



RIPPINGALE FEAST 2015

NOTES OF MEETING HELD 5th January 2015 7.30 p.m.

The Willows Training Room, by kind permission of Amrit Khaira

1. **Welcome:** Chris Petz welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Present:** Janet McNeil, Chas Mayhew, Mike Hallas, Denny Watmore, John & Judith Tyler, Phil Rippingale, Glenys Petz
3. **Apologies:** Debi Palmer, Nigel Adams, Angela Adams, Chris Bladon Bryony Harrison, Joan Tarrant, Jim Latham, Bev Machin, Jonathan Newell, Lin Oxley *, Laurie Parncut, John Warman.
* Along with her apologies, Lin Oxley expressed the wish to be no longer involved in the Feast group

4. Notes from last meeting and 5. Matters arising:

- a. Blackthorn Indians have confirmed, via Antony Slack, that they will be attending the Feast weekend.
- b. Scout tents. The scouts are intending to erect their redundant tents later in the year for them to be viewed prior to a decision being made re acquisition.
- c. A formal request to the BBMF for a flypast on Sunday 4 July has been made
- d. There has been no response from the request for a programme designer to offer services.

Various options were discussed.

Judith T. volunteered to speak to Lucinda Main, who is a graphic designer, and ask if she would be willing to take the project on board with her assistance.

A contingency "design budget" of £300:00 was earmarked.

6: Forthcoming events Burns Supper 17 January 2015

Chris P. gave an update on ticket sales which were exceedingly poor.

A limit of 80 tickets had been set but only 31 had been sold.

If we were to go ahead with the event, then, on current numbers, there would be a loss of over £300:00.

If we were to cancel, then cancellation fees would amount to £250:00

To break even, we would need to sell a further 26 tickets.

Lengthy discussions took place and it was decided that we should try a final push to improve numbers with a cut off "final decision" time of 8:00pm on Saturday 10 January. If the event does go ahead, in keeping with the theme, we would organise a Whisky Roll rather than a raffle.

Subsequent to this meeting, Chris P. came home to find an answerphone message from the piper who had been offered another engagement on 17 January. Because of the uncertainty regarding our event going ahead, he had accepted the offer and would no longer be available.

Chris P. contacted all who were at this meeting and it was decided that the event would be cancelled.

7: AOB .

Denny W. asked how she should go about claiming recompense for money spent on the raffle at Jim's War Stories evening. Mike H. said he would deal with it

8: Date of next meeting: Thursday 12TH February, 7.30pm at the Willows