

# Buxted Bonfire Society Meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 @ 19:30hrs Buxted Football Club Pavilion

## **Present:**

Mick, Hayley, Tegan, Sue, Kev, Dave, Alex, Ryan, Jim

## **Apologies:**

Angela, Debbie, Jack, Thelma, Bob, Lou, Guy, Monica, Sabrina, Mark, Jan, Clive

## **Minutes Read & Agreed:**

## **Outstanding matters from the previous minutes:**

**Banner for pitch:** Mick will get completed artwork for the pitch side banner to Chameleon design after the light switch on.

**Container:** The parish council will be meeting this week to discuss the container location, Guy continuing to seek alternative supplier for a further comparable quote.

**First Aid:** With membership likely to be busy on the leadup to Christmas our First Aid session will take place in January – provisional dates put to members 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> taken off as an option owing to the likelihood of it conflicting with the Wasaling event.

**Quiz night:** Confirmed for 22<sup>nd</sup> November 7pm for 730 start @ the Football Pavilion, BPC have agreed we can use tables and chairs from reading rooms. Mick will collect the prizes, Bar in pavilion will be open so attendees should just bring any food / snacks they want. Poster completed and published.

**Aparel:** 1x hoodie needs to be collected from Ringmer – Hayley has offered to pick up.

## **Christmas tree light switch on:**

**Location:** PC / Iondies have approved the new location, Mick will get the materials for the new ground socket (concrete & tube), these will be installed the week sometime over the next week.

**Power:** Guy & Ben will install the required equipment in time for the event.

**Tree:** Guy and Mick will install the ground socket, transport arranged and tree will go in the week before the event.

**BBO:** Mitch is happy to cook but will not be available until approx. 5pm – Kev & Jamie will start prior to this. The main griddle will be collected in advance of the event by Mick. Food will be collected on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> for freshness – Alex will get the bulk of the Bookers items as he can get a better deal. (Bookers have agreed to provide one box of burgers FOC – Mick to write letter to thank them. Jamie Ange to get rolls, condiments & onions from Tesco.

**Bar** –TENS notice in place, bulk of the alcohol will come from Tescos (Jamie & Angie arranging). Price to be obtained from Charlie (Noble wines) for Harveys Bitter.

**Santa's Grotto** – Thelma has confirmed that Bob will do this. - costume needed. Hayley had confirmation from Debbie that we can use the red Gazebo.

**Entertainment** – Hayley said that Skull Drummery have said that they will most likely attend.

**Advertising** – Posters and A5 leaflets have been designed – Hayley said that they will be delivered tonight, street handouts of leaflets can take place on the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> with members in costume.

**Torches** – we have 20 already and EHBCS have stated they will probably have some more for us – some may need re-dipping.

**School, engagement** – Hayley has asked Bonners.

**Tables /Chairs** - PC have advised tables and chairs are not available from the reading rooms.

**Photograher** -Daren Lucas has been approached and Haley will be contacting others

**Gazebos** – 2x 3m x 3m emerald green Gazebos to be purchased – proposed by Sue, seconded by Kev – Alex proposed that we also purchase leg weight bags for them, seconded by Mick. Mick will order tomorrow.

**Advertising:** Mick will approach Uckfield FM to see if can get a slot.

**PA system**, - lighting & additional tentage – Alex has kindly agreed to supply these and Mick can collect the loaded van on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

**Mulled wine** – Hayley asked members to lend slow cookers for the mulled wine & hot chocolate

**New membership:** No new members

**Clothing:** No new orders

**Discuss previous out meetings:** No issues raised.

**Correspondence received:** None

**Hosting our own event:** All present discussed the possibility of hosting our own night in 2020, several societies have offered assistance in the pre-work needed and helping on the night. Mick said any decision to host will need the backing of the wider membership than was present at this meeting as it would be a considerable undertaking and something we have to get absolutely right. Estimated cost of fireworks would be £3500 and sponsorship should be sought from Buxted Park and other local business so as not to eat too much into our contingency pot.

Potential route, fire site and firework discharge area discussed – again, all of this would need the finer detail discussed at the next meeting. If the football pitch is to be used then consideration must be given to the surface and the ability for the club to play afterwards.

Societies that have shown willingness to assist include; Heathfield, Hailsham, Isfield, Burgess Hill and Robin Hood. A decision will need to be made at the next meeting if we are to have any chance of pulling it off in 2020 and even if we decide to delay for a further year, plans for 2021 would need to start early into 2020.

**Next Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Buxted Football club @ 7.30pm**