UVH Committee Meeting Thursday 21st **September, 7pm**

Present:

Paula Alford, Colin Allbrook, Eileen Beer, Linda Holt, Gareth Homfray-Davies, Jane Laming, Sue Lewis, Sally Murch, Ann Page, Geoff Shallcross, Pat Shallcross, Sam Stobbs, Penny Wignall

No	Item	Action
1	Apologies Nigel Brown, Vanessa Buckpitt	
2	Minutes of last meeting on 5th July 2023 Agreed & signed.	
3	Matters Arising	
	See below	
4	Garden Show – 5 th August 2023	
	Well, 2023 was a wet and windy affair! Paul Henderson kindly opened the show for us and I think despite the weather, the show went well and we had a good turnout. Sadly, the Air Ambulance gazebo blew away and they decided to pack up and go home. All the car booters cancelled due to the weather (all 3 of them). Perhaps next year we should advertise this earlier on the posters to encourage more cars.	
	For the first time this year, we had some Classic Cars displayed – thanks to Gareth for organising these. We also had Elsa from Higher Beings Circus to entertain the children.	
	Sadly, the ONO band were unable to play this year but Geoff, Colin and Peter stepped in to save the day and with the Choir (Making Waves), providing further entertainment, we had plenty of music on the day.	
	The number of entries was down on last year – 25 adults with 254 entries as opposed to 29 adults with 360 entries last year. A couple of our old stalwarts, Thelma & Gordon Willmetts have hung up their gardening gloves and did not enter this year and I think the weather, with drought in June and then heavy rain in July & August did not help the growing season!!	
	The dog show was well organised once again by Janette Murch and was well attended. We thought that there may have been a complaint from one of the owners who wanted to enter her dog in	

both the Sporting Breed and Non-Sporting Breed categories but nothing has been forthcoming!!

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We now have 2 vacancies for volunteers to help with the show. Jane Laming is stepping down from her role, which is organising and looking after the Judges. Also, Chris Allbrook and Veronica Crabb have relinquished their roles in organising the cream teas. Thanks to Suzanne and Estelle for stepping in this year and to Jane for helping in the kitchen. Volunteers for next year's show would be much appreciated.

Gareth had a few issues with parking etc. as Pam Philp's field was a bit wet. Gareth to feedback

My thanks to everyone who helped with this year's show. Without our volunteers the show could not go ahead - and to those giving their time I would say a huge thank you, your efforts are much appreciated by me and the whole community.

Gareth thanked his 'brilliant team of volunteers' who included Steve Parr, Mike Champion, James Stuttard, Bernard Wignall, Steph Wyeth, Rick Dupuy and Andy Laming. They erected marquees, directed traffic and manned the entrances. Also thanks to Geoff Shallcross for obtaining the marquee from Chittlehampton and to Murch Bros for opening up their yard for car parking on the day.

A few things to note for the future:

It is not worthwhile for commercial stallholders to attend as there isn't the footfall.

Classic cars were brought in this time to create interest, something to note. Do we do this again?

The age of the entrants is increasing and we need to encourage younger entrants to the garden show, e.g. a childrens' veg competition, also fancy dress for U12's perhaps.

The circus activities provided by Higher Beings worked well and is to be rebooked for next year.

LH

Gareth also proposed hiring out the large marquee offering a delivery and assembly service. To be considered by the committee & terms & conditions to be considered by Nigel.

ALL/NB

Should we also consider amending the name of the show to include 'fete'?

Gareth also requested that if anyone has any ideas for activities/events at the show, please contact them in the first instance to discuss.

	On behalf of the committee, Penny thanked Linda & Gareth for their superb efforts in putting the show together this year.	
	The show profit was £1,181.14.	
5	Grant Questionnaire	
	Sam advised that only 39 responses have been received so far. This is not enough to support future grant applications for funding to improve the Hall.	
	Colin to send to Art Class & Pantomime people Eileen to send to WI Paula to send to school for newsletter and parent's Facebook page. Pat to send to Choir. Geoff to send to Hall users inc. Little City & North Devon Show. Sally to send to Young Farmers. Sam to print copies to leave in the Hall for completion. Deadline for responses 31st October 2023.	CA EB PA PS GS SM SS
6	Handwashing Facilities	
	Switch to activate hot water in ladies' toilet to be used and a sign to be put up warning hot water may be hot!	GS
7	Antique Fair - 24th Sept/Car Boot/Mugs	
	16 stalls - 12 inside, 4 outside with gazebos, but dependent on weather forecast for wind and rain. Volunteers for Saturday set up are: Jane, Andy, Geoff, John Andow, James & Sarah Stuttard.	
	Jane suggested a car boot in the Spring with the kitchen providing drinks & bacon butties. Events team to organise.	AP
	It was agreed to buy 50 mugs and some ½ pint glasses.	PW
8	Speed Monitoring Team	
	Geoff to organise a meeting in November with relevant parties	GS
9	Treasurer's Report	
	Bank account stands at £19,980 This includes a donation by the Pantomime group of £1,000 July Antiques Fair £595. Garden Show £1,181.14	

	Dimma & Dudding £270	I
	Pimms & Pudding £370 Payments out included £1,563 for necessary rewiring of lights	
10	Raising Money for Defibrillator	
	It was agreed that funds raised from the upcoming Bingo night on 20 th December would be for the defib. Also a hamper would be raffled at the Christmas dinner dance. Events team to organise. It was agreed to organise a coffee morning once a month, again Events Team to organise.	AP
11	Halloween Event – 29th October	
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	Childrens' party 4-7pm. Details to be sent to Sam for her to publicise.	AP, SM, PA & SS
12	Mexican Food Waggon	
	A request has been received from The Green Lemon to sell Mexican takeaway food from the Hall car park on a Friday evening. It was agreed subject to timings and an agreed rental charge.	JL
13	Hedge Cutting & Cardboard Recycling	
	Geoff to book Kevin Goddard for cutting roadside hedges and Tom Murch for the inside of the hedges.	GS
	Cost of cardboard recycling £5.37 per collection. Decided not to proceed with this and erect a sign asking people to take their cardboard home.	JL
14	Key Code Change & Keys in Cupboard	
	Key code change will be diarised for the new year. Jane to investigate key storage options.	JL JL
15	Bar Licence	
	Obtaining our own bar licence was discussed but will not be progressed at the moment.	
16	Parish Council Meeting	
	Date to be confirmed by Pat then advertised by Sam on Facebook and Ann's email list	PS, SS & AP
17	Any Other Business	
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	Eileen – WI china had been used by someone not connected with WI & not washed up.	
	Paula – Defibrillator contact details need to be updated on Chittlehampton Chronicle. Colin to action.	CA
	Geoff – Suggested that the projector screen's electric motor was disconnected as it wasn't working. This would enable it to be hooked up at the front of the stage and be used by a prospective booking for childrens' music therapy on a Tuesday afternoon.	GS
	Geoff – thanked the WI for moving their Christmas booking to enable other events to take place.	
	Jane – Autumn clear up. Suggested date Saturday 14 th October, week after proposed hedge cutting. Geoff to confirm.	GS
	Jane – Next Hallshare meeting is on Tuesday 17 th October, 7pm in Lapford Village Hall at which there is a demo of an online booking system. Come along if you can	
18	Date of next meeting – Wednesday 8 th November 7pm in the Hall	