

## Kelston Village Fete

### Post Fete Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2017

**Present:** Sue & Geoff Stiling, Angela & Graham Meader, Pat & Alan Jefferies, Maureen Cox, Chris & Jenny Payne, Doug Creed, Stephen Constant, Josephine Tsegaye, Alex & Gareth Stubbings, Ken & Trish Bryer, Graham Padfield, William Heath.

**Apologies:** Vivien Waters, Richard & Rachel Guest, Vera Constant, Veronica Maddox.

Graham M welcomed all in attendance and gave his thanks to everybody who had supported him with organising this year's fete. He went on to say how successful the fete had been and that he has received several very nice expressions of appreciation and congratulation. The meeting served three main purposes - A chance for helpers and fete goers to find out how stalls did and give feedback - to create bullet points for next year's organisers and to decide what to do with the money that we have raised. We made a net profit of £7,458 which is a really good outcome - but about £800 less than last year's record. Interestingly, the gate receipts show that we had just 11 fewer adults than last year.

This year the fete was preceded by a **Film Night:** This was a new venture, proposed and organised by Gareth & Alex Stubbings, originally planned to make greater use of the marquee and replace the fete Winding Down Party. Not intended to raise money, solely for a social evening, it was well attended and provided an excellent evening's entertainment. Thanks to Gareth and Alex were expressed by the meeting.

Graham then took us through the stalls, inviting comments that would be of use when next year's fete is being planned.

**Angry Birds:** A new stall. Proved to be very popular in spite of the catapult failing and the brick wallpaper coming unstuck. Repairs needed if wanted next year.

**Bill's Barbecue:** Bill Allen set up a stall selling barbequed food, unaware that he should have applied beforehand and paid for a pitch. He will need to apply along with other Craft Stalls if he wishes to come along next year.

**Coconut Shy:** Rachel commented the stall was close to the bar which generated a good number of customers. However, the stall was then behind the people sitting on the grass with their drink and listening to the music. The stall is placed in this location as it safely contains any stray balls, Rachel has offered to run this again next year and should be asked if she has thoughts on improving the visibility of the game.

**Charity Stalls:** Richard Guest commented that some charity stall holders were arriving early to set up and did not know where to go. It was also suggested that Risk Assessments should form a part of the application process. ? Doug mentioned that some trade stand vehicles were leaving the field at 5.00pm when there were still lots of people on site. Graham P says the time when they are allowed to move their vehicles back on site should be emphasised on the application form.

**Entrance Gates:** Different main entrance this year due to re-arranging of car park. Not enough programmes. 1,500 printed this year.

**Fruit & Veg:** The money grouped together with the flowers this year totalled £225. Masses of plants, but mainly provided by only a few people. Suggestion made about reviving the produce competitions.

**Home Made Cakes:** Suggestion made about reviving the Cake & Jams Competitions.

**Silent Auction:** Vera replaced the “Silent Auction” with a draw of limited tickets at £5 each for the prize donated by The Old Crown thereby raising more money than last year's auction.

**Tractor Rides:** Andy found it difficult to get customers due to his close proximity to the fete main entrance gate.

**Tug of War:** Inter- pub Tug of War was no longer viable as pubs are too busy on the Bank Holiday. The children's event was very popular however.

**Music:** The Caribbean music was well received and very appropriate for such a sunny afternoon.

**P. A. System:** The separate P.A. system with a speaker by the tea tent was not set up as planned and so no announcements were heard at that end of the field. The band made very few field announcements promoting the Dog Show, Marionettes, Tug of War, Tractor Rides or any other attractions on site. It is essential that this addressed for next year.

**Recycling:** There were no ‘specific item’ recycling bins on the site. It was felt that people seldom segregate their waste. However, we should give them the opportunity to do this. Rachel has suggested we have some large wheelie bins, maybe three or four sets of four bins placed together with each bin labelled for its accepted rubbish. Church's Waste has in the past proved too expensive to hire for recycling our waste.

