

**Brackenfield Village Association**  
**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 9 December 2019 at 10am at The Old House**

**Present:** Linda Walker, Stefan Priest, Cath Pilsbury, Mike Edwards, Christine Edwards;

**Apologies:** Catherine Tomlinson, Martin Philips, Lynn Keeton. Anne Edgar

**Minutes of the meeting on 5 November 2019:** Read and agreed.

**Matters arising:**

**Live and Local:** Linda and friend will attend the 2020 launch event at Breadsall Village Hall on Sunday 22 March (details to follow)

**Christmas:**

Linda has purchased a tree to be paid for from BVA funds. Ian and Mark will install it outside the Hall. To be decorated on Sunday 15 December at 10am. Mike will bring Martin's lights, waterproof box, multi-socket and a ladder. Linda has several sets of tree lights and has bought two timers. Christine has put a poster on the notice board which is also on facebook and the website, inviting people to decorate a tree or put lights in their gardens and to put a decoration on the village tree. If the idea seems popular it could be developed into a village Christmas Trail in future.

**Summer 2020 discussion and ideas:**

We agreed to combine the teatime picnic/music with a Heritage Trail Launch in the afternoon.

Linda, Ian and Mark would like to run a plant stall. The WI have asked if they can do a stall and Stefan offered to run the Pimms stall again as he has stock. We could also do a raffle. There was a very successful craft fayre in the Hall last weekend where lovely cakes and drinks were sold to raise funds for Wessington School and Cancer Research. Linda will ask if the organisers would like to join in our summer event and sell drinks and cakes in the hall from 1pm to 4.30pm, keeping the proceeds for the school/charity and paying a contribution (say £25) towards the hire of the hall.

We discussed music and agreed to ask Two Tones if they are still available. Two other vocalists have been recommended and Christine will contact them if Two Tones are booked.

Mike has booked the bins. Christine will book the Hall *and Event First Aid*.

It was agreed that it would be good to combine the picnic with the Trail launch to maximise attendance. This can be advertised widely e.g. Derbyshire and walking magazines, local walking groups, radio, DCC/NEDDC magazines. It would be good to invite grant funders (Tesco and DCC) and those who have assisted with the development of the Trail. It would be possible to set up an exhibition in the Hall and a Keynote presentation showing the Trail for those who cannot or do not choose to do the walk.

**Gourmet Evening:** Laura Kay has kindly offered to put on another evening meal. Mike will ask her if she can do an Italian Night on Friday 27 March 2020 at 7pm. Christine will book the Hall.

**AGM:**

This has been arranged for Tuesday 12 May 2020 at 6.30pm. Christine will book the Hall.

**Bulletin:**

Christine will ask Michael about printing an edition at the start of January.

To include:

- Save the day/adverts for the Meal, AGM and Picnic/Trail Launch
- Update on Heritage Cafe and forthcoming dates
- Live and Local feedback and updates and thanks
- Reminder about WhatsApp and Neighbourhood Watch

**AOB:**

Heritage Trail: The Heritage Café is into its second year and the walking trail is on course to be completed next summer, using the remaining grant from DCC and Tesco. Mike raised the possibility of then extending the project by working with other local communities such as Wessington, South Wingfield and Crich. It may be possible to apply for further grant funding.

**Next Meetings:** *All at The Old House*

Tues 21 January at 1pm; Mon 17 February at 10am; Tues 17 March at 1pm; Mon 20 April at 10am  
AGM: Tues 12 May at 6.30pm

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