a drinks stall (bottles beer, prosecco and wine)

W.I – produce stall – jams, pickles, cakes etc.

Pimms/punch stall (alcoholic and non-alcoholic versions)

Ice cream

**To be confirmed:**

Lynn has asked some craft stall holders – awaiting responses

**Activities:**

Maypole dancing  
Tug of War  
Fun Dog Show  
Welly wanging  
Bake Off  
Raffle  
Bottle stall (tombola)

**To be confirmed:**

Children's crafts etc – Martin will ask Bex  
Coconut shy – ask the Pearson's re borrowing their equipment

**First Aid:**

Quote from Red Cross is much higher this year (£360) as they have changed their charging structure. A quote has been obtained from Singleton Event Services of £129.60 for one first- aider. To be confirmed.

**Any other business:****Grants:**

There was some discussion about possible funding sources. Now that a small grant has been secured from Awards for All, it will be possible to bid for larger amounts in future. Local companies have schemes that we may be able to tap into.

One idea for a suitable project, which would build on local interest in history and meeting together for coffee etc. would be the setting up of a "History Cafe". Mike has contacted Katherine Brown, from Beauty and Utility Arts, who is co-ordinating the scheme in Leicestershire. It was agreed to invite her to a future committee meeting to explain more about the project. Mike will contact her.

**Community visit – Ogston Hall:**

David and Caroline have kindly offered to host a guided tour for villagers during their open days in August 2018. This would be from 2.30pm to 5pm at a discounted rate of £5 per person (usually £10) for a 40 minute tour of the house and the option of bringing your own picnic to have in the grounds. A maximum of 20 people per visit. Possible date: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Mike will check details with David before advertising on the website.

**For discussion at next meeting:**

Finalise list of stalls and activities for the Picnic and make a "to do" list.

**Dates of next meetings:** All at Holly Cottage at 10am, except for the AGM

21 March; 18 April; 3 May at 6.30pm at the Church Hall (AGM); 30 May; 27 June; 11 July

