

GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes for Thursday 9th April 2009 8.00pm Comrades Club

Apologies

Stuart Bond – Bonnie Hooker – Shirley Brown – Peter Irvin

Present

Steven Spencer, Nicola Rule, Nina Collier, Gordon Allgood, David Brown, Hugh Gaskill.

Alan Hooker.

Minutes – In Bonnie's absence AH would take minutes.

Godmanchester In Bloom

David Brown outlined the groups activities to date including work intended on the 'Mill sluice gates' and 'Moors by the pond'. He said the group were thankful for funds received to date from the town council and others, and explained that due to limits of further funding from these sources the group needed to look further afield. In this quest the groups existence as a sub-group of a charity, namely COMMASS, was becoming a handicap and the group had decided to break away from the COMMASS and take on it's own constitution and bank account. Ken Sneath had offered his services as Auditor but not treasurer. Without a treasurer and Bank account Godmanchester In Bloom would need to remain under the wing of the COMMASS. David thanked the Community Association for helping get the group off the ground and supporting it in it's early stages to get funding. The Community Association in reply thanked John Thackary for his motivation and drive in getting the group up and running. Note:- John Thackary has since announced the appointment of Michael Turner-Cain as treasurer. As soon as a bank account has been opened the COMMASS will balance it's Godmanchester In Bloom account and transfer any remaining credits to the new account. Attached David Brown's full reports.

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS – SAT 9TH MAY 2009 – COMRADES CLUB

Ticket Sales – Were under way and looking healthy.

Bunting – It was suggested to slap a bit of bunting up to brighten the hall with some suitably coloured balloons. It was agreed that helpers could meet at **2.00pm on the Saturday afternoon** to achieve this. **SS** would supply the balloons, bowler hats and flags, and **AH** the bunting. Additional volunteers who could spare a couple of hours would be useful. Please e-mail **AH** if willing and able to be there.

Shirley Brown has offered her services for the evening and it was suggested a raffle be run. **DB** offered a framing voucher, **AH** a bottle of whisky, other prizes would be needed. OFFERS? **AH** to get raffle tickets and volunteers needed to fold and sell them.

Afterthought – Maybe sell on entry at door? Ready for announcing at break.

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GALA DAY 4TH JULY 2009

Running Order – was agreed as follows:

Carnival procession 1-2pm / Opening by Mayor 2pm / Judging floats - Fancy dress 2.05-2.30pm
Maypole Dancing 2.45pm / Lurcher Dog Display 3.15pm / Blue Vision Twirlers 3.45pm / Huwe's
and Barrie's Extravaganza 4.00pm / 2nd Lurcher Dog Display 4.30pm

Policing – SS had met with P.C. Matt and discussed policing for the weekend. Community officers to be invited to next COMMASS meeting by SS.

BAR – Shelley (From previous years) can no longer do it but has recommended an alternative outside bar that she uses when unable herself. Do we book?

The Ramsey Rural Museum – would like to have an open display. It was agreed to let them set up between the toilets and play equipment.

Entertainment Licence – Council has in hand.

St John's – Booked for 2days, SS to provide risk assessment. Will they require any space? SS.

Maintenance - Fergusons booked to trim trees and cut grass.

Concessions – The usual suspects were lined up, with the addition of a climbing wall for the 2 days. This will need a COMMASS volunteer on both days collecting money. A rota was suggested, volunteers required. Affiliated group involvement will be known once the affiliated input is received from **Lynda H.**

Public Liability – Certificates should be shown prior the event set-up. A definitive list of names, addresses and telephone numbers needs compiling and holding for reference. **AH.**

The Blood Service – Had been in touch regarding involvement. **DB** to contact to establish appropriate activities.

CARNIVAL PARADE 4TH JULY 2009-04-14

Policing – See attached e-mail from Charlotte.

Highways – As above.

New Bunting – 10 lengths were unusable last year, replacements needed.

