**FEWSTON and BLUBBERHOUSES CHURCHES**

Notes meeting of **Friends of Blubberhouses Church Committee**, held at The Hopper Lane, 6 April 2016 at 2.00 pm.

**Present**

Pat Anderson

Alison Bowers (Vice-Chair)

Allison Dibb

Gillian Knox

Diana M Parsons

Deborah Power

Daphne Wilson

1. **Apologies** Philip Livesey, Gill White
2. **Minutes of the meeting 9 March 2016**

Minutes of the meeting were accepted as correct.

1. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising which were not covered by agenda.

1. **Treasurer’s update**

Co-op bank account organised, cheque book has been issued. Fobs also issued and distributed. DP to give GW and PL their Fobs plus instructions. Money held by Treasurer has been paid into bank account. £50 held as petty cash by DP. Thanks to DP for getting this set up.

1. **Fund Raising**

**5.1 Flower Festival**

**Arrangements**

Childhood and Sandringham Angela Houseman and Helen Caton

Pedestal – Sandringham 1920s style Bolton Priory

Wedding DW and Stephanie

Coronation Sally Robinson

‘Fountain of Honour’ Young Farmers Club

Horses and Racing Ann Harrison

Commonwealth/Travelling/QE2 Janine Jennings

Crown Jewels Gladys Spence

Balmoral DW

Golden Jubilee Y D-W

Suggestions around continuity of monarchy theme – SWAG with family tree decided upon. Family history panel by DMP or DP? **DMP or DP?**

**Sponsors/helpers**

Twelve sponsors received, including Ann Holmes, Killinghall Church. Money/cheques to go to DP.

Several helpers and stewards, grid produced by AB, now with DW for filling in as event gets nearer.

**Banner**

Enquiries in hand by DW with Harrogate Sign and Display. Leeds company enquiries by GK. **DW&** **GK**

Details to include:

***Blubberhouses Flower Festival***

***‘Long to Reign over Us’***

***27, 28, 29 30 May***

**Publicity**

Article for parish mag. May issue. **PA**

List of sponsors with email addresses **PA/DP**

Posters on roads from 20/05/16 - some red, white and blue. Roads into valley suggested.

Early Spring Bank holiday weekend, 30 April to 2 May distribution of flyers in Stack Point car park GK, Swinsty Moor PA, Thurscross DP, Blubberhouses AB **GK/PA/DP/AB**

**Posters A4**

Local notice boards/churches: Otley: Courthouse, Patisserie Viennoise, supermarkets, Courtyard planters; Ilkley: Library, Booths, Churches, Nidderdale: Summerbridge Todds and PO, Butchers, Pateley Bridge: Library , tourist infor. Post office. Harrogate: Tourist info.; library

And anywhere else appropriate. **All**

Road signs, small staggered with information being considered.

Gazebos 2

**Blubberhouses Bake-in**

Two offers so far – but others will come in nearer time, as in past. **PA**

Blubberhouses Hall, new owners, Claire Tate would like to be involved with local events/church**. PA**

**5.2 ‘Ground Level’ band, Friday, 3 September, The Hopper Lane**, £10 ticket, hot dogs and burgers to purchase. Upstairs room will be used, with doors opening onto garden – if weather good. Band is booked.  **Next Agenda**

**6. Listed Places of Worship Roof Repairs Fund Update**

Letter confirming grant increase to £24000 has been received. Completion of documentation done and the Permission to Start has been received. 50% of grant, £12,000 is being transferred to RBS account, signatories, C M Beaumont and P M Anderson. Pickles Roofing have been informed and reminded that start date is 1 June 2016. From Pickles’ reply, they may be delayed on start date, weather has held up some of their contracts. PA will maintain contact. **PA**

**Insurance/remedial works**

Visit by Ecclesiastical Insurance to discuss arrangements of Flower Festival and roofing. No significant issues, electricity needs checking; church will need to be locked at end of day during FFestival. All volunteers are covered as approved volunteers of the PCC. First aid kit and accident book are needed. When electricity has been checked, boxing in meters in porch to be arranged.  **PA**

Documentation for roofers received from Insurers**.**  **PA/Pickles Roofing**

1. **Heritage leaflets**

A draft of leaflet completed by DP. Met with unanimous approval. To Olicana printers for one copy before the run of 1,000. **DMP**

Update – since meeting DMP has seen sample print and it looks good, therefore going ahead with print run.

1. **Services**

8.1 Mothering Sunday service went well, flowers appreciated. Special thanks to Terry Bramall for playing the organ.

8.2 ‘Thanksgiving for lambing’ 8 May at 11.00 am. Fiona Schneider to lead service.

8.3 ‘After Lambing Lunch’ at The Hopper Lane, 12.30 for 1.00 pm. Main course + starter or pud., tea/coffee £15. Places limited to 30. Booking essential **before 27 April 2016**, with Allison Dibb,

tel 01943 880010

Lambs, pen/straw **DW**

After meeting with GS on 5 April, following services arranged for St Andrew’s.

26 June, 6.30 pm Holy Communion (traditional); 17 July, 6.30pm Holy Communion (traditional);

28 August, 6.30pm Holy Communion (traditional);

Friday, 30 September, 7.00 pm Harvest – followed by traditional harvest auction in Hopper Lane

23 October, 11 am, Morning Prayer,

27 November, 11 am. Patronal Service

25 December, 9.30 am Family Service

Denise Eagland to be informed as she kindly arranges the flowers/cleaning rota.  **PA/Denise**

1. **External Improvements**

**Signboard**

PCC proceeding with board at Fewston, similar to Leathley, suggested similar layout for St Andrew’s.

Church of England logo, Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales, church name, website. Idea of two boards, one facing up hill and one down, joined by watertight panel for event information, which will be parallel to road, is being considered. In hand, **PA/Brian Garlick**

**Stonework**

Chris Utley to be reminded of his good offer to sort stonework at the entrance and wall. **PA**

1. **Internal improvements**

**See Item 6.** Carpet for pews at back to replace pads**.** Carpet may need whipping ?Lonsdale carpets, Summerbridge to do this. PA has red carpet, as used in Children’s area, Fewston. **PA/AB**

Toilet purchase decided on flush Porta Potti, 21l waste capacity, cost approximately £120. DP making enquiries. **DP**

1. **Any Other Business**

Friday, 30 Sept. Harvest Festival, will be followed by traditional harvest auction in The Hopper Lane, Kevin Wilson auctioneer, pie and peas. The usual distribution of goods from the church to parishioners. For auction: Harvest hampers, goods, to The Hopper Lane before Fri. 30 Sept.

**13. Date and time of next meeting(s)**

**2016**

**4 May, 1 June, 6 July, No Meeting August, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November**

Thanks to Allison Dibb for hosting the meeting and to Alison Bowers for chairing.

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