

**Brackenfield Village Association**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3 September 2019 at 1pm at Holly Cottage**

**Present:** Linda Walker, Catherine Tomlinson, Cath Pilsbury, Martin Philips, Lynn Keeton, Mike Edwards, Christine Edwards, Anne Edgar

**Apologies:** Stefan Priest

**Minutes of the meeting on 8 July 2019:** Read and agreed.

**Matters arising**

- **Neighbourhood Watch:**

The grant has arrived from DCC and Mike has purchased a simple mobile phone and pay-as-you-go SIM card. He will meet with PCSO Kate Hodnett towards the end of September and will ask Kate Hawksworth if she can help get the WhatsApp group going. The police cannot be part of the group but are happy to be kept informed of issues.

Details to be included in the September Bulletin, with contact telephone number and guidance about how to use the WhatsApp group. Martin has offered to be a contact for information to go on the Brackenfield Facebook page as well.

Linda now has NW joining forms for residents on Lindway Lane. Once these are completed, Mike will arrange for the sign to be put on a lamp post on Lindway Lane.

- **Welcome cards:**

Catherine continues to deliver cards, which have been greatly appreciated. Committee members will inform Catherine of any homes with new residents so she can drop one round.

**Picnic on the Green – Feedback and review**

There have been a lot of positive comments from people who thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Best estimate is that around 200 people attended altogether with around 150 there mid-afternoon. The Saxon visitors had a really good time and their demonstrations were enjoyed. They left the copse very tidy. There have been positive comments about the band and the exhibition.

Suggestions made: More stalls (though this would need to be viable for the stall holders); a later start at 12 noon rather than 11am (If repeated, we need to clarify that the dog show is at 11am, which works well, with the main event starting at 12); music being played for longer into the afternoon (a second band?)

In future, we need to be even more vigilant as there were a couple of thefts at clearing up time (some cash and cake boxes).

Taking account of several donations and sponsorship of events, the day ended with a surplus of £167 to carry forward towards future events.

**Live and Local Update**

Moscow Drug Club in Concert are booked for Friday 1 November in the Church.

The brochures, flyers and tickets are on the way to Martin.

The concert has been advertised in Amber News (Church magazine)

Tickets are £12 and Linda is the contact for ticket sales.

Flyers will go out with the September Bulletin and posters will be put on the noticeboard, on the Green and in neighbouring venues (pubs, fish shop, cafes etc.)

Linda will ask people to either send a cheque made out to Brackenfield Village Association or to provide their credit/debit card details for Martin to process. If they want tickets posting, they can

send a stamped addressed envelope, otherwise tickets can be collected on the door.  
Drinks will be served before the concert and during the interval.  
Martin will buy 4 red, 6 white and 2 rose wine; Beck's bottled beer (30), plastic glasses and paper straws.  
Cath P will buy 30 bottles of J2O  
Ice will be needed (check with Stefan if he has some left.)  
£3.00 per glass or wine or beer? £2.00 for J2O

Parking should be OK on the roadside and in the Fisherman's car park; some people can park on the Green and walk down.

Effort needed now to publicise the concert and sell tickets.

### **Walk with Pete**

Following the last two walks, which were enjoyed by those taking part, Pete has planned a third route. Provisional date is Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. Cath will check this is OK. Lynn will provisionally book the Church Hall and once confirmed, details will be included in the Bulletin.

### **Christmas**

Deferred to next meeting

### **Bulletin**

Christine will compile items for distribution at the end of September, to include Moscow Drug Club, Autumn Walk, Neighbourhood Watch, Neighbourhood Plan feedback and something about Christmas.

### **Afternoon Tea – 28 September**

Catherine will order cakes from Ashover (2 fruit; 2 lemon drizzle; ginger tray bake for 36)  
Lynn and Christine will each make 24 plain scones  
Cath will buy food for sandwiches (white and brown: tuna, egg mayo, cheese, chicken), milk and cream  
Christine and Mike will bring tea, coffee, sugar and jam (from Martin)  
Everyone to bring sets of cups, saucers, plates, sugar bowls and milk jugs if possible, for each of six tables of six.  
Linda, Cath and Lynn will bring teapots and Anne coffee pots.  
Catherine has six cardboard cake stands.  
Cath will bring white table cloths and Martin supplied serviettes.  
Lynn will do flowers for tables. Bunting an option.  
All to meet at 12 noon on the day to set up

**AOB: Position of Chair:** Stefan has stood down from his position as Chair due to personal commitments and Cath Pilsbury has agreed to take on the roll until the next AGM.

**Meetings:** At Holly Cottage unless otherwise agreed:

Tuesday 3 September at 1pm to 3pm; Monday 30 September at 10am to 12 noon;  
Tuesday 5 November at 1pm to 3pm; Monday 2 December at 10 am to 12 noon at The Old House

