

Brackenfield Village Association
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 4 December 2017 at 10am
at The Old House

Present: Stefan Priest, Cath Pilsbury, Mike Edwards, Christine Edwards

Apologies: Rev'd Ralph Lawrence, Martin Philips, Lynn Keeton

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

Matters arising:

Christmas Tree Switch On: Friday 15 December at 6.30pm

- The Christmas Tree is being delivered on Tues 12 December. Mike will ask Nigel if he can put it in the back porch. Keith will help put it up on Wed 13 December.
- The Temporary Event Notice has been issued.
- Nigel has offered to light the stove during the afternoon. Mike will take logs and smokeless coal up beforehand.
- Stefan has sweets; we have plastic cups for juice and Lynn has cups for mulled wine and soup.
- Stefan will get a bottle of lemonade to add to the mulled wine.
- Nigel has confirmed we can use the kitchen water heater and crockery to serve tea and coffee.
- Nigel is lending carol sheets from church.
- Cath has mentioned the event at Wessington School. Some of the Governors are interested and some children may come along with parents and join in carols. They have not got time to make a decoration for the top of the tree.
- Mike and Stefan will look out for some decorations for the gate etc.
Lynn is not able to do the raffle due to personal circumstances. Christine will finish it off.
- We will borrow Lynn's collecting tin for donations towards the cost of the tree.
- Refreshment charges as advertised except that children's squash will be served free of charge.
- Mike and Stefan will do a risk assessment once the tree is up (check fire extinguishers).
- Mike will check with Laura re mince pies.
- Mike will bring black bin bags for rubbish and a "helping hand" to assist with decorations.
- Carol singing may be inside/outside. The keyboard can stand by the door.
- Tea/coffee, juice, mince pies and soup will be served from the kitchen.
(Cath/Graham/Christine) Mulled wine/wine and mince pies will be served from a table in the hall (Ask Anne). The raffle will be in the hall (Christine)
- Cath will bring serviettes for the mince pies.

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

The W.I. Have confirmed that they would like to have a stall at the Picnic. They have their own Public Liability Insurance. Maypole Movers are booked to provide a 45 min "have a go" workshop at 12 noon for £40. Double Cross are booked to play in the afternoon and Mike has put a request for a fly over to the RAF.

Mid-Winter Event

Laura at the Plough has agreed to run a "pudding evening" at the Church Hall. She has offered to make soup and cold snacks (e.g. cheese and biscuits) to start, followed by a talk/demonstration of some deserts and tasting. Max number would be 40. There was some discussion about the pricing of tickets and £7.50 was suggested. Tea and coffee to be included (not alcohol).
Potential date: Thursday 1 March from 6.30 to 9pm. Mike and Christine will check with Laura and if the date is suitable ask Nigel re hall booking. It was suggested that recipes should be made available.

Spring Bank Holiday 2018:

Christine has received a response from the PCC, who are planning their Flower Festival at the end of May.

Finance:

Stefan and Christine will submit a bid to Awards for All as previously discussed.

Any other business:

Brackenfield Bulletin:

Christine will prepare a draft edition for circulation in January 2018.

Ideas for items to be included: Update on the defibrillator; Dates for your diary; News; Feature on farming e.g. young farmers. We need to keep it short and to the point – no more than two sides.

Future events:

It would be good to keep the momentum going. The Neighbourhood Survey will help identify people's interests. Local history is one popular theme. We could ask someone local or a visiting speaker, combining a history talk with a supper (e.g. pie and pea). A history walk round the village followed by refreshments was another idea. Craft demonstrations/workshops along the lines of the one Gillian is doing might be popular. Linda previously mentioned organising a whist drive and we could support this by advertising on the website, facebook and bulletin.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 23 January at 10am at Holly Cottage (subject to Martin's approval!)

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