

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Notes from the meeting at Frittenden Memorial Hall, 10th January

Tony Staples (AS) explained that Frittenden Parish Council (FPC) wanted to ensure that Frittenden maintained its well-established tradition of successfully celebrating national events.

The 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession was to be recognised by a long Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June. AS outlined the programme of national events over that weekend.

FPC had budgeted £500 towards costs of village celebrations. It was keen that the event involved the whole community and was enjoyable without loading too much into too short a period. The three village marquees have been booked for the weekend. During the meeting Mike Cooper indicated that a fourth marquee could be available by June.

A second significant event in our village is the completion of the renovation and improvement of Frittenden Memorial Hall (FMH), which should be finished in June.

Rosalind Riley and Mike Fitzgerald had investigated the possibility of obtaining funding for Jubilee-themed events and some of this could be of lasting benefit to FMH through funding of equipment needed for relevant events.

During the meeting many and varied suggestions were made for activities and events, either over the weekend, during June, or at other times during the year. Sarah Davies pointed out that the Jubilee celebrations fell at the end of half-term week when some families would be away. Schools/preschool would need time to plan so that activities could be completed before the half-term break. Suggestions made at the meeting are summarised on the attached schedule.

It was agreed that a small committee be formed to co-ordinate and publicise the celebrations to ensure a balanced programme, avoid clashes and provide activities that would include as much of the community as possible. Responsibility for organising particular activities/events would be down to the organisations or individuals sponsoring them. The group would meet soon, draw up an outline programme, then reconvene another Open Meeting to present the suggested plan.

The following agreed to be on the committee:

Chris Brown	Jackie Brown
Heather Cullingworth	Barbara Dunn
Mike Fitzgerald	Lester Gosbee
Ann Holroyd	Rosalind Riley

Attendees

Name

Organisation

<i>Tony Staples</i>	<i>FPC</i>
<i>Rosalind Riley</i>	<i>FPC/FMH</i>
<i>Judy Staples</i>	
<i>Barbara Dunn</i>	<i>FMH</i>
<i>Jackie Brown</i>	
<i>Chris Brown</i>	
<i>Anne Holroyd</i>	<i>WI</i>
<i>Tor Millard</i>	<i>FHS</i>
<i>Mike Cooper</i>	<i>Tent Team</i>
<i>Anthony Edwards</i>	<i>Musicians</i>
<i>Heather Cullingworth</i>	<i>FPC</i>
<i>Mike Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Applause</i>
<i>Paul and Rebecca Brown</i>	
<i>Phil Betts</i>	<i>FHS</i>
<i>Hazel Gosbee</i>	
<i>Lester Gosbee</i>	<i>FPC</i>
<i>Sarah Davies</i>	<i>Preschool</i>
<i>Diane Campos</i>	<i>FGS</i>
<i>Margaret Knight and Paul</i>	
<i>John Stansfeld</i>	<i>St Mary's Church</i>
<i>Tricia Palmer</i>	<i>FGS</i>

Apologies

<i>Rev Pete Deaves</i>	<i>St Mary's Church</i>
<i>Daniel Smith</i>	<i>Young Farmers</i>
<i>Nic Costello</i>	<i>Frittenden School</i>
<i>James Tuke</i>	<i>FPC</i>
<i>Steph Andrews</i>	
<i>Emily Steventon</i>	
<i>Charlotte Hunter</i>	
<i>Di Hickman</i>	