Bunting – **Huw, Barry, Kieth, Alan** (and anyone else) to meet at Causeway 10am Sunday 14th June.

Lorries – None arranged so far, Charlotte not involved. **SS** to ring farmers etc. Any other ideas??

Changing Facilities – Booked at Judith's field.

Judge – **Alan Suter** to organise.

Mayor – Letter needs to go to Town Clerk requesting his/ her involvement on Gala Day. **SS.**

Bridge Control – **DB** to research any restrictions/ limits imposed by D.C. on the bridge before it's replacement.

Carnival Dismounting - **Huw and Barry** will be in the parade and will organise cones along Causeway when lorries dismount.

GALA WEEK

Comrades – A detailed list of events, times cost etc. Needed from **Alan Suter** for inclusion in The Bridge **URGENTLY**.

Pétanque – Nina to contact Brenda H and Maggie to confirm available to organise – Details needed for The Bridge **URGENTLY**.

Bowls Competition – Jack will be running this again this year – Details needed for Bridge. **SS**.

Fun Run – Exhibition / Dyer will be running again. Details for Bridge/ advert? Needed. **DB**.

Quick Cricket – James Leet needs to be contacted to confirm if anything happening? **AH**.

Bring back Rounders? While popular in it's heyday it did represent a lot of work shelved for discussion at a later date.

The White Hart – Had indicated an interest to 'get involved'. When, How and What to be established **DB**.

PICNIC IN THE PARK 5TH JULY 2009

Bands – booked- toilets – marquee- security etc all organised.

Choirs – Have been moved to second spot as Tallis Anne Morris had agreed to open running order.

Kiddie's Picnic – See Charlotte's e-mail re: other lady?

Churches Together – Details needed for Bridge Magazine and programme. **PI** to report back **URGENTLY**.

Duck Race - 12.00pm **Nina** will need assistance this year in all departments.

Bridge Control – as Gala Day.

Climbing Wall – Volunteers needed for cash collection.

Manpower – Volunteers need to register their availability ASAP to enable cover to be organised.

BRIDGE MAGAZINE

Advertising – 98% subscribed so far – **Well done Dave Brown**.

Articles – See attached –Outstanding items needed for next weekend in readiness for next and final **Bridge Meeting Mon 20th April 2009**.

Children's Quiz – Entries should be in after Hols. Judging committee needed to meet w/c 20.04.09. Volunteers get in contact with **Bridgett Gaskill** for details. Already committed are **Bridgett Gaskill, Steven Spencer, Gordon Allgood, and Nina Collier**.

Distribution – **Nina** confirmed she had everything in hand!

Memories – It was suggested Steven S. Invite Godmanchester 'Oldies' to be interviewed for recollections for use in future Bridge Magazines.

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Adobe in Design – This was the answer to the question is there a better publishing package than Windows?

AOB

Storage Facility – Deferred to next meeting.

Harry Forren Plaque – Deferred to next meeting.

Email Addresses – It was agreed to be desirable to have dedicated e-mail addresses in place for inclusion in this years Bridge Magazine.

A Domain Name – Needs to be registered, Netcetera can do this for £8.00 for 2 years.

A Host – will be needed, Netcetera can provide this for £25 a year and Penguin for £9.78 with a smaller bandwidth.

Email Addresses at this address could be chairman@ , treasurer@ , minutesecretary@ , trustees@ , Possible additional addresses could be: galaday@ , carnival@ , picnic@ , fireworks@. These could be linked to the responsible persons outlook account so the messages go directly to them.

UPDATE – **AH** has registered www.godmanchestercommunityassociation.org for both domain registration and hosting at 'Penguin Internet Ltd.' On behalf of the COMMASS at a total cost of £18.57 inc. VAT. **Stuart Bond** has kindly offered his services in getting everything functional.

£1000 Grant – A thank you letter has been received by the treasurer from Godmanchester Rovers. Just over ½ of the money has been paid to cover the 3rd party element of the grant. The remainder will be paid on commencement of the stand.