

Brackenfield Village Association
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 25 September 2017 at 10am
at Holly Cottage

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

Apologies: Jane Steeper, Rev'd Ralph Lawrence

Minutes of the meeting on 29 August 2017: Read and agreed

Matters arising: None

Public meeting on 7 September – review

There was a pleasing turn out and quite a lot of ideas generated, with some people offering to organise events. Feedback about the Picnic on the Green was positive and we agreed to go ahead with plans for a similar event in 2018. We need to continue efforts to engage as many local people as possible and seek more views.

It was mentioned that the PCC were considering planning a Flower Festival in the Church over the Bank holiday in late May 2018 and they wondered if this could be linked with a Village Association event in order to attract more visitors. The PCC would serve refreshments in the Church and would not be using the Hall.

We discussed possibilities for having a craft/arts event in the Hall and on the Green during the Bank Holiday weekend. We would not want to “tread on toes” so this would depend on the PCC inviting us to share the weekend and ensuring that activities were complementary rather than competing for trade.

Christine will write to the Secretary of the PCC outlining suggestions and asking for their thoughts before our next meeting.

Christmas Event:

As discussed at the meeting on 7 September, we will put a Christmas Tree outside the Church Hall with a Switch On Ceremony.

Date: Friday 15th December 2017 at 6.30pm: Switch on and traditional carol singing; refreshments (tea, coffee, mulled wine, juice, soup and mince pies); make and bring a tree decoration (adults and children), Christmas raffle to be drawn at 7.30pm

- Christine will confirm date with Nigel
- Mike has gathered quotes for a 12' tree and will order one from Mr Christmas Tree. He will ask for it to be delivered a few days earlier. Stefan and Mike will arrange installation.
- Mike will loan a string of 300 white solar powered lights (USB chargeable).
- Laura at The Plough will make mince pies.
- Lynn will make soup and organise the raffle (Lynn needs donated prizes)
- Cath will organise tea, coffee and juice
- Martin will buy polystyrene and plastic cups
- Christine will ask choir friends to lend and play keyboard and invite some singers along
- Christine will compile a carol sheet
- Christine will invite Ralph to switch lights on
- Cath will invite children and parents from Wessington School
- To be advertised in the October Bulletin, website and Facebook

Welcome Ring workshop: Wed 13 December

This is being organised by Gilly Burnett, who will provide materials and refreshments and pay the Hall hire charge. Gilly plans to donate surplus funds from workshop fees to Brackenfield Village Association. The workshop will be advertised on the website, Facebook and in the Bulletin.

Bulletin October 2017

Christine will re-draft the bulletin to make the "Christmas Tree Switch On" more prominent. Final version to be circulated during the first week in October with the Neighbourhood Plan survey.

Picnic on the Green 2018

The date is fixed for Sunday 15 July from 11am to 5pm and the Hall is booked.

- Mike will book Double Cross – acoustic rock and blues band.
- Cath will enquire about availability and cost of a Country music group she knows.
- Lynn will make enquiries about craft stall holders who may be interested in doing demonstrations (keeping in mind that attendance will be limited to villagers, family and friends.)
- Christine will check if Maypole Movers could do a dance workshop

Next meeting:

- Identify an event to take place mid-winter
- Finalise plans for Christmas Tree Switch On
- Set date for AGM

Next committee meetings:

Monday 30 October 2017 at 10am at Holly Cottage

Monday 4 December 2017 at 10am at Holly Cottage

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