**Burger / Chip Van:** We charged them less this year as they had competition from the Caribbean Food Stall. Feedback suggests that this van has a 'tacky' image and that Bath Organic Burgers would be preferred, the Robinsons will come along with their stall if given enough notice. The Caribbean Food Stall, run by Fairfield House, got off to a bad start by arriving late, and their gazebo had broken. This meant they had to be relocated to a shadier place. Should they be invited again next year? They have asked to be. A Hog Roast has also been suggested for next year.

**Commercial Attractions:** Brought in last year in response to criticism that there was “not enough things for children”, combined with our lack of manpower. There was mixed feedback this year: *For:* “My children loved them”. “They gave loads of time”. *Against:* “My children got burns”. “They are overpriced”. “It makes the place look like a circus”. “They spoil the village fete atmosphere”. These attractions cost us nothing, with the operators giving us a small donation. Other providers are available, they would charge £300 but we could control the prices and would keep all the money taken. There would be a cost of £80 for insurance if we decided to hire and run a bouncy castle ourselves.

**Preparation of the field:** There was a large amount of sheep poo on the site. It is always a difficult balance for Doug. Good grazing is lost if the sheep are moved too early, and if they are left to get the most from the grass we end up with lots of poo. We need to be more thorough with our 'Poo Picking'.

**Website:** £420 was spent on creating a website this year, and it will cost from £10 to £20 a month to maintain the site. If we let it become dormant until next July it will cost about £100 to revive it. It was generally agreed that we should have a website. If a village website was created then the fete could perhaps be accessed via this. William will liaise with Doug and Edward to identify a cost effective way of achieving what we want. It was suggested that Bob Baber, who hosts a fete Facebook Page, may also be able to help with this.

**Other Comments:** Many stalls took more than last year, particularly the Cream Teas, up 30%, but a few were noticeably down. Three stand out, Bric a brac, Books & Tractor rides - Footfall in the marquee was low, maybe it was too hot? Alex suggests the entrance to the field should be restricted until stalls have finished setting up. Pat suggested paying someone to put equipment (gazebos, tables, chairs) on the field and then remove it when the fete is finished. The question of whether we still need to hire a large marquee was raised - to be debated at first 2018 meeting. All stalls returned a profit except for Face Painting which has for the last three years made a considerable loss. Should we look to drop this, or do the 'faces in the field' justify the expense?

**Fete Accounts . (See attached sheet)**

**Distribution of Profit:** After a show of hands it was agreed to donate £500 to an outside charity. Suggested charities were: Bath Cats & Dogs Home, Children in Need, Dorothy House, Great Western Air Ambulance, RUH Cancer Unit, and Bath Welcomes Refugees. On a show of hands it was agreed for the Air Ambulance to receive the £500. *A letter of thanks from Air Ambulance is attached.* After discussion, it was agreed that the Church should have £4,000 with the Hall getting £2,700. £250 has been set aside for a Children's Christmas Party.

<b><u>Distribution of Profit</u></b>	
<b>Reserve Fund from last year</b>	<b>£5,041.57</b>
<b>Profit this year</b>	<b>£7,458.49</b>
<b>Available for Distribution &amp; Reserve</b>	<b>£12,500.06</b>
<b>Church</b>	<b>£4,000.00</b>
<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>£2,700.00</b>
<b>Charity Donation</b>	<b>£500.00</b>
<b>Children's Xmas Party</b>	<b>£250.00</b>
<b>Total Distributed</b>	<b>£7,450.00</b>
<b>Reserve Fund for next year</b>	<b>£5,050.06</b>

Jenny thanked Graham for the work he has put in organising this year's fete practically single handed. This was greeted with a round of applause. Graham said he appreciated this and was himself grateful for the help and support he has received during his reign as main organiser. He then went on to say that he is prepared to remain as Treasurer if wanted, but will not be getting heavily involved with the organising of next year's fete. He asked if there was anyone in the room prepared to take on this role, but there was no response.

**The date for the first 2018 fete meeting is February 5th**

When decisions including choices of marquees, band, commercial attractions, food vendors will need to be made.

