

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
VICTORIA ROAD GROUP
29TH FEBRUARY 2016**

Present: Jonathan (Chair), Barbara, Sam, Mick, Paul, Vickie, Pen, Manda, Gordon, Anna, Sally, Mary

Apologies: Ali, Philippa, John, Liz

Matters arising from the last Minutes:

Noticeboard: Peter has erected a new noticeboard in the garden of No.84; the meeting thanked Peter for his splendid work and also Alison Brodribb for accommodating the board in her garden.

It had previously been agreed to allocate £100 to this project but, in the event Peter had spent £200, so there was discussion about paying Peter. It was agreed to pay Peter £100 immediately, and make a further contribution after the Quiz Night when it was hoped we would have some funds available.

Oxclean: VRG decided that it was unnecessary to have a group of our own and that individuals should join in with the Cutteslowe group on the day.

Email lists: several people on the existing VRG email list haven't responded to Jonathan's email about different lists. It was agreed that a notice would be put up on Green Balloon Day; Manda suggested setting up a laptop on Green Balloon Day and Sam suggested notices on the boards.

EVENTS

Media Madness

This was very successful, although a lot of books had been left – good for Oxfam. This event was held on Sunday afternoon, which seemed a good time. There was a vote of thanks to the Bromleys for hosting it and to Sam and Paul for taking the leftovers to Oxfam.

Film Night

Another Film Night was held by Jean ('The Quiet American'). 14 people attended and had a very enjoyable evening. Many thanks to Jean, who also offered to lend her projector and screen to others.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There is £275 in the bank; we owe Peter £100 and £92 is owed to the Church Hall for booking it for the Quiz Night.

FUTURE EVENTS

Quiz

Sally and Ali Clarke will get together to set questions and format.

Publicity: Jonathan; we will leaflet the other roads

Setting-up/Taking down: Mick, Paul, Mary, Jonathan, Sam

Delivering leaflets: Mick, Pen, Sam, Manda, Vickie, Jonathan

Ticket Price: £6

Wine buying and bar: Sam and Paul

Nibbles buying: Mary

Key: Jonathan

Amplification: Paul will ask Dick

Front-of-House: Mary (i.e. welcoming people and matching up teams if necessary)

Prizes: Sally and Ali

We will ask people to reserve tickets, but there will be no discount for paying in advance. A notice will go on the boards.

We were reminded that it is important not to start clearing-up too soon, and to give people a chance to stay and chat (and buy more wine!).

Mick suggested selling food, but that was thought to be too much effort and hard to cater for accurately. He also suggested asking local retailers to donate raffle prizes. **Sam** will ask Majestic for a bottle and we could buy a nice box of chocolates.

Green Balloon Day

This is set for 21st May; if the weather is bad we will move it to the next morning. The coffee stall will be at No.46.

Garden Party

We're aiming for 17 July. **Mary McKnight** offered to host it last year but was unable to, so **Jonathan** will ask if she'd like to host it this year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Pen and a few others would like to set up a support/help network. They would like to set up a list of people to give lifts, do shopping, etc. She proposes emailing people to ask them to offer and also to ask for help.

There was a discussion about liability for litigation, but most people felt that this was unnecessary – it would one neighbour helping another – however the VRG does have £1m insurance. Someone will need to keep a register of willing helpers; confidentiality will be very important. **Pen** will organise this and a leaflet drop. Sally suggested that a ½ page notice would be better than a whole-page.

Sam wondered about the frequency of the Film Night – should it be monthly? Jonathan wondered if that puts a load on the few people with enough room. Sally and Jonathan will do the next one. It was agreed that the hosts should be the ones to choose the film they show.

Sally wondered about having board-game evenings.

Jonathan passed round a notice for rules of what should go on the boards and will post that on both boards.

Welcome pack: Liz can no longer do this so we need another person to update and deliver it. Sam suggested making this a standing item on the VRG agenda.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19th April at 102a.

Thanks were expressed to Sam for his hospitality