

Shimpling Village Hall Committee
Minutes of the Coronation Planning Meeting 13th February 2023

Apologies: Bernard Essery, David Johnston, Glenda Peck, Hannah Bayley, Tina Bird

Hans Engstrom joined the meeting.

Marian suggested Dawn Warner and Rosemary Sadler could be invited to future meetings to assist.

Action: Marian to email Carol contact details so she can invite them

Dates of the coronation weekend confirmed by the Palace Circular. More information on timings has yet to be released.

Current proposal

Saturday 6th May

Morning - Live Screening of Coronation in the Village Hall with refreshments

Discussion about what should be provided during the screening.

Decided to do tea / coffee / biscuits / cake.

Marian Nathalie and Carol volunteered to provide cakes. More volunteer bakers will be needed.

Coronation & Processions live stream - To stream from a phone/ laptop in the hall.

Marian suggested doing a flyer to go in the newsletter for people to complete and post in the box outside the village hall.

Hans hopes to have the pub open by then as well. Discussed if there could be a quiz in the evening, possibly Royalty related, and raise money for the village defibrillator which needs new pads.

Action:

Carol to do flyer for the village newsletter.

Liz & Nathalie to do reminders closer to the time on Social Media and emails/ WhatsApp & ask for volunteer helpers and cake donations

Hans to plan the evening in the pub

Nathalie informed the committee that a couple of new pop-up gazebo's are to be purchased for the village, could be used wherever needed if the weather was poor. Nathalie raised the issue of funding for food / other items and whether there would be any grants – it is not clear yet but both the Parish Council and the Halifax Trust (through Jenny Pine) could be approached. The Halifax Trust & Parish Council meet in March so an approach will need to be before the meetings.

Action: Nathalie to raise at Parish Council meeting and contact Jenny Pine

Decorating the village – Discussion about availability of Bunting – some was purchased for the Queens Jubilee. What we have is in the lock up and will need to be looked at to see if we need any more.

Marian informed the group that there are still some plates and serviettes left over and she will get more once they are on sale again.

Volunteers will be needed to put up the bunting before –12th 13th 14th April to ask for helpers from the village via round robin. Jim volunteered to assist.

Hans might have a cherry picker that could be used as well as it needs to be high enough not to obstruct lorries and farm vehicles.

Also need to ask people who live along the street to allow or put up bunting on their fences / hedges. Bunting will also be needed in Halifax Place and the play area.

Action: Nathalie / Liz to ask for volunteers to help with putting up Bunting & decorating the village hall via the Round Robin / WhatsApp / Facebook etc
Marian to purchase more serviettes / plates as needed.

Discussion about what activities e.g. cart race, tug of war, climbing wall, BBQ etc could be done, when and where (Village Hall or Pub or vineyard) and whether people would come to all or just a few of the activities on offer. Agreed we need to know who is coming to what for catering / seating purposes.

Sunday 7th May

Agreed that on the Sunday we would do the Cart Race from 11am at the Bush followed by the Big Lunch 1pm at the village hall. The marquees up both sides of the hall but it would need to ensure access was maintained to the field behind the hall. In the evening do the Lantern walk to the Arc Vineyard at 7pm and then watch the coronation concert.

Hans will keep cuttings to light bonfires as well and invite Stanstead village to join in.

Monday 8th May

Discussion about what to do on the Monday – Festival of Volunteering & fund raising day.

Fund raising: Discussion re which charities we could fund raise for and it was agreed that as there had been a number of people in the village affected by dementia and cancer so local Alzheimer's and Cancer charities would be appropriate.

Activities for Families: Discussion about what we could provide for Children and families. The climbing wall was enjoyed at the summer fete and Tina also does axe throwing & archery! Agreed it would be best on the Halifax Place grass. Potentially do the welly wanging as well (Katie has them)

Hans has the contact details of people who do Circus Skills and will see if they are available for the Monday – in the pub garden.

Discussed having a bouncy castle. Jim has one but using it would raise H&S and liability insurance issues whereas hiring one would mean they would have their own liability insurance.

Action: Hans to look into hiring a bouncy castle & circus skills troop for the Monday afternoon at the Pub.

General agreement for activities to be held in the afternoon 12 – 4pm & collect for the charities – to have buckets available to collect donations

Also discussed providing a gazebo with craft activities available e.g. making crowns.

Action: Carol to source materials and instructions for craft activities.

Action: Carol to ask for the Program to be put in the village newsletter.

Key to the activities afternoon is to find out if Tina and the climbing wall are available
Action: Nathalie to find out urgently if we can book Tina and the climbing wall.

In summary:

SATURDAY 6TH MAY

Circa 11am Live screening of the Coronation and processions in the Village Hall.

Tea / coffee/ biscuits and cake provided.

7pm Quiz evening at the Bush with nibbles.

Collection for the Defibrillator repair & maintenance.

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

11am Cart Race – The Bush to Slough Hill.

1pm Coronation Big Lunch - Village Hall – bring your own picnic

7pm Lantern walk to the ARC Vineyard & watch the Coronation Concert

MONDAY 8TH MAY

12 – 4pm Family Fun Afternoon - Circus Skills, Bouncy Castle & BBQ at THE BUSH
Halifax Play area - Tug of war (Bernard has the rope), Climbing Wall / Axe throwing /
Archery (Via Tina)

Craft area for children

Collection for local dementia and cancer services

AOB: Film Night

Discussion about the length of films and the potential need for an interval.

Also need to find out what films people would like to see – perhaps put a suggestion box in the hall for people to put their ideas in.

Discussion about whether to have a children's film session – this is not simple and there would need to be someone who has been DBS checked by an umbrella organisation to supervise.

Discussion about what films to show in the next few months. – suggestions included

- Where the Crawdads sing
- Mrs Harris went to Paris
- Bullet Train
- Denial
- Bank of Dave
- Knives Out
- Dream Horse
- The Duke
- The Banshees of Inisherin
- Rocky Horror Picture Show – Halloween

Agreed: to hold on the 3rd Tuesday of the month 7.30pm - **Bank of Dave** in March and **Knives Out** in April and then get ideas from the attendees.

Action: Carol to redo the poster and circulate it.

Next Meeting: 27th March 8pm

POST MEETING UPDATE - DATE CHANGED TO 29TH MARCH 8PM