

VILLAGE FUND

Meeting held at St Mary's Church

Wed 6th July @ 7.30pm

Jubilee Village Party!

Sunday 3rd June 2012

Attendees:

**Lesley Hegarty
Maureen Porter
Sally Gore
Shelagh Jeacocke
Lizzie Burd
Trudy May
Cheralyn Wilkins
Val Tighe
Barbie Neary-Jones
Neil Hickman
Brenden Hill
David Seabright
Robert Vickery**

Apologies:

**Julie Letts
Ian Beadle
Ruth Beadle
Myra Ellis**

Due to the positive responses received following our recent May Day Fayre the decision has been taken to hold the above party. This will be themed – probably red, white & blue or 50's of some description. We shall again have a King/Queen which is obviously apt for the celebration and we will be using the maypole for some form of dancing.

It was felt that Heather & Gerald Atherton's organ music would also be very apt for the occasion so they are to be contacted asap.

The Church service will open the proceedings as before. The general idea is to build upon our recent successful efforts but with some additional improvements where we can. This should even out the responsibilities.

The PC have promised to supply/oversee electricity boards that will be permanently available for village use. This will make the whole electrical side of things much easier. The ideal work load should be for each person to take on one item to organise and to have as many people as possible in to help.

Shelagh is going to speak with Jeremy re his past experience and talents with the MC mike.

We have decided that stall holders that would like a gazebo can erect their own (either theirs or one loaned by us).

David Seabright will source the bunting – red, white and blue.

We discussed the possibility of having a lunchtime picnic followed by a late afternoon or evening BBQ and pig-roast. Although the precise running order will obviously be decided later, Lesley will shortly book a pig-roast with Hectors of Wedmore as they suited us very well last time.

Shelagh will swiftly book the ice-cream van again as he was so popular!

Barbie NJ's ladies were all so very pleased with the event they are happy to return - plus more are interested!

One of the marquees used in the summer has been given to St Mary's but they are looking for storage space now. if you know of anyone who can help here ...

And speaking of marquees – we are considering the option of a joint purchase between the VF and the Primary School PTA of a further marquee which will obviously be of enormous use in the future. Brenden will have a look at various sources / options / prices.

Trudy informed us the VF has approximately £2,000 in the account, but if we are to embark on this event we must hold this money in preparation. With this in mind the VF are giving thoughts to holding a separate fundraiser to raise additional cash which will be needed if we are to proceed with the joint purchase of another large marquee.

The tea & cake stall really should have its own 'home' as opposed to waiting for the church service to finish before we can begin setting up. As it was so popular it was felt that we should run this stall all day. We are hoping that Shelagh's wonderful selection of cooks will again provide us with their delicious and plentiful cakes!

Shelagh has offered to oversee the recycling issues we are bound to have.

We are going to ask Ian Beadle to use his contacts to see if he can obtain 'a deal' if we were to have more 'entertainments' like the bouncy castle / tabletop football and maybe others.

Additional suggestions for stalls so far :

- 1 Punch 'n' Judy**
- 2 Plant stall (Trinity Singers?)**
- 3 Football shoot-out**
- 4 Wellie throwing**
- 5 Fancy dress for children**
- 6 Treasure hunt**
- 7 Waltzer / fairground equipment**
- 8 Face painting.**
- 9 Henna painting**
- 10 Avon Owls**
- 11 Splat the Rat**
- 12 Children's Bran tub**

Val Tighe will arrange advertising in the Signpost for August and the Tower for September.

As the football club ran the bar and BBQ last time they feel they should stand back and maybe let the PTA deal with these functions. Confirmation needed on this.

Brenden will book the Village Hall with Jenny to ensure availability and the cricket club are to be informed of this date as soon as possible.

We shall need a Bar & Entertainments Licence which Lesley will apply for on behalf of the VF.

If the PTA decide they do not wish to run the bar / BBQ then the Neil has said the Football Club will do this again.

Finally, the additional fund raiser could well take the form of a Village Supper and barn dance. Further thought to be given to this but we could maybe ask Julie L to speak with Anthony Brown re his barn for use and also Myra to speak with Steve Schmollman on the same subject. Possibilities only at the moment.

Lesley will issue these minutes to as many email addresses as she has and I suggest receivers print off hard copies to hand to anyone who shows interest as it could spur their interest for them to join in with the preparations for next year. The more hands the better!

The next meeting will again be at

**St Mary's Church @ 7.30pm
Wednesday 28th September.**