

REPORT: SOUTHERN CENTRES – Wednesday 18 September 2024

Darren welcomed everyone and apologies were made for those absent.

- **Chairmans report** – Darren Charnock - discussed with committee and reps the guests to be invited to the Southern Centres event.

Booking CMC singers for an afternoon possibly

We need to find companies to advertise in the programme. If anyone has any thoughts, please let anyone committee or your reps know. £50 + VAT per half page or £100 + VAT per full page.

- **Secretary's report** – Liz Manning - As discussed in a previous meeting, the handicraft competitions are to be re-thought.

It was agreed that in the men's handicraft using any materials competition, it should have, HAND and MACHINE TOOLED sections.

Knitting will be open to put in any items of your choice.

Photography the subject is GATES.

We decided not to have children's cookery competition. Instead, there will be children's craft competitions. There will be two categories.

Make an animal or dinosaur from raw vegetables.

Make something from tin cans (using up to five cans)

Cake making is for adults only.

Further information will follow

Treasurers report – Stuart Johnson – he handed out spreadsheets and discussed the updates. He said he would make up the different booking forms for the singers as usual.

He has organised and booked the refrigeration unit.

He has sent off deposits, where necessary, to the entertainers that required them and contracts have been signed.

Site Marshals report – Nick Childs – he said Apps Court Farm is very busy and he had seen the manager to discuss times of arrival for equipment (marquee etc) plus admin and visitors arrival times.

The large container where most of our equipment is stored may need to be moved from where it is now. We are in talks with the manager of Apps Court to see if we could store it there. This will save a great deal of money as we currently pay for a lorry to transport the contents to the venue and back again.

Events officers report – Loraine Blackman – she was not present at the meeting but Stuart was able to confirm our evening bookings –

Wednesday – TBC

Thursday – Steve Cherrelle

Friday – The Lipinski Band

Saturday – Joe Whelan trio

Sunday – Hullabaloo

Monday - TBC

Catering officers report – Sue Smith – she was not present at the meeting. Discussions took place regarding food and cake and decisions will be made at a later date.

Sports officers report –Chris Page - it has been decided to cut some of the sports that were not popular last time.

We will keep Haggars Chess, 5 a side football, walking football, welly wanging, darts, cribbage and reversing competition. This is still to be finalised.

We need to check whether South London still have the trailer that we use for the reversing competition.

Discussion took place regarding timings of the sports.

We would like to know which centres will be running which sport. The organisation will be done by Chris and hopefully the CLO's will find someone to volunteer to run a sport.

Equipment officers report – Sandra Potton - was not present.

Youth Liaison Officers report – Jez Matheson - was not present but sent a report. He is happy to take on children's sports, to save Chris organising that as well. He has ideas for activities and will inform us of the update.

Website update – Stuart Johnson - will update the website with photos of the entertainers plus links now we have confirmation of bookings.

AOB – Sue Johnson brought up the subject of a food van for one night.

Fish and chips or a jacket potato van? There followed a long discussion – Stuart will make enquiries.

Jenny Beaney asked where the rosettes for the dog show were bought as she would like to buy some more and to make sure they looked the same.

Darren thanked those for coming to the meeting. Meeting closed.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 20 November 2024 at Westerham Village Hall at 7.30pm

Sue Johnson – Southern Centres Rep for West Sussex