

MEETING OF DIAMOND JUBILEE GROUP.

Monday, 16th January 2012.

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

In attendance were:

David & Barbara Ottley, Ro & Suzanne Smith, Richard Gladstone, Jeanette Pyne, Sue & Terry Tibbott, Vanessa Herman, Judy Major, Brian Le Masurier, Jane Smith, Silvia Bunn, Marion Cowlin, David Pankhurst, Linda Grant, Angie Harlock and David Henley.

Apologies were received from:

Rev Anne Charlton, Anne Radcliffe, Jean Scriven, Pam Chidley, Gill Barlow and Judith Constable.

The Principal of Bicton College, David Henley, was introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

It was confirmed that there are at least a dozen tables in the Garden Club as well as others from the Hall and the Church that can be used to accommodate the numbers expected on the Green for the Picnic Lunch on **Sunday, 3rd June.**

Ro Smith and his group of helpers have been given a free hand to come up with a number of games that can be enjoyed by all, but especially the children and teenagers for the Green.

Terry Tibbott was thanked for his efforts at pricing a possible monument on the Green to mark the celebration but was told the Parish Council did not favour that. It was suggested that any money given to the Village should go on celebrations and not on memorials.

The meeting was informed that there are 118 children eligible to receive a mug from the Council. The Council has gone for a cheaper option and Jane Smith will ask the Council for the remainder of the money that had been allocated for the more expensive item and the contribution generously donated by County Councillor Christine Channon for the Jubilee Celebrations in Otterton.

Brian Le Masurier has set the date for the "Otterton Diamond Jubilee Concert" as **Saturday, 19th May.** He will advertise this in the Newsletter and will hope to get anyone interested in either performing, acting, set designing or lighting to offer their services. Material will be of the performer's choice but will need to be ratified by the producer. Gill Barlow has indicated a willingness to advertise the Celebrations and will be involved in the concert's promotion.

David Henley spoke positively about the use of the Old Barn at Home Farm and was very helpful in his suggestions and offers of help. The Barn with its oak boarded floor currently houses racks for storage etc and is very dusty. All equipment will be removed by the College but it will be down to a team led by Jeanette Pyne to clean and decorate it sufficiently for a barn dance.

David Henley was happy to have straw bales used as seating if enough could be found around the area of the correct size. However, he did stress that the area would have to be a **No Smoking Zone** and he would be checking with the College's regular fire officer regarding numbers allowed for a barn dance. (This will of course be critical for the number of tickets to be sold.) He was also pleased to allow the use of the newly built Earth Centre as a quiet sitting area for those of us who feel dance too much like hard work.

Mrs Midnight's, a well known local band with caller, has been booked for the Barn Dance.

Refreshments were discussed and David Ottley will make enquiries with regard to sourcing them. Jeanette Pyne will pursue the idea of a "Hog Roast" on site. Ticket pricing was discussed and although nothing was decided, the meeting was in favour of a price which would be manageable by families so that children would be encouraged to join in. The price would include the "Hog Roast" if that were available.

The meeting thanked David Henley for the use of the Barn and for spending time to explain how he wishes the College to work closely with the Village.

The offer of a fund raising scheme was raised by Sue Tibbott. Vanessa Herman, Angie Harlock and Marion Cowlin will investigate the possibility of a "Fashion Show" using clothes from a local clothes shop. A "Coffee Morning" was also proposed.

The next meeting of the group will be at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th February in the Barn, Ottery Street.