

Brackenfield Village Association
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 5 November 2019 at 1pm at Holly Cottage

Present: Linda Walker, Catherine Tomlinson, Stefan Priest, Martin Philips, Mike Edwards, Christine Edwards Anne Edgar;

Apologies:; Cath Pilsbury, Lynn Keeton

Minutes of the meeting on 30 September 2019: Read and agreed.

Matters arising

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Eleven people have signed up for the NP WhatsApp group so far and we can keep reminding people about it.
- **Walk with Pete:** The walk on 13 October was cancelled due to poor weather. Pete will re-arrange when it looks fit.

Live and Local:

The Moscow Drug Club concert on 1 November was a great success. All 80 tickets were sold and evaluations and feedback were very positive. The audience came from the local area with some visitors from Chesterfield and Sheffield. After paying the Live and Local fee, licenses and church hire, we broke even on ticket sales. It would certainly be possible to put on another event in future. Choosing the right kind of performance is key. Options would be to go through Live and Local (with the advantage of their brand, publicity and subsidy funding) or alternatively to engage performers ourselves if we could find a suitable local group at an affordable cost.

Christmas:

There was some discussion of options for this year. Assistance with installing a tree outside the hall for the past two years has been greatly appreciated, however it is a lot to ask of people. Also, there has been criticism that the lights are not bright enough. This is due to the lack of an external power supply at the hall, necessitating use of solar or battery lights. It was noted that Wessington Church have quite a small tree but it looks nice and bright.

Martin will check with the PCC to see if they have plans to install an outdoor socket. If this were to happen in time for Christmas, we could buy a tree and set it up outside the hall with lights and saved decorations.

In addition, we decided to launch the idea of a Brackenfield Christmas Trail, encouraging people to decorate a tree or put lights in their gardens to add some festive cheer over the Christmas period. To be communicated on facebook, the website and a poster and word of mouth.

Summer 2020 discussion and ideas:

There was further discussion about a teatime PoG on Sat 11 or Sun 12 July say 1630 to 1930. We would need to cover costs. Linda would like to organise a plant stall, the WI have asked to be involved and Lynn has offered to organise a raffle. Catherine will contact the Poets in Ashover to find out about bands who play there. We could do with finding a local band of broad appeal who are within our price range so we will continue the search for our next meeting. Mike mentioned that when Double Cross played, the power supply for their amplifiers kept tripping. The hall is the only practical power source, so this needs to be taken into consideration. The alternative would be to hire a quiet generator but they are expensive.

AOB:

We discussed putting on another meal during late March (maybe French themed) as the Italian evening went so well. Christine and Mike will discuss with Laura and feedback at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Monday 9 December at 10 am to 12 noon at The Old House

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