

## **FRC meeting Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in Fanshaws Room**

**Present:** Linda Ashley, Brenda Lambie, Alison Blakey, Amy Hughes, Jean Retallick, Lawrence Price

**Apologies:** Janet Burger, Robert Williams

Meeting was opened at 7.16pm

Linda opened the meeting by thanking every one who helped make the fete a huge success.

### **FETE**

This year's fete could be the most successful so far, although the final figures are not yet available. The warm and sunny weather attracted more people than ever but this also threw up a few problems e.g. parking and refreshments to stall holders.

Brenda gave a run down on what was successful and what may need to be improved upon in the future.

### **Car Park**

Although the car park area was extended this year there were, at times, more cars than spaces available. Leslie had left a plan for parking which was very helpful. Julian said in previous busy years more double rows have been used. This may need to be implemented in future.

A community police officer may be needed in future to direct traffic.

Very few people complained about the £2 charge.

### **Refreshments**

Teas in Fanshaws Room were very busy.

Although refreshments were taken out to stall holders, this was insufficient on such a hot day. Planning for next years fete should take this into consideration.

### **Bric a brac**

Unsold items were packed up by Jean and her help at the end of the fete, this took a long time. Jean takes the better items to various charity shops and the rest she takes to the dump.

There were also a lot of electrical goods donated that cannot be sold. In future the ads for donations will say no electrical goods.

Amy asked if a skip could be hired in future for non saleable items. Linda suggested getting a skip donated. This will be looked into for next year.

### **Advertising**

The A4 posters need to be redesigned, highlighting Brickendon with Postal code, date and time.

Linda has asked that the raffle tickets be charged at £1 per ticket not 20p as it took far too long to write on each ticket.

The new raffle tickets were a success.

The programmes worked well with the tear off strip and also acknowledge the sponsors.

This format for tickets and programmes will be used next year.

Linda received a request from Michael Aston for the scout group to put a stall on the green. This will hopefully happen next year. The scouts could also help in various areas as needed e.g. teas to stall holders.

There were some issues with the sound system/acoustics and the announcements were difficult to hear in some spots. This will be looked into for next year.

Beryl sent an email to all committee members outlining her thoughts on the village fete and how it could be improved upon for next year much of which had already been discussed.

Beryl had thought that the Bayford stall had also sold Bric a Brac but this was incorrect, they had only sold used toys along with Candyfloss and Hoopla.

The white block on the advertising boards was necessary as matching green paint was unavailable.

### **Thank you Evening** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 7-9pm

Brenda estimates that we need to cater for about 70 people.

Drinks - Linda will organise with Kate. Wine, beer and soft drinks

Nibbles – Mitch will be asked if The Farmers Boy can put on a buffet similar to last year.

There will be two large tables, one for food and one for drink plus a few individual tables.

Lawrence will put together a play list and bring blue tooth speaker for back ground music.

Linda will bring crisps and nuts etc.

### **Children's Christmas Party**

The information in the newsletter is incorrect . The older children are to arrive at 3.45 not 4.45 to put on their skates for the 4-5pm session.

### **AOB**

Tennis courts

Tennis 2000 has sent a reminder about the autumn tennis court maintenance. The charge is £520 annually for two visits, spring (Feb/March) and autumn Oct/Nov).

It was decided that we would not have the autumn maintenance but wait until the early spring.

It was suggested that we have a green waste bin for leaves, this would help keep the courts leaf free. Alison will contact Laura for this to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Jean noticed a large branch overhanging the tennis court fence on the road side. She has cut down as much as possible and will return with her tractor to try to remove the rest. Maintenance of this area is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Meeting finished at 8.21pm