**Shadoxhurst Village Forum – Minutes**

**41st Village Forum Meeting**

 **on**

**Monday 5th December 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** Apologies from David Ledger and Alison Lanning post meeting. In attendance: Karen, Ron, Hannah, Sam, Paul, Peter and Lis
2. **Positions of Chairman/Facilitator and Note Taker.** Peter facilitated and Lis took notes
3. **Minutes of previous meeting.** Agreed
4. **Events held since last meeting – Christmas Craft Market** well attended event (crowd dropped off around 1.30pm,) stall holders happy and asked to come back next year, raised £383.05 Peter was given a present for his help with assisting in plumbing issues!

**Wreath Making Workshop** attended by 25 people (waiting list of10) stock left of approx.£50 in value, profit £301.53 (see below for dates etc. for next years events)

Peter mentioned that we have then raised around £1000 for the last 3 events which can be used to supplement events next year such as the Coronation event in May.

1. **Saturday 21 January, tabletop sale** Sam to be the contact for this, 4 tables booked so far, we should be able to fit in 18 tables. Food offerings discussed, bacon rolls? Gregg’s sausage rolls? Tea/coffee, hot chocolate. Possibility of using coffee mate. To be discussed fully at January meeting (do we need food hygiene certificates to provide food? – check with Alison what level she may have) The UHT milk we have in store will be out of date by this time so will be given to the coffee club Sam, please confirm price for a table

**Saturday 25 February, Murder Again** Lis to organise this, advert will go out after Christmas, 10 tables of up to 6 people (already have enquires for 6 tables!), £5 per head BYO food anddrink. Payment for tables to be made in advance of the night. Title of play” Taught a lesson”. 7pm start, access to hall forperformers required at 4pm. We will hold a raffle; Joe from Stag brewery promised a barrel for a prize as he couldn’t make the Christmas market, ( we also discussed involving him in future events re the no show) Hannah volunteered to organise this one as Lis is performing. Please let Hannah have any prizes well before the event, Lis still has enough raffle tickets. Update from Lis at Jan/Feb meetings

1. **Event ideas for 2023:**
* **Opus 32 jukebox night** - decided to leave this idea as felt people would not be quiet as would run as a concert - look at possibly using that 70’s band ( or 80’s!) later in year
* **Film night** no progress, look at next year if we feel we need another event
* **Barn dance 15/4/23 Sam** coordinating this, 7-10pm (access required from 6pm), £15 per head to include food offering, as detailed at the last meeting, paid for in advance or £17 per head if PRS licence is required to be paid David please chase Caroline on this.

 £50 deposit for band paid, balance to be paid a week before event. Sam gave invoice to Peter to forward to Caroline for payments. Band required to be supplied with food and soft drinks, and need a half hour break, when we can serve the food, again check re food hygiene certification required, chilli to be served in disposable bowls. Band suggest that chairs are put around the room and tables to be brought out in break for food. Raffle to be held -

* **Boot fairs 4/6/23 and 6/8/23**– John coordinating these
* **Coronation event 08/05/23** working party to liaise with pub on this, Sam, Hannah, Peter and David. David please arrange meeting date with Katrina to move this forward.

**Other Dates agreed –**

**Games and Social evening-17/03/23** 5-9pm. Drop-in taster sessions. Ping pong, darts, displays from village clubs, other tabletop games. BYO food and drink, possibility to sign up for village clubs, potentially hold monthly (review after this session) Under 18’s to be accompanied by an adult to be further discussed at January meeting

**Christmas Craft fair – 25/11/23** time 10-2 (need hall 8.30-4 on day and from 4pm 24/11/23) Hannah coordinating

**Xmas Quiz – 01/12/23** 7.30pm (need hall 6.30pm-10pm) Karen writing quiz, Alison to coordinate (Alison are you happy to do this?)

**Wreath making -02/12/23 –** 2 sessions 10-12 and 2-4 (need hall 9-5.30) Hannah coordinating and leading

1. **Club News –** no updates – all still running
2. **Parish Council Update** - no update as no David or Emma in attendance.
3. **Any Other Business**.
- Forum – Possible Edit to our group name to make it more clear what we do...
- Creation of a FB Group ‘Shadoxhurst Village Events’ from which we can promote and post onto other groups rather than using our individual pages.

Discussion held we would like to be known in future by the name

**“Shadoxhurst Community Forum”**

with the strap line**, “The Face of Shadoxhurst”**

**Friendship,**

**Activities,**

**Community,**

**Entertainment.**

Keeping the aims as per the top of these minutes.

David/Emma – please raise this at the next Parish Council meeting to advise them accordingly and check we would still be covered under the Parish council umbrella.

We thanked Karen and Ron for their input over the past years. We now have a team who are willing to work in the background and help out at events in, Karen, Ron, Val, Colin and John. We need to try and recruit some more members to help organise events if possible.

**Post meeting** Emma copied us into an email from Marsh amusements to the Parish Council regarding possible events next year – to be an agenda item for January meeting.

1. **Date of next meetings** – Monday 9th January & Monday 6th February 2023, 19.30 in the Village Hall.

Lis will send a copy of the minutes to Caroline Lamming to ensure all our proposed dates are in the hall booking calendar