

MEETING OF DIAMOND JUBILEE GROUP.

Wednesday 8th February 2012.

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

In attendance were:

David Ottley, Ro Smith, Richard Gladstone, Jeannette Pyne, Suzanne Smith, Terry Tibbott, Vanessa Herman, Judy Major, Brian Le Masurier, Silvia Bunn, Marion Cowlin, David Pankhurst, Barbara Ottley, Linda Grant, Pam Chidley, Catherine Fee and Anne Radcliffe.

Apologies were received from:

Jean Scriven, Gill Barlow, Angie Harlock, Sue Tibbott and Jane Smith.

Main Events During the Jubilee Weekend:

It was confirmed that the Barn Dance will be held at Home Farm Bicton on **Saturday, 2nd June from 7.00p.m. until 11.00 p.m.** There will be a church service in Otterton to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee at **10.00 a.m. on Sunday 3rd** and the Picnic Lunch on the Green will be held on **Sunday, 3rd June from 12.30 p.m.**

Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting.

- In Jane's absence, it was noted that she was hopeful that the Parish Council would offer money to subsidise the tickets for the Barn Dance. This would be on the agenda for the Council's meeting in March. There were strong feelings expressed that as various donations were being given for the use of the village this money should come directly to this organising group, who were, after all, the ones trying to make this an event for the parishioners. Little support was given to spending money on so-called "memorials", no matter what form they took.
- Providing there were more than 100 people attending the Barn Dance, *Mrs Midnight's* would provide and manage a bar for free. The organisers were confident this number would easily be met. The price of the proposed "Hog Roast" was considered to be too expensive at £680 for 120. So other alternatives will be considered.
- Sue and Suzanne are holding a "Coffee Morning" in the **Village Hall on Saturday, 31st March at 10.30 a.m.** There will be a cake sale and a 'bring and buy'. Cake makers should contact either Sue or Suzanne.
- Angie, Marion and Vanessa reported that M & Co would provide tickets, bunting and outfits for the proposed fashion show. They will supply one casual and one more formal outfit for 10 "models" across the age-range. So, male and female volunteers are needed to walk the "cat-walk" in the **Village Hall on Wednesday, 18th April.** No previous modelling experience is required. This is a fund raising scheme for the Jubilee and tickets will be priced at £5 for the "Otterton Jubilee Fashion Show". Jeanette will ask the school if their staging can be borrowed for the event.
- Brian has fixed the date for "The Diamond Jubilee Concert". This will be held in the **Village Hall on Saturday, May 19th at 7.00 p.m.**

.Various artistes have had their names suggested but help is required for music and lighting, finance and catering. Parishioners with any talent or desire to perform should contact Brian. David P has access to spot lights and loud music.

Reports Received on Other Matters.

David O has forms that offer "road closure" for street parties and noted that the Jubilee Week-end is being given priority. Organisations such as Otterton Mill, The Kings Arms, Ladram Bay Holiday Park, the Emergency Services and Stagecoach will need to be approached and hopefully will not object. The proposal is to close the 60 meters of Fore Street from Church Hill to Maunders Hill, allowing light traffic to by-pass the Green area, between 10.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. during the period of the Picnic Lunch on **Sunday, 3rd June 2012.**

Pam reminded all present that the dress-code for want of a better phrase should include colours from the Union flag. Also mentioned here was that parishioners should be encouraged to plant red, white and blue flowers in their gardens and hanging baskets. Union flags and bunting should be displayed wherever possible during the week leading to the Jubilee week-end. It was reported that bunting can be bought for £3 for 25 feet. Linda said that the Old Vicarage has bunting which will be used during the celebrations in the village.

Ro has asked for offers of table games that the young people could play during the Picnic. He has large activities catered for but wants things for the younger ones.

Suzanne and Linda have found assorted tables which can be used for the Picnic and can seat 250 people. These will be decorated in red, white and blue but there are no chairs being provided. Picnickers should bring their own chairs and if there are no table spaces left it is anticipated that villagers will bring their own tables or sit on rugs on the grass.

Gill has offered to arrange the advertising for the events prior to, and during the Jubilee Celebrations. It was decided by the organisers that this should attract people from the village first but that others from say Bicton College (as they have been generous in the offer of the Barn) or East Budleigh should be included. For the major fund raising events, perhaps Radio Devon and Budleigh Journal could be notified and fliers placed in the school children's 'going home' bags. (Jeanette will organise this last distribution).

Ro has offered to speak to Gill as he has skills involving graphics. Advertising in the village requires two points of attack: a small number of large posters: fliers to be delivered to every house listing the fund raising events. Nearer the Jubilee week-end, a double side "funky" flier should go to all in the village and some to Bicton College. Production of the fliers will hopefully be carried out at the school with a minimal cost. This last point is important as the organisers are uncertain as to the funds available.

Richard gave a TV slide presentation of a selection of wonderful photographs of the village to demonstrate his idea for the production of a

CD which could be available as a reminder of life in Otterton during the Queen's 60 year reign (and possibly a few years before). He explained that he was also producing a photographic record of the village in book form. He agreed that only one copy should be produced and that that would be on display during the "Otterton Village Past & Present" exhibition in the **Village Hall during Saturday, 2nd and Sunday, 3rd June 2012.** It is hoped that it would prove attractive and that orders could be taken for future delivery. The exhibition will contain a large number of photographs and drawings relating to the village, many of which will be able to be ordered.

Carol and Stuart Brown have a CD projector and they have offered to help in any way they can. Ro has access to a large screen and so the exhibition could have a constant slide show loop displaying the CD that is for sale. Volunteers will be needed to police the exhibition during the Saturday and Sunday.

The final item discussed was the price of tickets for the Barn Dance. The cost will be £450 plus incidental expenses such as tickets. It was expected to be self-funding, however, it was thought that the price should not prohibit any in the village who may wish to go. Additionally, those attending would expect some form of food to be available.

As the "Hog Roast" has been discarded a barbecue prepared by ourselves would suffice. Estimating 120 burgers and baps at £1 this would bring the total cost to about £600. Charging £2.50 per head would gross £375, a loss of £225. It would be hoped that, even if the Parish Council do not financially back the Jubilee Celebrations, the funds raised during the run up to the week-end are sufficient to cover any shortfall.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Monday, 23rd April at 7.30 p.m. in the Barn. All are welcome.