



RIPPINGALE FEAST 2015

NOTES OF MEETING HELD 23rd March 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, John & Judith Tyler, John Warman, Ginger Flatters, Jonathan Newell, Chas Mayhew, Chris Bladon, John Scholes
3. **Apologies:** Debi Palmer, Joan Tarrant, Lynne Hall, Bryony Harrison, Jim Latham, Bev Machin, Denny Whatmore, Phil Rippingale, Mike Hallas.
4. **Notes from last meeting and 5. Matters arising:**
 - a. **Blackthorn Indians:** Chris P has been in contact with the group again and they say that they are not available on the date first "agreed."
Janet and Meg have been carrying out some research into possible replacement entertainers and have agreed to liaise with Chris P on any developments before the next meeting.
 - b. **Geocache Project:** As Jim was not present at the meeting, we have no update on this item.
 - c. **Programme Design:** We were all pleased to hear that Phil has agreed to handle the design of the programme for this year but made it clear that this would be the last time.
 - d. **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.
 - e. **Burns Supper Cancellation:** Not a lot of time was spent on this item as the outcome was self explanatory. The cost of the cancellation was questioned. Costs were a) band cancellation fee - £250:00 b) Publicity printing – minimal.

6: Forthcoming Events

- a) **Car Boot Sale:** Final details, agreed at the last meeting, were confirmed.
Date 4 April
Pitches are £5:00. Set-up 12:00 – Buyers 1:00pm
Mowing of the field has been arranged.
Hot dog/burger van has been arranged – van will also sell hot drinks.
Ginger, John Tyler and John Scholes will deal with parking.
Chas will marshal vendors and take payments.
Judith agreed to ensure the toilets would be in a usable state.
Chas Mayhew reported that, so far, he had taken 7 bookings but we all felt that, on past experience, this would have increased significantly on the day.
- b) **Son of a Gun Dance Night**
Date 30 May
Tickets £10:00 to include Fish & Chip Supper
Denny & Janet have arranged Fish & Chip van - - food at 9:00pm
Raffle prizes needed

Band cost £150:00 (This is a special price as a gesture of support for a village event)

Costings are based upon 100 tickets.

As previously stated, hefty publicity is needed for this event ie Posters, Leaflet Door Drop, Press Releases.

Chris agreed to liaise with Jim, Phil and Bev.

With these arrangements in hand it was agreed that final details can be firmed up at the next meeting.

7: Feast Weekend Update and Arrangements

As previously reported, arrangements in place are:

Sleaford Concert Band

Line Dancing Demonstrations

Judo Displays

Fairground Rides

Falconry Display

“Train” Rides

WI Tea Tent

Fly Past request has been registered.

Further catering: Decision was made to book the Hot Dog/Burger van which will be used at the car Boot Sale.

Hopefully, Steve Hall can arrange cars for the parade

Dance on the Saturday night is with Peterborough band – The Guards

In keeping with the loose American theme, we intend to serve a Cowboy Supper of Beans, Bacon and Mash.

Chris reported that John MacMillan had kindly offered to provide a piper to lead the Feast Parade through the village.

It was also agreed that we should investigate inviting more trade stalls to keep people's interest on the day.

If we do not find a replacement for the Blackthorne Indians, we felt it would be no great loss and maybe, the central arena, which was only used for a brief dog agility demonstration last year, could become a designated picnic area.

Bryony sent a message to say that there would be no priest in charge at this year's Feast Service, but, Jonathan, in his role of Church warden would be willing to lead the evening.

As Bryony and Lynne were not at the meeting we could not make too many definite plans but Jonathan hoped that he and the two ladies would be able to design a suitable Feast Service.

Judith offered to make bacon rolls etc for all volunteer helpers on “Erection Day” which is Wednesday 1 July.

8: Financial Update

The latest Financial report shows that our current closing balance, as at 17 March 2015, stands at £2481

7: AOB .

Chris reported that the WI had appointed a new representative for the Feast Group. Her name is Norma Redhead and she is currently the WI Secretary but she was not able to attend the current meeting.

We look forward to welcoming Norma to the next meeting.

In the absence of any other business the meeting was closed.

8: Date of next meeting: Monday 11th May, 7.30pm at the Willows