

Minutes from the MVA meeting held at The Centre on
Thursday 27th September 2012 at 8pm.

Present: Bob, Rachael, Judy, Martin, Gil, Sarah, Allan, Stephen

Apologies: Steve, Laura, Mandy

Gil asked for £150 for Brownies/Guides to go to the panto at the Derngate for their Christmas outing.

Agreed. GIL - PLEASE LET BOB KNOW WHICH NAME TO PUT ON THE CHEQUE.

Sarah gave out details about the Annual Ball. The ball is taking place at The Centre on Saturday 17th November from 7.30pm until 12.30am. 3 course sit down meal served at 8.15pm. Disco, cocktail on arrival, table service for drinks, black tie and ballgown. Tickets available from Sarah on 790517.

The website has a feature (not currently used) which enables people to buy tickets for events at The Centre via the website using paypal. Sarah to ask Duncan/Chris Winter for help/info.

Bonfire Night - Tickets printed. Martin to request help with ticket sales. One Stop to sell tickets. Banners and posters done. Training course for those lighting the fire organised. £300 pitch fee charged to Touch of Class catering. Pat D organising the guy competition. Turf to be cut on 27/10/2012. We may need to re-turf/seed that section this year because it will be the 3rd time that area has been used. Martin to ask Walgrave Amber if we can hire the flood lights. Police letter done. St Johns Ambulance booked. Martin is sorting the raffle. Rachael to let Sarah know if the Baby and Toddler Group wish to help at the event as they usually do - selling glow-necklaces, sweets and toffee apples.

Youth Group report - 20 children attending each week. Helpers are Allan and Tony and Kate Godsdon. Numbers will increase in the winter months. Allan is still looking for someone to take it over. The group offers table tennis, a chill out zone, 5 a side football, arts and crafts etc. The music is on. The current age range of children attending is 8-13 years. The group has insurance to take children until they are 16 years old. Allan sells sweets. The group runs during term time, every Wednesday from 6.30pm until 8.30pm.

Treasurer's report - Everyone has had a copy of the 2011 accounts. MVA accounts had to be finished by the end of August and submitted to the Charities commission. Bob has submitted the accounts. Bob has asked the TCAM accountants to quote for doing all the MVA book-keeping. Allan to become a signatory - Bob to email Maxine.

The Centre report - Jane is poorly and is not at work. Graham has left the village. Losses should be cut back this year. Between April - September every Saturday night is booked. We need to bring more customers into the bar. The working relationship with the Parish Council is much better.

Under 5's - New Mums are coming every week. Lots of new activities introduced. More people are helping to set up and clear away each week. The Health visitor is involved with the group. Rachael is currently writing the risk assessment.

Playing area for older children - Following Bob's plea in the last newsletter, 5 people have come forward offering their help. They are working on getting more quotes, talking with the sports council re: use of playing field. If we obtain more quotes and finalise the details we should be successful in being awarded the money from BIFFA. If this is the case we would hope to have some equipment in place by the Spring.

Playing field - Nick Hughes in discussions with the Borough Council regarding the licence/lease.

Website - We can now update the website ourselves. Bob to sort the finer details and report back.

Newsletter - Judy to do an article about her attendance at an MVA meeting informing other residents about the MVA and asking for their help.

Martin to put info in about Bonfire Night.

Any other business - None

Date of the next meeting - Thursday 18th October at 8pm in the meeting room at The Centre.