

Minutes of the Friends of Thringstone events meeting Thursday 30th August 2007

Present. Nita Pearson(chair) Sandie Newton, Tony Newton, Ray Woodward, Ann Petty, Janet Stevenson, Pam Porter, Lorraine Whitehurst, Jan Cufflin and Brenda Simpson, Ray Neal.

Apologies. Tam Bream, Geoff Wilson, Rowena Summers and Margaret Smith.

The Music Event .

After some short consideration it was decided to scrap the plans for the Music Event due to take place circa February 2008 as being unproductive. After working out costs, it was felt by most members present that it would be quite likely to drain the groups resources.

The Christmas Fayre.

This is to take place on Saturday December 8th 2007 between 10:00am and 3:00pm. It was decided that there will be nineteen stands (most of which are already booked) and some seasonal entertainment. ie Church Choir (Two x 15minute slots, 11:15 and 1:15) (Jan Cufflin) and a Handbell group (Two slots at 12:00 and 2:00) (Janet Stevenson. Jan Cufflin to liaise with Alan Burgess and Arthur Sykes re the choir performances.

It was agreed that the playgroup from the community centre have a stall.

Lorraine's husband has sorted out music to be played between entertainment.

Chris Mellor will be displaying pen and ink drawings and the art group who go to the community centre will be consulted about a display on the Bar Notice Board. (Janet Stevenson) The Christmas tree will be supplied by the Community Centre.

It was suggested that customers be asked to pay £1 entry, for which they will receive a raffle ticket. It was felt that this must be optional, especially given that the newsletter for September suggested a free event.

A hamper basket will be provided by either Jan or Janet . Donations by members to fill this basket are requested. There was discussion about having a gingham lining to show the products off more. Jan and Janet are liaising on this.

Ben Stanley(Stanley's Longhorn Beef) will be providing hot food(possibly STEW) and may be outside.

The wine merchant will only be allowed to sell gift packs and sealed bottles, so as not to conflict with the centre's bar. Nita to contact by letter to confirm the situation to them.

We are not having a santa, but Lorraine agreed to ask the members of the playgroup whether they had someone who could dress up as Santa.

Various quizzes were discussed, but nothing formally agreed.

It was agreed that the entertainment go downstairs in the middle room, with stalls in the end room and then upstairs. It was thought this would be better than having entertainment only upstairs, or asking people to do one session downstairs and one upstairs.

Friends of Gracedieu are having a stall.

Mike Jones, chairman of Leicestershire County Council has been contacted by Nita to open the event, and has accepted. Nita has sent the necessary paperwork to the County Council to formalise this booking.

Mike Statham is to be asked about a Santa and Grotto, and also whether he would be prepared to help with banners again, as per our summer event. Ray W to contact Mike.

The Community Centre will be providing mulled wine and mince pies for sale. Alan Burgess is to be asked by Jan Cufflin about posters in the same numbers as per the summer event, and people who volunteered to put up posters for the summer event will be asked to do the same again..

Tony Newton will be taking care of all forms of signage within the centre.

Publicity via the Thringstone Bawble will go out during the last week in November. Nita has yet to write a new newsletter. Nita will also do the usual publicity with regard to newspapers etc.

John Smith will do additions to the website for publicity. It was also agreed that we get information from stall holders on their contact details, and these could be put on the website for added emphasis.

Licence and insurance. Hopefully a licence will not be required and Ray W to check on insurance.

Sandie is still researching the idea of a bran tub

Jan Cufflin is going to donate a sandwich toaster for the raffle

Ginns and Gutteridge will be providing a fairground type organ outside. This is quite large as it is mounted on a lorry.

Pam Porter is to check on the possibility of some small gift packs to be sold at £1.

Ray W is to contact Gelsmore nursery about selling xmas trees and holly wreaths etc.

Christmas Party on Thursday 6th December 2007

Ray W is to contact all available members via e-mail and Sandie Newton to phone the rest about what food they intend to bring to the party.

Music will be provided by Phil and Lorraine Whitehurst and Jan Cufflin will organise a seasonal quiz.

Members will be allowed to bring guests but numbers will be limited due to capacity.

Summer Event

This will take place on Saturday 8th September 2008 10:00am---4:00pm at the Thringstone Community Centre.

It will link with Whitwick Pit Disaster and The Booth Family (introduction of the Pension).

Rowena is looking at contacting people who have connections with the pit disaster to see if these can be invited.

Ray is to seek sponsorship from

LUBCLOUD-----Dairy products (could possibly be used by the community centre)

MIDLAND QUARRY PRODUCTS

MORRISONS—TESCO-- CO-OP .

SWITHLAND WATER

Programmes---Handouts. Nita will have to write these up, but it was agreed that they be condensed, and be A4 folded.

Music - Carillon have already been booked to provide the sound and PA links.

Opening of the event - Lorraine to research the Gore-Brown connection.

Stands and Stalls—Chris Matchett and the Whitwick Historic soc to be asked(RW), Friends of Holly Hayes(RW), Ella and the Primary school children(SN) Scouts (SN)

Banner – this has be discussed at a later stage

Posters and leaflets to be as per 2007.

Sandie to investigate a “Best Pet” type of event.

The next events meeting has been arranged for Thursday 27th September 2007 at 6:45pm at the Community Centre.

Hopefully Sandie will be able to arrange a meeting between Ella, Nita, Ray and herself on Tuesday 25th Sept also at the Centre at 6:45pm.

Don't forget the full meeting on Thurs 6th Sept 2007 6-45pm.