

Minutes from the MVA meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 8pm at The Centre at Mawsley

Present: Nicola Greenwood, Judy Baker, Pat Rowley, Tricia Cottingham, Richard Priestley, Anthea Cane, Bob Littler, Gil Van der Wahl, Martin Bentley, Denise Maud, Sarah Hart

Apologies: Steve Thorpe, Laura Bird, Steve Judge, Carol Lyttle

Autumn Ball - Sarah informed everyone about the Autumn Ball. The event is taking place at The Centre on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012 from 7.30pm until 12.30am. There is a 3 course sit down meal which will be served at 8.15pm. The price includes a cocktail on arrival, disco, table service for drinks. The dress code is black tie and ball gown. The tickets are £30 per person and are available from Sarah on 790517.

Bonfire Night - Martin gave out all the information regarding Bonfire Night. Wally is no longer involved so Charlie will be in charge. Steve Thorpe is the 4<sup>th</sup> person firing. The turf will be cut on the 27<sup>th</sup> October. Martin has borrowed the lighting from Walgrave Amber. The cardboard will be put over all the carpets on the Thursday evening (1<sup>st</sup> November) from 9.30pm. The Parent and Toddler Group will sell the sweets and the glow sticks. We need to sell more tickets before the event - remind people that they get a £1 drinks voucher if they buy the tickets before the event. The newsletter is due out in the middle of next week and Bonfire Night is the front page article. Richard P offered to marshal.

Youth Group - Allan not here.

Treasurer's report - Bob has not received the quote yet from the accountants with regard to them doing the MVA accounts. There is currently £15,500 in the bank.

The Centre - Jane has been away from work unwell for 6 weeks. She is back on a restricted basis - 15 hours per week. Jane is working with Emily to train her as the bar supervisor. It has been decided to cancel Curry Night and the Tuesday lunch club for the time being. Need to work on food - what to do, when to do it etc. Constantly trying to make the bar work as a village pub. The Centre is now very busy with bookings and there are less available slots to fill. Gil asked for the doors to the green room to be open when the bar is busy.

Under 5's - Going really well. 55 adults have now registered their details with the group. The health visitor is advertising the group at the surgery and the baby area has seen lots of new arrivals. Bob to look at new way of closing the storeroom double doors without the need for the heavy blue weight.

Playing area for older children - The volunteers are working with equipment suppliers and deciding how the area should look. There will be a BMX track made from the excavated soil. The Borough Council will maintain it, inspect it and insure it. Bob has sorted all the registration details for the project.

Playing fields - The sports council (Nick Hughes) are sorting the lease. It is essential for the sports club that the lease is sorted as it allows them to obtain grants from Sport England and other bodies.

MVA website - The minutes from these meetings go on the website.

Newsletter - One has just gone to print. Pat made an appeal for articles and photos for the newsletter. If anyone would like to act as a reporter for the newsletter, please contact Pat.

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Thanks were given to Andy Buxton, the MD of Howard Smith Paper who donates the paper for the printing of the newsletter.

Gil is going to do an article about people who move from other countries to set up home in Mawsley. The article will invite others in the same situation to send in an article and include within it their favourite recipe from their home country.

Gil to put together an information pack for people moving to Mawsley.

Gil asked for a total of £225 for the Christmas panto trip for the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Cheque payable to 1<sup>st</sup> Mawsley Brownies. Bob - I will send address details separate.

Richard asked about the process to become a director of the MVA. There are currently 11 registered directors. Anyone who would like to be a director, please contact Bob.

Sarah gave information about the Christmas Quiz and raffle to be held at The Centre on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December in the main hall at 8pm. Members of the MVA usually collect the raffle prizes for this event. All the money raised from the sale of raffle squares goes to charity - this year it is the British Heart Foundation. If anyone can help please contact Sarah.

Sarah gave out details of the day the MVA are sponsoring which is being held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at The Centre. The event is 'Christmas is coming - celebrate at The Centre'. Full details are in the newsletter.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm at The Centre.**