

**Buxted Bonfire Society Meeting
Monday 13th January 2020 @ 19:30hrs
Buxted Football Club Pavilion**

MINUTES

Present: Ange, Kev, Weasel, Jamie, Hayley, Dave, Mick, Monica, Debbie, Thelma

Apologies: Natalie, Aaron, Alex, Jack, Guy, Clive, Jan, Georgia, Joe, Mark, Sabrina, Tegan, Louise, Mike, Bob

Previous Minutes Read & Agreed:

Banner for pitch: Mick has sent the completed artwork for the pitch side banner to Chameleon design – now awaiting final price.

Container: Once we have better weather, we will instruct the container company and utilise a smaller loader to carry it around to its site.

First Aid: Dates to be agreed at February meeting owing to insufficient interest / availability.

Quiz night: 24th April – venue to be decided (reading rooms if possible, owing to size and table availability).

Jumble Sale: The Jumble Sale will be held on the 14th March, Hayley asked for the Jumble banner to go up on Sunday the 8th, posters will be organised by Mick, Debbie will speak to Craig for the flyers (Mick to email print ready artwork over). Hayley asked if Sue would be able to order the float on Monday 2nd March (£500) –and organise it into tubs for the event – Hayley will email Sue. Hayley asked for all available help both on the Friday and Saturday in order to get sorted, set up and then to run the event. Mick to print and erect the A3 roadside boards for the event – to go up on Sunday the 1st March. Hayley suggested that rather than selling teas and coffees we should just give them out to those that are waiting to come in – all agreed. One tombola will be run, ticketing will be winning tickets end with a '5' or a '0'. Hayley will provide the tombola drum and asked if anyone has any bum bags could they bring them as it is easier to use for the money (and less likely to go missing). Hayley asked if Mick could approach Five Ash Down VH for more tables. Mick will contact Uckfield FM 'whats on'. Leaflet drops can happen as soon as they have been printed, Dave and Thelma will help with some of the distribution – more needed! Tegan will post updates and ads to social media. For after the Jumble Hayley will enquire with a company in East Grinstead that may purchase items.

New membership: Tegan has asked if we are ok with Kitchener picture to advertise for new members – all agreed.

Correspondence received: HMRC tax return – Mick will speak to Sue.

Summer Fete

The 2020 Summer Fete will take place on the 27th June and this year we will be working alongside the Horticultural society – a sub meeting with representatives from the Horticultural society will take place in early January.

The Horticultural society has sent the following as a preliminary list of ideas:

- *Buxted Horticultural Society (BHS) has its 150th year in 2020*
- *Our thoughts were a grand summer show in a marquee (like the old days) corner of the football pitch nearest the scout hut so hugely visible from the road and carparks*
- *Concept agreed by our committee*
- *Committee agree with the 27th June / Fete*
- *Instead of a direct grant to the BHS it was agreed as follows; £750.00 secured as a grant from the Ionides Trust and £750.00 secured from BPC (for general fete BHS show arrangements for all villagers).*
- *We aim to hold our summer show as an open event as opposed to a members only show*
- *John Rose has pledged use of a 10m x 6 m (size TBC) marquee with him only wanting to recoup costs for his lorry and able band of merry men to deliver and erect.*

- *This will leave a significant amount of funds of which the use needs to be agreed on, BHS would look to be free of any charges as being part of the event given the funding but I hope that the funding achieved would enable you to have an extremely profitable event.*

At our last BHS committee meeting we agreed some loose plans for our entire year and more specifically the summer show, these include many of our usual entry classes for fruit and veg, flower arranging, photography, eggs etc. etc. We could have a mini village bake off enter a cake competition. We want to create an area for some large scale posters of some historic pictures and old show schedules, we will almost certainly be having Georgina Bollen from Flitterbrook Nursery selling plants for a modest pitch fee. We will not be offering afternoon teas like we usually do and leave this to you or whoever.

Other ideas have been to have an area for poultry or even pets corner but my concern is that of the vast amount of dogs so maybe not the best idea but does attract the kids. Maybe a minor celebrity to open the show or judge the cakes. We will definitely need part of the funds for printing etc.

We are not looking at interfering with your fete organising or indeed running. We have some tables of our own plus 2 A1 pavement boards and will probably buy a couple of 150th pvc banners to advertise the marquee.

Our normal show sets up at 9am with judging at 11am but we will probably look to move this later so prize giving can be made during the afternoon, we normally clear away by 5pm where my thoughts are that the marquee could then be used in the evening for a music event or whatever.

All present agreed that a Barn Dance would be the best entertainment to host in the evening, bands to be sourced and ticket prices agreed. High Hurstwood to be approached re: Straw Bales (Mick).

Mick & Hayley will meet with the Horticultural society to get further information and report back.

Next meeting; Monday 10th February @ 7.30pm at the Football club.