

Events Committee Meeting – Record of Meeting

Monday 22nd June 2015, The Willows, Cranley Green @ 8.00pm

Present: Maria Ford, Simon Hooton, Andrew Evitt, Roz Barnett

Apologies: Bruce Salter, Brett Fraser, Penny McSheehy, Harley Molesworth

Open Gardens 6th/7th of June Scarecrow competition

Open Gardens enjoyed fantastic weather and was a hugely successful fundraiser for the Church, raising in excess of £5,500.

Scarecrow competition was not as well received this year with far fewer entries than last year.

Mayor's Parade 14 June 2015

The parades and service at the Church went very well, MF advised that the cost of the reception was in the region of £100.

There were fewer Mayor's in the parade this year and it is believed this is because the date clashed with the Southwold Mayor's Parade.

The Mayor's Parade was late for Eye due to it being an election year. It is desired that the event be held earlier next year, before the Open Gardens weekend.

Fr Sumpter mentioned to MF and the Clerk that Sunday's may become much busier as he has a number of parishes to cover. He wondered whether thought had or could be given to having the Mayor's Parade on a Saturday am or pm, or on Sunday pm.

The Clerk advised she'd made some investigations and confirmed that the Mayor's Service must be held in the Town's Civic Church, which is Ss Peter and Paul.

Cricket Match 21st June

This was well organised and supported. The participants and onlookers enjoyed a sunny afternoon with a plentiful cricket tea. Eye residents not involved with the Cricket Club came along and hopefully this will become a regular event and a great way to promote the Club.

490th Bomb Group – 40th weekend 8th/9th August

MF advised that she has a meeting arranged with Jackie Aling on 26th June. MF to confirm time of road closure and outcome of the meeting with the authors of 'Would you like a cup of tea?' (working title).

Eye Arts Festival 29th-31st August

The Bank had enquired whether Cross Street could be closed to set up craft stalls – they have a number of interested stallholders. MF advised of concern over lateness of application and impact on shopping/parking in Town. A suggested alternative is to have the craft stalls at The Cross which although would prohibit the use of 8 parking bays, would still allow through traffic around the Town. MF to speak with Jules from the Bank.

MF to follow up with Hartismere the possibility of having an exhibition of the students art work in the TH over the Arts Festival weekend. The artwork will be displayed in The Bank beforehand and it is hoped that it can be moved to the Town Hall.

SH advised of the art and D&T awards at Hartismere on 7th July organised by Paula Hayward Nichols.

Note

It was suggested that the Heritage Weekend, Waveney Valley Folk Collective and Food Festival may be combined to make use of Awards for All money available for promotion and publicity, and for engaging/working with young people in the TH.

Heritage Weekend 12th and 13th of September

SH hopes to organise 2-3 youth drama workshops where those involved will perform sketches, possibly drawing from Clive Paine's book on the history of Eye.

MF to speak with Jan Perry and Penny McSheehy to enquire if they have any photos of events in Eye where it might be possible to identify locals in their younger years. Then and now.

Possibility of a VI quiz – planned during the week between Heritage Weekend and Folk Festival.

Focus on historic buildings in the Town. Possibly giving young people cameras to use on their walk around Town to either capture interesting architecture or to follow quiz/puzzle questions. Using historical photos of buildings in the town, identify the properties as they are now and photograph.

Waveney Valley Folk Collective – 19th September

SH & RB advise that this is progressing well. The festival will run from 2pm until 11 pm and the Ludlum Pikes are confirmed.

Provision of a bar – the Queen's Head have not committed to participate in the event. SH will make further enquiries.

Email Hartismere publicity flyer to drum up interest from students.

Waveney Valley Food Festival 3rd of October

The pie completion will be running and plans are afoot to promote it.

SH intends to hold a pie-making workshop approximately 2 weeks in advance of the festival, engaging young people and encouraging them to enter.

There will be a number of entry categories.

Possibly consider a WWI pie category.

WWI Exhibition – 10th/11th October

This will share the hall with the pie competition.

Remembrance Sunday Service – 8th November

Georgia Horobin has been asked to order the Poppies and wreaths. RB and MF to organise a handover.

Eye Christmas Evening – 4th December

For the past 2 years Eye has received a Christmas tree from Steven Johnston in return for a donation.

Steven hasn't confirmed whether he has a tree that will be appropriate for the TC this year. MF will speak with Melissa at Fleur Artisan to organise the Town's Christmas tree.

Park Radio – MF to speak with Park Radio to enquire of their terms for hosting this year.

MF to put together the tender for the Christmas lights.

SH suggested asking Caroline Byles to contact the news/weather presenters who were unable to act as our celebrity lights switcher-on last year, to see whether they are available this year.

Awards for All Money (to be spent before end of 2015)

Harley Molesworth and Caroline Byles are working on suggestions for youth activities, linking back to Events.

MF and RB will order exhibition boards etc.

AOB

Markets – the bookings in the town hall for the Master Crafters has been positive in the Town. This is something we should look to build upon – possibly handing out flyers at other markets to glean interest.

The Town's Remembrance Sunday and annual Mayor's Parades are well organised and orchestrated under Alan Cooper, who leads with his knowledge and experience of these events. MF to speak with Alan to consider who he'd like to work with as a deputy to ensure that at the point of Alan stepping down, he and the Council are confident in the skills of his deputy.

A deputy also needs to be considered to work with/take over from Bernard Tatum as Mace Bearer at some point in the future. MF will speak with Bernard.

Please advise of inaccuracies or omissions.

M Ford

13 July 2015