Friends of Droxford Church

Minutes of the Events sub-group meeting

30 January 2024 in the Community Room

Present: Sally Sturt, June Kershaw, Tony Hoile, John Symes and Clare Hooper.

1. Apologises none.
2. Minutes from the last meeting approved.
3. AGM – Over 150 emails have been sent out. Little response so far but more promotion by SS (2nd round of emails, targeted WhatsApp and messages next) with a view to final numbers the weekend before. Invites include the new rector. Agenda on the website. Treasurers report and Chairman’s reports being prepared and requested to go on the website asap.

Action JS and TH to liaise to ensure seamless chairman’s report and presentation.

All speakers to use the lectern and no visual presentation. Wine served on arrival from the north aisle with nibbles in the community room for after the AGM.

1. DD 80th Anniversary –

Programme:

8, 15, 22, 29 April and 6, 20 May (7-8.30 pm) – dance lessons

9 May – Talk on Droxford Station by Tony Williams starting 7.30 pm.

15 May – Churchill Film in the village hall

23 May – Talk on Churchill in this area by Ben Stoneham starting 7.30 pm.

1 Jun – Country Fair with steam engine, enhanced heritage exhibits

2 Jun – Tea Dance (3-5pm) in the village hall with Amy Baker performing

Additional items –

1 June - proposed school art show in the narthex

8/9 June - visit to the map room in Southwark

Actions -

JS to confirm dates with the speakers. JS to see if funding would be available for eg Amy Baker costs. Agreed heritage video during the country fair would be screen for viewing when sat in the south aisle.

Clare to confirm with Tim re date of the film. Clare to enquire about a reservation on Meonstoke Hall for the tea dance as a backup plan. Clare already booked Droxford village hall for the lessons and tea dance. Clare to liaise with the dance instructor Jackie Keithley. Clare to book Amy Baker. SS to do a budget.

TH to ask Margaret if Wilfrid’s would provide the tea and cakes at the tea dance. Agreed to liaise on the basis of a fixed price as refreshments would be included in the ticket price for the tea dance.

JK to ask the school if they wanted to provide the art works for a show and we would use our display boards in the narthex. JK to liaise with James to confirm what their plans were for the Country Fair and the DD anniversary.

1. Events Team Update – SS to ask for volunteers to the many events being planned. Rita already offered to help at the tea dance.
2. New Events – Roger Coleman had offered Shantyheads to perform. We already had a full programme. However, we agreed that the PCC might like to organise one say July. Clare to approach Jeff. JS to respond to Roger.

SS advised that there was strong interest in a dance or disco on the village chat. Miranda, who runs a Ceroc company and lives in Droxford, offered to run a dance. SS to explore for next spring.

1. AOB – None
2. Date of next meeting Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 5pm in the Community Room.

Events Timetable Responsible Trustee Date if known

FODC AGM and social Sally 20 Feb 2024

80th D-Day Programme Clare May/June 2024

Concert or tea dance Clare May 2024

Talk on Droxford Station and Railway by Tony Williams Clare/John May 2024

Talk on Churchill in this area by Ben Stoneham Clare/John May 2024

DD themed film Clare/Tim May 2024

Steam Engine at the Country Fair Tony 1 June 2024

Children’s Art Show at the Country Fair June/Sally 1 June 2024

Previous film/video heritage recordings in the Narthex John 1 June 2024

Tea Dance Clare 2 June 2024

Shantyheads led by the PCC John/Clare July 2024

Art Exhibition June September 2024

Safari Supper Sally October 2024

Xmas Fair November 2024

Events to be investigated:

Dance or Disco with offers from Ceroc (Miranda) and Rita Sally

Author talks eg Rev. Cole, Robert Goddard Angela Findlay, Kate Mosse Sally

Dale – Droxford Annual Literary Event Sally

Tribute band June

Singing (carols) concert by Portsmouth Grammar Tony

Talk by Matt le Tissier Jeff

Talk on walking the South Downs by Heather Lacey Sally

Football personality converted to Christianity June

Talk on sailing the Atlantic by Geoff Holt Sally

Talk by Ben Ainsley Sally

Talk on Meon River and water voles by Elaina Whittaker Sally

Exhibition of Landscape photography through SDNP competition annually in January Sally