

# **Godmanchester Community Association**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at the Comrades Club**

### **Present**

Dave Brown, Alan Hooker, Stephen Spencer, Richard Harrison, Gillian Bathurst, Roy White, Christine White, Keith Chapman, Huw Gaskill, Rich Milns, Bonnie Hooker

### **Apologies**

Nina Collier, Alan Suter, Nicola Rule, Gordon Allgood, Charles Looker, Stuart Bond, Shirley Brown, Kim Davies

### **Correspondence**

After receiving an Invitation from Friends of St. Mary the Virgin, Godmanchester for a member of the Community Association to become a member and trustee of the Friends of St. Mary the Virgin. Stephen Spencer invited Gillian Bathurst to attend the meeting to outline the requirements of a Trustee. Gillian explained that the Friends of St Mary the Virgin was set up in 1997 with the aim of assisting in the refurbishment and maintenance of the building, heating etc and that the initial group dwindled out in 2003. The friends of St Mary the Virgin has been relaunched (last Saturday at a concert). Anyone can be a 'friend', but the committee needs trustees to act as a main body. Gillian has sent invites to the Town Council, the Civic Society and GMCCA to 'widen the pool'. Christopher Vane-Percy has become a trustee from the Council and she has not yet heard back from the Civic Society. Gillian pointed out that you did not necessarily need to worship at the church to join the committee.

David Brown asked what the responsibilities of the trustees were, was there any financial responsibility? What is the precise remit of the committee and is there a constitution? Gillian said yes, there was a constitution and that the PCC's/church request financial assistance and the trustees and friends decide what they help with.

Alan Hooker felt that it would be a nice idea to have someone from GMCCA on the committee; Gillian agreed saying that she would like it to open up as the initial group is very 'churchy'. David Brown said he was interested, but had a lot on at the minute. He may attend the friends next meeting.

David Brown also enquired about the grass cutting in the churchyard as the usual cutter died recently and he wondered if perhaps that was something that Godmanchester in Bloom could get involved with and said he would Bring it up at their next meeting.

### **Roy White's Organisational/Volunteer Chart**

Roy White produced his activity list for Gala day, which was run through and updated. The updates have since been entered and circulated in order that everybody could confirm progress on the actions they have agreed to.

## Gala Day

- **Alan Hooker** to contact Peter Irving re putting up sign on vicarage wall & update date on sign  
- **UPDATE: church fete and GMC in Bloom signs have to go up before ours can**
- Police attendance for the parade and Gala has been officially confirmed
- Jewson's are willing to donate large bags for rubbish. **Dave Brown** to organise
- **Volunteers needed to act as stewards on the field and for litter picking – see activity list and confirm**

## Picnic in the park

- **Roy White** to contact Nina and see if anything needs be organised for duck collection
- **Roy White** to get in touch with Charles Looker to see if he is willing to get in a canoe on the river and collect ducks
- **Volunteers needed to take turns manning the climbing wall (collecting the money) Those volunteered already are Richard Harrison, Huw Gaskill, Dave Brown, Aletta Wilson, Keith Chapman. ANY OTHERS?**
- There is a picnic in the park meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm at the comrades club

## Website & e-mail addresses

- Stephen Spencer introduced **Rich Milns**, a new committee member who is going to organise the GMCCA website and set up the association e-mail accounts. He has also shown an interest in helping out with Picnic in the park in the future
  - Alan Hooker explained the aims of the website with input from Rich on technical issues
- Pages being worked on (not necessarily in this order)
1. **Homepage welcome** – introduction and latest bridge magazine to view plus banner headlines such as 'bands wanted', 'volunteers needed' etc
  2. **Committee and contacts** – A page to cover formal stuff such as 'articles of assoc', 'minutes', 'contacts', 'message board', as well as details of the committee
  3. **Diary and noticeboard** – A page on which to have a running diary of happenings in GMC, to be updated with our events and those volunteered by the message board. Also a notice board in the style of 'post-its'? for headline notes from Groups/individuals, updated via the message board
  4. **Bridge Magazines** – We have the last 3 years available on PDF. Earlier copies could be scanned in with the objective of having a full running set of magazines available to view in their entirety – adverts and all! The pages would be viewed as doubles with a page turn facility
  5. **Scrap Book** – An online area to view photos or memorable moments from over the years to build on
  6. **Forget me not's** – A progressively expanding section dedicated to commemorating the people of Godmanchester deceased. Pages of portraits with click on access to a résumé of their life

### **Godmanchester in Bloom**

GMC in bloom is now an independent body and the £1365 closing balance that GMCCA held has been transferred to them. Alan will change the name on the third GMCCA account which was to have been used for GMC in bloom from 'Bloom Acct' to acct 3 – or something similar

### **Bridge Magazine**

- All magazines should now be out
- Alan Hooker asked David Brown if he could in future encourage advertisers to pay for their adverts at the time of booking/handing over copy. Dave Brown said that he hadn't felt able to as he did not have any headed paper to issue receipts. It was agreed that a triplicate book could suffice as an initial receipt in leu of the official invoice sent out once the magazine was published

### **AOB**

Stephen Spencer said he would like GMCCA to have headed paper, or a template for people to use. Alan Hooker said he had a template which he used which he would forward on.

**NEXT MEETING ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY AT 8PM AT THE COMRADES CLUB**

**SEE YOU ALL AT GALA DAY AND PICNIC AT THE PARK!**