

Brackenfield Village Association
Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 21 January 2020 at 1pm at The Old House

Present: Linda Walker, Catherine Tomlinson, Stefan Priest, Cath Pilsbury, Lynn Keeton, Mike Edwards, Christine Edwards; Anne Edgar

Apologies:, Martin Philips

Minutes of the meeting on 9 December 2019: Read and agreed.

Matters arising:

Christmas:

- Lights and remains of the tree to be taken down on Thursday 24th January at 10am.
- To apply for a small grant from Brackenfield PC to purchase a tree for Christmas 2020.

Italian Night Friday 27 March:

- Christine has booked the Church Hall and confirmed the date with Laura Kay.
- Christine will ask to borrow two tables from Berridge Lane Farm
- Set up will be from 5pm
- Christine will get tea, coffee, milk and sugar.
- Linda will bring teapots and serve teas and coffees
- Lynn will get green and white serviettes and ask Martin if he has red ones.
- *We will need white table cloths*
- It was suggested we have candles in bottles on the tables.
- Mike has Italian bunting and cocktail flags.
- Tickets are being reserved and we should be able to get 36 guests. Just need to collect payments. Agreed to offer MP complimentary tickets in recognition of considerable assistance with printing.

Heritage Trail:

- Plans are in place for the Trail to be ready for the launch in July.
- Bolsover Woodlands Enterprise have been engaged to do two days of work clearing and cutting back the woodland area on the Green to make it safe and more accessible and to promote wildlife. It can then be incorporated into a short accessible route round the Green. The PC were approached about sharing the cost. This was discussed at their January meeting. They agreed to the work being done but were unable to identify a budget in the current financial year. The Heritage Café will absorb the cost with a view to seeking Lottery funding for further work in partnership with BWE.
- Cath explained that the PC are setting up a small community fund for the next financial year for which local organisations can submit bids. It was agreed that the BVA would submit requests for discussion at the May PC meeting.
- The Funding received for the Heritage Café and Trail has enabled the Café to run for two years and the Trail to be completed. The project has been enjoyed and appreciated by locals and people from further afield in NE Derbyshire and a lot of contacts and links have been made. It would be good to keep this going in some form if possible.
- Catherine volunteered to develop a heritage section on the BVA Facebook page using info from the website and seeking additional photos etc. from local people in order to promote interest more widely.
- Mike gave an update on information he is sharing with Clare Hartwell (Editor of the Pevsner Guides) concerning Wessington Manor.

Summer 2020 Picnic and Trail Launch:

- The Church Hall is booked for the day
- Miss Marina Mae (singer) has been booked from 4.30 to 7.30pm
- Singleton Event Services have been booked for 1st Aid cover
- Bins are booked
- Exhibition stands are being borrowed from South Wingfield
- Stefan has offered to do Pimms
- The WI are coming
- Linda will do a plant stall
- A TEN will be required. Christine will apply.
- Plan to invite Neighbourhood Watch; Ramblers etc; and individuals and organisations who have helped with the Trail such as Tesco and DCC reps and to do a press release to advertise
- Discussion re raffle: We could hold a raffle throughout the afternoon and evening and this would require a shift system to ensure nobody is left running it for too long. Could split proceed with a charitable cause and approach local companies, shops, services and restaurants for prizes. **Catherine will make some initial enquiries.**
- **Linda will talk to Pat about providing refreshments in the hall for charity with a small donation to BVA**

AOB:

Neighbourhood Watch:

Mike and Christine attended a presentation by the Police and Crime Commissioner and spoke with Alan Carter from NW. He suggested we apply for a further £100 NW grant which could be used to fund a community event. Further discussion is needed to decide what would be likely to draw most local support and who we could get to attend from NW, Police etc.

Next Meetings: *at The Old House*

Tues 17 March at 1pm; Mon 20 April at 10am

AGM: Tues 12 May at 6.30pm