**Shadoxhurst Village Forum – minutes**

**37th Village Forum Meeting**

**on**

**Monday 1st August 2022**

**In the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

* To maintain the quality of life for all in the village
* To generate issues that could be put to the Parish Council
* To re-kindle community spirit and engender friendship
* To build a social feeling in the village
* To suggest things that will bring people together
* With a Vision to create and develop a positive community spirit.

1. **Welcome and apologies for absences -** Lis & John
2. **Positions of Chairman/Facilitator and Note Taker –** still no takers, Peter undertook both positions (hence reduced length of these minutes!)
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** – no issues raised**.**
4. **Boot Fair – 31st July 2022 –** review comments by John – See Appendix A Generally there was appetite to organise future events based upon volunteers plus level of enquiries from the public on the day. Future dates to be confirmed but likely end May and end July 2023
5. **Schedule of events in the second half of the year:-**- 23rd September Queens Jubilee volunteers social – Village Hall from 5.30pm, Bring Your Own Booze with fish and chips ordered from the van for 6pm. No changes.  
   - 8th October – Quiz (Karen update) 12 tables of 6 - Karen will do posters, Sam volunteered to run the raffle (both before and at the event).  
   - 26th November – Saturday Craft Fair – Hannah has emailed previous stall holders, £10 per stall so far six takers. Marketing to be ramped up for both sellers and buyers.  
   - 3rd December – Christmas Wreath making workshop 2-4pm (Hannah) progressing, marketing again to be increased (no discount for active Forum members).  
   - Thoughts on a table-top sale in January were discussed – looking to try something themed e.g. Antiques and Collectables, nearly new etc.
6. **Ideas for 2023:**

* Race Night – No update as John absent
* Murder night (Feb/March – Lis to get dates from Murder again and feed into next meeting)
* Music night – an opportunity for talent within the village to promote themselves or perform to an audience. More thoughts on type/offering needed before setting a date or looking to progress.
* Film Night – As there were so many DVD’s left over from the Boot Fair Peter suggested organising a “Cinema” evening at the village hall. We have access to screen, projector and sound system – if we could clear licencing limitations it is a possibility. Peter to check with Kingsnorth to see how they organised their “drive in “cinema event.
* Opus 32 juke box concert – this is something Peter and Lis have experience of with links through the group at other locations. It was considered unlikely that Shadoxhurst Residents would look to pay to attend an event plus pay again to hear them sing a particular song. A suggestion was that the entry fee would provide a number of “credits” which could be used against a particular song with additional monies being used to support additional choices.
* Additional – Line Dancing event. Previous members experience of such events have proved favourable, Sam/Peter to source caller details based upon previous events.

1. **Clubs and Groups news**

* Nothing from existing groups but Hannah raised the idea of a Table Tennis group. This was favourably received, and Hannah was prepared to progress. A table would be required – expected cost circa £500 – Peter suggested this might be sourced from our local ABC Ward councillors. Hannah to update the group at next meeting.

1. **Parish Council Updates -** Marsh Vintage Amusements – no news, this appears to have dropped off the village agenda.
2. **Any Other Business**.

* Wayne (a villager) has offered to host free First Aid courses on Thursday 11th August in village hall (as no History club meeting there in August). Two sessions, 6-7pm and 7-8pm. Hannah to issue village reminder and coordinate if there is sufficient demand to hold 2 or if not a single session.
* Lok at ways to extend reach of marketing as feedback from those outside the village is that they aren’t aware of our activities. Thinking hats on!!

1. **Date of next meeting** – Monday 5th September 2022, 19.30 in the Village Hall. Lis and Peter will be absent, it was agreed that those present will organise themselves! Peter to send any papers to David ahead of the event to arrange circulation.

**Appendix A – Boot Fair Review by John Collison**

“Well done everybody for all your help and support, before during and after the event.

From designing artwork to promoting the event, baking cakes, directing cars, printing and distributing the newsletters / flyers, setting up and taking down and for moving "stuff" to and from the village hall.

You should all take a big pat on the back. (We do work well as a team).

I think it went as well if not better than I had hoped with 30 cars and 2 stall where they just carried everything to the back of their garden and out the gate.

Although hard to tell, i estimate a couple of hundred buyers?

It terms of money collected from Car Booters.

32 x £7 = £224

less some expenses as follows

£32 for banner on village hall railings, (reusable)

£21 for Hi Viz vests (reusable)

£10 contribution to Val for 2 very large cakes.

£161.00 net profit to go with £105.07 from Peter's figures below means £266.07 into the village coffers.

Having both collected the money from Car Booters and then gone round to hand out the "Whats on" in the village sheet I can say that people are very keen to hold another Boot Fair.

My suggestion for next year would be perhaps 2 Boot Fairs, end of May & late July / early August.

This allows for the Football to finish and hopefully the ground to firm up. I am sure the Forum can discuss further.”

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| **Peter Webb = takings and expenses Boot Fair** |  |  |  |
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| **Item** | **Date** | **Amount** | **VAT** |
| First Aid Kit | 11/07/2022 | £ 9.99 |  |
| Barrier Tape x 2 | 05/07/2022 | £ 13.55 |  |
| Tesco - squash, tea & coffee | 28/07/2022 | £ 20.58 |  |
| Booker - cups, milk, spoons | 28/07/2022 | £ 64.63 | 8.06 |
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|  | Total | £ 108.75 | 0 |
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| Boot Fair - Refreshment tent takings |  | £ 213.82 |  |
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|  | Net profit | £ 105.07 |  |
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Possibilities for future inclusion / suggestions to improve future offerings

* Inclusion of commercial sellers to extend offering to buyers?
* Provision of hot food offering by a third party
* Improve signage e.g. “Boot Fair Here”, “Car Park”, etc.