

Notes of Meeting 13th AUGUST, 2013, held at The Willows Training Room, Rippingale

1. Present: Chris Petz (Chairman), Sheila Scholes (Secretary), Tim & Chris Bladon, John & Judith Tyler, John Scholes, Trevor Lerner, Doreen Hilton, Lynn Hall, John Warman, M. Hallas, Laurie Parncutt, Ginger Flatters, Bev. Francis, Angie Adams, Glenys Petz, Jim Latham.

Apologies: Steve Warcup, Bryony Harrison, Barry Flatters, Lin Oxley, Mark Bradley, Nigel Adams.

2 WELCOME & CORRESPONDENCE.

2.1 The Chairman welcomed all and hoped members were basking in “the Sunshine of Success”! Many messages/cards and e-mails of congratulations and thanks for the Feast had been received.

2.2 Bryony Harrison – good wishes and congratulations and offer to help again.

2.3 Barry Flatters – congratulations, regrets that is resigning from committee, good wishes and will continue to make Willows meeting room available for meetings.

2.4 Beverley Francis, Glenys Petz and Laurie Parncutt were welcomed to the meeting.

3. & 4. NOTES OF LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING. Nothing to note.

5. REVIEW OF LEAD UP EVENTS.

A. PUBLICITY/SIGNAGE/POSTERS – seemed to be village only - do we want to extend promotion? Too much pressure on Phil to generate posters etc. Advertising should be displayed earlier and follow example of Beer Festival organisers re locating signs outside village. **Video** thanks John W. – check U-tube. Develop idea next year.

B. QUIZES fun, but ? return for work involved. Need to increase numbers attending ? advertise in other Pubs? Suggest imprint quiz via newspapers with prize (J.L.)

C. TREASURE HUNT & WALK ? combine two events, with BBQ as finale. Bull buffet disappointing, BBQ and venue (Manor House) excellent for Treasure Hunt.

D. TEE SHIRTS – Good effort, hope to sell remainder at Beer Festival. Aware that would make only small profit. Do **Newsletter** item for any left over – Christmas presents? **CHRIS**

E. ROSE QUEEN Dresses lovely and congratulations to Eva. Hope for more applicants next year. Thanks Chris P. for contacting former Queens for judging – which was anonymous and confidential. Have located Betty Macmillan Rosebowl. Rose Queen received replica bowl which will be engraved.

* **Future Duties** – contact organisations re inviting Rose Queen to attend events, where appropriate **CHRIS**

F. GRAND DRAW – Lucrative, house to house ticket sales, limited but successful. More tickets could have been sold on Feast Day – promote better next year (Chris B. Will help)

G. PROGRAMME - Professional looking and well designed. Increase number of pages next year, more advertisers wanted to be included. Will cover print cost, good to have delivered free to all households. Distribution list per Mary Morgan available for next year.

H. RISK ASSESSMENT, MARSHALLING, SECURITY. * no problems created by R.A., can be updated for future use. Marshalling and police presence reassuring and much appreciated. Ginger and Mark on field very helpful.

6. CEILIDH – Enjoyable, food good, struggled to get numbers attending.

7. REVIEW/VIEWS OF FEAST DAY.

1. Erection Day & Morning Preparations – well supported with new people helping (names taken) Hope to involve these helpers again. Refreshments appreciated. Sunday morning preparation went well, Field Plan and organisation excellent.

2. Parade - timings had allowed for Cheeky Monkeys “toddling”. Route to be looked at for next year. ? **Band** to lead Parade and perform. Needs to be organised asap to ensure availability. Excellent support from Classic Cars, thanks to Steve H., invite again. **CHRIS**

3. Competitions Discontinue Beer/lunch boxes (no entries). Hope more involvement with W.I. next year and more entries now that people know what is expected. Need to clarify rules and judging – Judith Tyler volunteered to **coordinate W.I./Feast** next year if required. **JUDITH**

4. Field Entertainment & Attractions

A. Dogs – Only arena item; entertaining. **Invite again** and ?? Dog show e.g. 10.00 – 12.00 (attract more visitors) next year. Rearrangement of arena between attractions – **Scouts?** **SHEILA**

B. Catering – Excellent and very busy. Thanks to Eva, Trevor, Doreen, Stuart for making available their Tea Tent kitchen. Proceeds shared with Allotments Group. Suggested make Entertainers’ catering area separate, more washing up cloths and another boiler!

