

MEETING OF DIAMOND JUBILEE GROUP.

Monday, 14th November.

The third meeting was held at The Barn, Ottery Street.

The meeting started at 7.30 p.m.

In attendance were:

David Ottley, David Pankhurst, Richard Gladstone, Jane Smith, Pam Chidley, Jean Scriven, Catherine Fee, Linda Tett, Vanessa Herman, Judy Major, Terry Tibbott, Brian Le Masurier and Barbara Ottley.

Apologies were received from:

Jane Bennett, Anne Hemming, Jeannette Pyne, Ro & Suzanne Smith and Angie Horlock.

There were copies of the minutes of the previous meeting. There was a brief précis of the contents of that meeting.

The Village Picnic on The Green was confirmed as being on Sunday, 3rd June although the precise time is yet to be decided.

Up-dates were given by the various sub-groups:

- Barn Dance (David Ottley):

Plans to hold one in conjunction with other Clinton Estate villages would not be possible as Bickton Arena is fully booked. David Ottley was asked to contact East Budleigh & Budleigh Salterton to see if their halls were available on Saturday, 2nd June and if they were interested in running a combined dance.

- School Liaison (Jeannette Pyne):

The school have indicated their willingness to organise a performance by the children but cannot guarantee the number who will be available.

- Tables and Decoration (Suzanne Smith):

Linda Tett informed the meeting that the Old Vicarage would prepare table decorations for the picnic in red, white and blue colours. Sue Tibbett would assist in this.

- Hat Parade (Pam Chidley):

It was agreed that all attendees at the Picnic should wear a hat decorated in red, white and blue. It was suggested that those failing to do so would be fined 50 pence and the sum be used to supplement the costs of the day (To be verified). During the afternoon a 'celebrity' judge could choose the best hat and award prizes.

- 'Fun on the Green' (Ro Smith & Neil Constable):

Neither was present but the idea of throwing things in the confined space was dangerous.

- Permanent Memorial (Terry Tibbott):

Three types of stone were produced and limestone, which may contain fossils, was thought to be the best. However, the question of the Green having yet another item placed on it was brought up again. It was suggested that as the wooden post with the Otter engraving was rotten at the bottom, a means of securing it and at the same time keeping the Green less cluttered, would be to support it with an engraved stone monument. The engraving will cost £6 per letter on top of the cost of the stone which will depend on its size. Something in the region of 2' x6" x5' should be fine. Additionally, an inscription, including a crown, giving information for its raison d'être will be needed. Terry Tibbott will look into these.

- Revue (Brian Le Masurier):

It was suggested that this could take the form of an X-Factor competition held one evening in late May with the winners performing live on the day of the Picnic. Brian Le Masurier will advertise as appropriate.

- Fore Street Events (Mike Dabrowiecki):

Not able to attend.

- Bone China Mugs (Jane Smith):

These mugs will be bought by the Parish Council and be presented to children at the Picnic on The Green on Saturday, 3rd June by a senior member of the village. David Ottley was asked to confirm the number and names of children in the village who were born after 1st September 2000. The numbers are critical as the mugs have to be ordered before 31st December.

- Traffic Control (David Ottley):

The Celebrations would only require a short time for the traffic movement along Fore Street to be halted to enable the Fore Street events to take place. As yet there has been no reply from Christine Channon with regard to this issue. However, as this is a "once-in-a-life-time" situation it was thought that the County would look favourably on a request. David Ottley will continue to pursue this matter.

- Photographic Display (Richard Gladstone & Gerald Millington):

Old photographs of the village have been difficult to source. The King's Arms has prints of the pub in days of yore and may be prepared to allow them to be used. A suggestion was made to take photos of senior members of the village and print alongside these brief accounts of something about the village at the time of the Coronation.

- Master of Ceremonies (Jim Perriam):

Jim has agreed to act as MC during the Celebrations.

The next meeting of the group will be on Monday, 16th January 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in The Barn, Ottery Street.