## KELSTON VILLAGE FETE 2017

Stall	Gross Takings	Expenses	Nett Profit	2016(Nett)	2015(Nett)	2014(Nett)
Angry Birds	134.00	39.23	94.77			
Beer Tent	1,937.64	578.26	1,359.38	1,236.00	88.32	130.07
Bill's Barbeque	15.00		15.00			
Book Stall	70.60		70.60	200.60	194.20	108.20
Bric a Brac	100.55		100.55	184.95	117.55	101.61
Children's Tombola	52.00		52.00	62.69	53.01	32.80
Coconut Shy	218.45	50.00	168.45	143.75	182.00	70.60
Crack The Egg	167.84		167.84	183.50	139.05	116.42
Craft Stalls	310.00	15.60	294.40	238.48	217.40	175.00
Cream Teas	1,454.00	193.64	1,260.36	970.29	855.40	212.41
Electric Hamsters				127.70	130.48	111.00
Entrance Gates	2,962.13		2,962.13	2,984.50	1,419.11	517.10
Face Painting	52.00	150.00	-98.00	-100.00	-48.50	22.50
Fruit & Veg.	65.50		65.50	115.20	121.95	107.30
Grand Draw	576.80	80.33	496.47	565.58	290.31	380.02
Home Made Cakes & Jams	171.35	40.77	130.58	123.64	271.02	262.77
Ice Cream	850.00	323.14	526.86	728.99	80.40	40.37
Mini Golf	30.50		30.50			
Name The Lamb	63.00	10.47	52.53	13.52	49.01	17.01
Plants & Flowers	172.10	11.98	160.12			
Programme	825.00	423.00	402.00	410.42	204.53	294.58
Silent Auction / Draw	200.00		200.00	122.98		
Skittles	204.00	2.65	201.35	264.00	151.00	78.49
Splat The Rat	22.50		22.50	28.50	15.42	12.00
Tombola	706.95		706.95	593.40	386.71	94.02
Tractor Rides	92.00		92.00	228.00	241.50	
Tuck Shop	169.50	92.02	77.48	44.01	47.27	30.85
Film Night	32.40		32.40			
<b>Commercial Attractions</b>						
Burger Stall	100.00		100.00	200.00	200.00	25.00
Commercial Attractions	140.00		140.00	132.00		
<b>Donations</b>						
Fun Dog Show	98.00		98.00	168.00	40.00	-20.90
Previous years (Personal)				725.00	625.00	625.00
Anonymous	400.00		400.00			
Tsegaye	20.00		20.00			
Top Cat Hotel	100.00		100.00			
<b>Expenses</b>						
New Tea Urn		59.99	-59.99			
New Signs		50.04	-50.04			
Website Costs		420.00	-420.00			
Posters		18.99	-18.99			
P A Hire		125.00	-125.00	-120.00	-100.00	
B&NES Licenses		41.53	-41.53	-41.53	-21.53	-62.00
Insurance		140.00	-140.00	-131.00	-111.00	-190.50
Marionettes		140.00	-140.00	-140.00	-140.00	-140.00
Marquee Hire (2)		1464.00	-1,464.00	-1,380.00	-1,334.40	1,271.00
Band		250.00	-250.00	-250.00	-250.00	-250.00
Toilet Hire		289.44	-289.44	-234.72	-216.00	-216.00
Misc Hardware		29.87	-29.87		-11.99	-8.39
Van Hire		15.37	-15.37	-94.92		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£12,513.81</b>	<b>£5,055.32</b>	<b>£7,458.49</b>	<b>£8,295.17</b>	<b>£3,762.30</b>	<b>£1,121.66</b>



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15 September 2017

Dear Mr Meader

Re: Village Fete – donation

Thank you so much for the fantastic bank transfer in the sum of £500 which I understand was raised during the Kelston Village August Bank Holiday Fete. I really would like to congratulate everyone who worked so hard to make the Fete a huge success and for choosing the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity to benefit.

I have passed details of the Kelston Annual Fete to Samantha Roberts, our fundraiser for your area and, I am sure she will be in contact with you in due course – thank you for inviting GWAAC to have stand.

I am pleased to enclose a display certificate as a small token of my appreciation for your kindness and generosity.

With best regards

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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