

FRC MEETING 21st October 2021 IN FANSHAWS ROOM

Apologies;

Mitch Brummitt, Mhairi McDowell, Amy Hughes, Lawrence Price

Present;

Linda Ashby, Janet Burger, Brenda Lambie, Robert Williams, Jean Retallick, Alison Blakey, Tony Roberts

Meeting opened at 7.59

Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising.

No matters arising

Hall Report

Brenda reports that bookings during 2020 fell off completely but are now slowly recovering. There are now several party bookings and other activities scheduled. Bookings from clubs are beginning to recover although the Friendly Club don't pay a fee for their monthly hire and the Book Club meet in members' homes. The Gardening Club is, hopefully, recovering but could do with more members. Both Table Tennis and the Whist Drive have now ceased to exist. Rev Theresa's husband, Soloman, has tried to revive the Table Tennis club but so far without much success.

Our new cleaner is very good, she cleans every fortnight at a cost of £40 per month i.e. two sessions.

Just now all equipment in the Hall is in good condition, Its always emphasised that the red chairs must not be removed but the grey chairs stacked in the cleaning cupboard are available for hire. So far parishioners are not charged for hiring equipment, although the tables are not hired out as they are so easily damaged. There are still two boxes of crockery in the kitchen that can be hired out. The older card tables in the cleaning cupboard came in handy at the fete, the ones still in good condition Brenda suggests we hang on to in case we have enquiries from anyone wanting to start up a new club e.g. Bridge etc.

There are two bookings on the weekend of 30/31 October, the cycle group and a children's party. Brenda is away but the cycle group can access a key as they are regular patrons and on the Sunday Janet will open and shut the hall.

Brickendon Fete Report

The advertising and social media campaign created a lot of interest and the Fete was very well attended. However people seemed to stay for longer than in previous years so once they had parked they stayed meaning that cars needed to find space on the streets.

The sale of raffle tickets was easier with the new system and all the tickets were sold.

Treasurers Report

At the end of 2020 there was a £3166 surplus in the bank

October 2021 there was £5259 surplus. This included the £10,000 Government Covid Grant that was received before March 2021.
A total of £47,994 is currently in the bank.

The Fete brought in approx £4,000. There were outgoings of £320 for new fence posts and new coconut shy equipment.
Janet requested a cheque for £50 to be given to Rose for the soft toys from Mind that were sold at the Fete.

Charity donations will be made to:
Guide Dogs for £500
ARNI for £500
Army Cadets for £500

Roberts has requesting new signatories, Alison Blakey has agreed and Lawrence Price will be asked.

Christmas for children and elderly in the parish

Janet Burger will be Mother Christmas for a final year.
There will be approx 20 younger children, hopefully to go to PWP, if it is closed due to Covid restrictions they will be given presents instead.
Approx 20 older children to be given a £10 Amazon voucher.

The PC is supplying the elderly and vulnerable (approx 20) with a Christmas Hamper valued at £25, Fanshaws Room Committee will give an extra £15 towards the hamper making it a £40 hamper.

Hall refurbishment

The Hall was re-painted outside last year and inside earlier this year. Brenda is meeting someone from Hertford Flooring next week to arrange new vinyl flooring in the kitchen. Once that is done she will look into having new fire doors made and fitted. If anybody knows of a carpenter who could take on this work please could they let Brenda have details.
Once these two jobs are finished there is nothing else being planned. Hopefully the re-decoration will last for at least 5 years, hopefully 10 years.

AOB

It has been suggested that the village celebrate the Queens Jubilee in some way. This would be over the June 2022 bank holiday.
The midsummer village social is also usually held in June.
Jean reported that there are some overhanging branches by the tennis courts preventing her from mowing. It was suggested that David Oates be asked to cut back any of his trees that are overhanging.

Next meeting Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 7.30

Meeting closed at 8.55pm