

Egerton Christmas Fair 7th December 2019

Meeting held on 30th October 2019 at The Barrow House

Present: Graham Howland, Hazel Harper, Andy Harper, Sabine Chapman

Apologies: Heather James

1. Village Hall is booked for weekend of 7th/8th December.
AH to book hall for weekend of 5th/6th December 2020.
AH to check hire charge with Jim Cooke.
2. Discussion about stalls. Unfortunately, the Friends of the School and the Preschool will not be able to participate in this year's Fair, for various reasons. Discussion about whether to have the grotto after all, as both the tractor ride and the grotto require three people each to run them. Double checked that on the publicity in the Egerton Update there is no mention of the grotto, so it could be dropped at the last minute if it proves too much.
Decision to keep the grotto for now as it would be a nice addition to the Fair.
Decision made to try to man tractor ride with various other 'helpers', and to keep the revenue of the tractor ride for the Fair kitty.
HH to ask Over 60s/Martin Wilkinson if they would like to run the grotto and keep the revenue.
HH/AH to try to drum up some other volunteers, to run the tractor ride, and to help with general set up/take down.
3. Updated the stall list and allocated huts to four stalls (see separate Stall holder list). Set up times for stall holders are from 12pm to 2.30pm, each hut/table still costs £5 and stall holders should park where directed by members of the set-up team.
HH to confirm with Jenny Oliver, Ruth Coulson and Kerryn Eyres that they can have a table/hut, as well as set up times.
GH to confirm the above with Mary Pheby
SC to confirm the above with remaining stall holders
4. Further stalls will be 'Guess the name of the reindeer' and 'Pin the nose on the snowman'. These games will be run by the children of the organisers, plus any friends happy to help and will be located in the foyer (1 table).
'Pin the carrot on the snowman': 20p a go, prize is a sweet for taking part.
'Guess the name of the reindeer': £1 each entry. The winning reindeer name has been decided but is kept tightly under wraps!
GH to make a wooden reindeer which will be displayed and will also be the prize
GH to talk to Nick Fox about buying tubs of sweets at cost price
SC to make the square with 50 reindeer names, and to work out how the guesses will be noted down/the winner notified.
SC to make the snowman and carrot, as well as a sign.
A joint kitty will be required for this table.

Tablecloth
Blindfold/tissues

5. Entertainment – The Wandering Minstrels and the School Choir have confirmed their attendance, but further thought needs to go into length of sets and timings. Discussion at last meeting about carol singing – also to be discussed again.

6. Tractor Ride – each ride to cost £2.50, and children need to be accompanied by an adult on a 1:3 ratio adults to children. Decision to set aside a hut for the tractor ride, so the person selling tickets has somewhere to shelter/lights. Ideally two people would help with the ride at any one time, one to take the money and the other to help with loading – also unclipping the back of the trailer and clipping it back up. 10 straw bales required for the tractor ride. Decision to place the tractor ride and hut where the recycling bins used to be. This gives plenty of space for the hut and anyone waiting, keeps everyone on the pavement and Graham does not need to turn or reverse with the tractor. This set up also gives maximum car parking spaces. GH has already confirmed use of the trailer from Julian Mills.
SC to ask Jan Burgess if we can use the instruments from the church for the tractor ride

7. Grotto – discussion about small presents being handed out by FC and also a sign for the grotto. SC may have some old lucky dip/camp night prizes but this is on hold until a decision has been made about who will run the grotto.
NB: 31st October: there is now a possibility that our FC can't make the date.

8. Set up/decoration: GH to get tractor and trailer from apple farm to pick up huts and trailer hut from the bar at 9am, with AH, Martin Chapman and 1 other volunteer. GH has access to the barn. Set up at village hall to commence as soon as huts arrive. SC to bring marquee down. Ideally there would be more volunteers to help. Steph Hensing to bring holly and help decorate the hall. Sarah Elsworthy to help decorated the hall on the day and to bring some 'fake presents'.
AH/HH to try and drum up more volunteers to help with set up/take down
HH to ask Priscilla Harper and church decoration team if they could help out decorate the hall.
We require as many fairy lights as possible, all committee members to see how many fairy lights they can spare – these should be clearly labelled so they can be returned.
SC to buy coloured masking tape for new marquee

9. Colouring competition: Cathy Hill has drawn a new picture and this will be used as the advertising poster and colouring competition. Cathy to email this to SC – date/time and further details to be added, as well as colouring competition details. Prize for each entry will be colouring pens and tub of sweets. Posters to be handed out to school children on Monday 25th November, to be collected from school only on Thursday 5th December. Decision made to have no other competition.
SC to buy colouring pens x3 from kitty money
SC to ask Heather James if she can print off the colouring competition posters
SC to ask Mrs Walker if she could judge the colouring competition

NB: 31st October: Mrs Walker has agreed to judge the colouring competition and hand out the prizes.