

COMPTON DANDO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting Thursday 15 January 2009

VISITORS

1. The meeting welcomed Josh from the Pony & Trap and The Compton Inn. He confirmed the departure of Nathan and Kirsty and explained that it had been their decision to leave. The meeting expressed their appreciation of all the hard work Nathan and Kirsty had put in to make the Compton the best it has been for a long time. Josh confirmed that the pub would continue to be run along current lines with the same staff/chef and would be run by Alex under Josh's supervision.

Plans are under consideration to open a village shop in the end of the pub run by pub staff and stocking, e.g. freshly baked-off breads, pastries, croissants, etc., milk, papers and other daily items including some ready-made food from the pub kitchens. Elizabeth Brealey to contact Parish Plan sub-group for a list of around 50 products they believe could be stocked. It is envisaged that food items would be those which the pub could use if not sold.

Elizabeth mentioned a "locals' supper" which had cropped up in discussions. Josh said he was happy to look at providing a two-course, price-set meal on an agreed date.

The meeting made suggestions concerning food/prices which Josh is looking into. He also confirmed that the pub would continue to offer bar facilities in the Parish Hall for events, in conjunction with Matt.

Several people remarked that the Curry Night was enjoyable, but perhaps a bit lavish and a little expensive. A suggestion was made for a simpler and cheaper regular event which would definitely be well supported. Josh said they have plans for an Eastern Night and will consider the comments made.

Liz to provide Josh with the email addresses of useful contacts.

2. Harriette presented some advice, e.g. ensuring back doors are locked when strangers call at the front and explained that some strangers had been around selling door-to-door. Also offered to put any information from Josh ref. the pub into the next Newsletter.

APOLOGIES

Steph, Judi, Clive

PRESENT

Alison	Peter M.	Liz	Pam
Peter B.	Anne	Ron	Nan
Alice	Maureen	Ian	Elizabeth
Steve	Lorna		
Part of time:-	Harriette, Tony, David, Josh		

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Accepted

MATTERS ARISING

Alison read a letter from Marksbury Primary School thanking CDCA for the Playhouse which we provided some years ago. There is no longer room for the house so the caretaker is making a donation to take over the structure. The letter was signed by several of the children. Letter filed.

BURNS NIGHT – Friday 23 January

Mo confirmed that we could start setting up on Thursday evening and complete on Friday afternoon – volunteers welcomed. All tickets have been sold. Bar now sorted with Josh and Matt. Volunteers would be welcome for potato peeling duty. Confirmed that Brian Hepburn will address the Haggis.

VALENTINES – Saturday 14 February

A disco is still needed – Alison is following up some leads. Volunteers welcomed for ticket-selling – so far, Steph and Liz. Mo suggested posters could be placed at Burns Night and that Gary (m.c. on the night, might be asked to mention Valentines).

LITTERPICK

Harriette provided posters for display around the village. 9.30am, Sunday 15 February, meeting at Parish Hall. Harriette organising equipment, transport, etc. Anne and Nan kindly offered to look after refreshments for when “pickers” return to the Hall (i.e. food left over from Valentines, plus hot drinks). Alison had contacted Joanna Brain at BANES re community workers joining in on the day, but has not yet had a response, she will check with Dawn Drury.

NOTICEBOARD

The quote has mounted up and now stands at £1,761 with all the “extras”. As this is a little higher than the sum originally agreed by CDCA, Alison is investigating possible sources of help with funding, e.g. Quartet, Co-op, Rural Development Agency, etc. and suggests waiting until this is covered before making a firm order. NB: This needs to be done before June when CDCA has agreed to divide surplus funds between Church and Hall. Noted that insurance can be covered by the Church without cost.

VILLAGE WALKS

Meeting proposed planning a walk for Sunday 29 March at 11 am (to allow for Church service). Liz and Alison to organise.

FETE SUB-COMMITTEE

The first meeting will be held at Alison's at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th Feb and the sub-committee is pleased to report that Alice and Ben have both agreed to join the sub-committee. The Hall Committee will be providing one of their body as well. [Cttee to date: Alison, Clive [church rep], Steve [church rep], Steph, Lorna, Nigel, Alice and Ben]

CHURCHYARD/VILLAGE WORKING PARTY

On behalf of the Church, Steve thanked everyone very much for all their hard work – pollarders, gardeners and refreshment person (Steph). Everyone's contribution was very much appreciated. Future dates:- 4 April, 27 June (pre-Fete) and 3 Oct.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Treasurer clarified that surplus monies in the Current Account would be split in June between Church and Parish Hall – this excludes the £1,000 held on deposit.
2. Ron thanked CDCA for their contribution to purchase of plants for the border at the Church. Also thanked individuals who had contributed plants.
3. Mo proposed thanks, on behalf of CDCA, to Ron for all his hard work on this border.
4. Church events advised by Steve:-

22 Feb	Amonites choir, 3.30pm evensong
8 April	CD choir participating in event at Publow church
4 Oct	Harvest Festival
28 Nov	Christmas Cracker, 5pm in the Church
20 Dec	Carol Service
5. PCC breakfasts/brunches – Lorna is suggesting the 2nd Sunday of the month to have brunch after the service. The first one could possibly be Sunday 8 March.
6. Christmas Tree Plaque – Previously proposed but not put to the vote. Votes for 8 (unanimous). Liz to organise.
7. Coffee Mornings – last Monday's event suffered from very bad weather but ended up with 4 helpers and 8 visitors, including two "new" faces. Liz to thank Jenny Davis on behalf of CDCA for her excellent cake. Future dates Tuesday 17 February and Saturday 21 March, both to run from 10.30am to 12.30 am as many people believed 9.30am was too early. Committee is asked to investigate anyone who might like a lift to get to the coffee mornings. Also, Alison mentioned that there was a book-swopping table and some people are interested in exchanging/loaning CDs.
8. There is a men's marmalade making competition starting in the village. Suggested that this be extended to any men who would like to take part – this needs to be done soon while Seville oranges are available. Judging could be done at the Fete. Could everyone try to recruit male marmalade-makers?

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19 February 2009, 7.30pm in Parish Hall. All are welcome.