C. Ice Cream - No van organised, improve next year.

D. Arena - make more use of – tug of war? Wife carrying?

E. BBMF (Battle of Britain Memorial Flight) – excellent, extensive and emotional air display. Laurie asked to liaise with R.A.F. contact on behalf of Feast Committee for next year.

F. Children’s Attractions – let down at short notice by Cheeky Monkeys. Thanks to Scouts and Eva’s friend who provided games/face painting. Look to make alternative arrangements next year.

F. Art & History Displays - Interesting and appreciated, Graham pleased. Include in next year’s plans.

G. Church Service Would have liked it to be more relevant to Rose Queen, discuss with PCC for next year. Good attendance at Service and refreshments very much appreciated!

H. Clearing Up – Very impressive and virtually all done by Sunday evening, no litter left. Tent poles have been matched up for easier use next time. Need more **litter bins** around the field. **JOHN S.**

8. FINANCES – Event has covered costs and surplus (£859 to date) to be used to support 2014 event. Laurie Parncutt to **audit** accounts before handing to Parish Council. **Laurie**

9. NEXT YEAR’S FEAST – (noted as ‘bullet points’ only, for consideration by Committee Members and full discussion at next meeting – sms)

- * Suggested date **20th July, 2014**
- * *Erection Saturday 12th July*
- * *Use of tents for other events ? Craft Fair 13th July, ? Car Boot Sale 19th July ? mid-week.*
- * *Shuttering/safety fencing during week*
- * *2014 = 100 Anniversary World War I – not to make Feast a pastiche on war*
- * *a “Rippingale in 1914” display would be appropriate (Jim L.)*
- * *War Memorial, rededication after refurbishment as final part of Feast/Service.*
- * *Brass Band – John Macmillan offer – pursue (Chris P.)*
- * *Parade – do again*
- * *Lead Up events too demanding and suggest 3 major events only:*
 - * *Autumn Concert (see below)*
 - * *“Cold Turkey” post-Christmas Quiz*
 - * *Treasure Hunt & Village Walk combined event with BBQ.*
- * *Offer of concert by Chris Green (contact= Jim L.)*
- * *Check out Billingborough Fun Day 26th August for ideas*
- * *Exotic Pet Refuge*
- * *Donkey rides/carriage display (Gill Reynolds, Kirkby – Chris Bladon knows)*
- * *Tombola (Village Hall would run and give % proceeds to Feast)*
- * *Beer Tent – discuss whether appropriate or not*
- * *Wife carrying – look on internet - Chris to provide details.*
- * *Toilets – make 50/50 Ladies and Gents!!!*

**** Autumn Concert – Flossie Maliaville.**

On recommendation of Chris P. singer/performer Flossie Maliaville has been provisionally booked for concert, £350 fee, 9th November, Village Hall. Suggest Cabaret style evening, those attending can bring picnic. To be promoted among Folk music circuit. Suggest 100 tickets @£7.50, raffle to cover Hall Hire cost. C.Petz enthusiastic about success of event and offered to underwrite cost if required.

CHRIS/BEV

**** Organisation of Committee/Sub-Committees, Constitution/Terms of Reference/Officers.**

To make ongoing Feasts a success, need make formal arrangements. It was agreed that Chris P meets with Parish Council representatives to draft Terms of Reference etc. Thinking that

- Important to keep event under Parish Council “banner”
- need a Publicity and Promotions Officer,
- that areas of responsibility be allocated and attract their own sub-committees; who would report – in person or on paper – to main committee,
- Meetings need not be monthly, should start arrangements earlier than January 2014!.

10.ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

THANKS TO ALL: The Chairman thanked everyone involved for the hard work, cooperation, good humour and willingness to make the Feast a success. It is suggested that the Committee reuses the slogan from the Jubilee event:-

“Rippingale Feast, an Annual Celebration of Fun and Friendship in our Village”.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

TUESDAY 8th October, 2013, The Willows Training Suite, 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed, 9.15p.m.
Sheila Scholes,
24th August, 2013.