

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 January 2025 at 5.30PM AT
BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Paul Pearse (PP) Chairman
Cllr Richard Wolstenholme (RW)
Cllr John Korby (JK)
Di Fletcher (DF) (St Saviour's)
Liz Dodwell (LD) (St Saviour's)
Bronya Szatkowska (BS)
Rebekah Donawa (RD) (Brockenhurst College)
Lynne Thorpe – (LT) (Woodpeckers)
Sue Jory (SJ) (Royal British Legion)(RB L)
Janet Ward (JW) (Royal British Legion) (RBL)
Liz Wingham (LW) (Women's Institute)
Evelyn Bartlett (EB) (Women's Institute)
John Wingham (Friends of Brockenhurst Station)

Celia Jowett (CJ) Assistant Parish Clerk (APC)

25/1 Apologies for Absence: Phillip Dinn, Krys Yates

25/2 Declaration of Interest: None

25/3 Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 6 November were signed as a correct record.

25/4 Parish Calendar

New Events for the Committee Calendar were given:

ANZAC Day – 27 April 2025

Church Annual Meeting – Monday 28 April 2025

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 30 April 2025

VJ Day 80 – Celebration picnic – Saturday 10 May 2025

BrockStock – 24/25 May 2025

BrockFest – 31 May 2025

VJ Day 80 Service – Sunday 17 August 2025

Christmas Fun Evening – 5 December 2025

25/5 Review of Christmas Fun Evening Friday 6 December 2024

After a 6pm start, the rain had begun after 7pm and all stalls except one had set up.. We had good attendance and a happy atmosphere. The event finished and crowds dispersed quite quickly.

Comments:

- A spotlight needs to be shone on Father Christmas on the balcony, otherwise he cannot be seen.
- The brownies had enjoyed the Nativity Procession and thanks were given to Liz Dodwell for organising it.
- Thanks to Matthew Jowett for being Master of Ceremonies and he will be invited back for 2025
- Enquiries for new entertainers for 2025 will be made. RD suggested BPC Events Committee should contact Brockenhurst College Drama and Music Department for dancers and singers
- Parking tickets had been issued from 3pm on Brookley Road. Lots of notices had been posted on the street but BPC would try to avoid this problem next year
- The stallholders liked the lamps provided

Competitions:

The Cricket Club won The Christmas Tree Competition, judged by Sean Perry of the Commoners

Best Dressed Window Competition winners were Village Veg, and The Charity Shop, Highly Commended: Celestial Glow judged by Ros Bowles and Mary Pattinson.

Marshals It is difficult to find enough marshals for events. RD suggested contacting Brockenhurst College Public Protection Services Department in future.

25/6 Pancake Day 4 March 2025

It will take place in Brookley Road. If there are any road works, the race will just be moved up the road.

The PTA will be contacted to see if it wants to be involved in the administration of the event eg taking names etc

Posters

BS will create posters, application forms and certificates for the Pancake Race. Friends of Brockenhurst will provide medals.

The Rules will be read out before each race.

Road Closure –

The APC has applied for the road closure. The application is for March 2025 from 2.45 to 4.45pm.

The cones will be put out at 2.30pm.

The marshals will start duty from 2.45pm.

PP will get the PA system from the Church.

25/7 ANZAC Day - 27 April 2025

SJ and the Royal British Legion, Heather Lawrence, the Parish Clerk and the APC will have a meeting to discuss the event

25/8 VE Day 80 – 10 May 2025

will be celebrated with a “Bring Your Own” village picnic at St Saviour’s grounds on Saturday 10 May 2025 from 2 – 5pm. APC has contacted Brassed Toffs Shining Lights and the Friday Girls.

- DF will request the residents for photographs of VE Day 1945 and there will be an exhibition in the Church.
- The flower team have been asked to decorate the Church.
- St Saviours curate (Steve Bennet) to lead the sing-a-long
- BPC will provide a welcome drink
- Decorations – the Parish Council has some Union Jack bunting
- Brockenhurst Primary School PTA will be asked if it can provide teas and cakes (for fundraising). The Cricket Club can be invited to provide teas and cakes. Woodpeckers can provide cakes if needed.
- A notice will be put in the Parish Magazine

25/9 V J Day 80 15 August 2025

A Commemorative Church Service will be held on Sunday 17 August 2025. It was noted that this is the last important date to mark the Second World War, as the last veterans are now very aged. However, it will be mid-August, with many people away. The Parish Council has no plans to arrange a VJ Day 80 Commemoration

25/10 – Railway 200. The 200th Anniversary of the Railways.

JW gave a presentation about the plans for celebrating the 200th Anniversary.

There are 3 legacy Brockenhurst projects planned:

1. *Renovation of the Julia Margaret Cameron, (the Victorian photographer) prints at the station.*
2. Photography Competition featuring the Forest, local architecture and local activities. FoB has spoken to Brockenhurst College Photography Department
3. *A Commemorative Booklet of the village’s relationship with the railway. Additionally, a celebration event for which no date has yet been set although there are potential Sunday dates at the end of June*

(June 15th, 22nd and 29th) It was noted that students at Brockenhurst College finish at the end of June.

- Brockenhurst *could* partner with another station such as Sway or Lymington
- Entertainment such as music or magicians *could potentially* be arranged on the train journeys between Brockenhurst and Lymington.
- The Brockenhurst celebrations should centre around the station (eg a marquee in the car park, use of Enzo's) and spread out to Brookley road.)
- "Culture in Common" could be involved.
- JWw will notify the Parish Council of the date and of any partnership with Lymington or Sway.

25/11 Citizen of the Year

This will be published in February; nominations will be taken and decisions made in March. The awards will be presented at the Annual General meeting of the Parish Council on 30 April 2025.

25/12 Date of Next Meeting:

19 February 2025

ACTION POINTS

- APC will contact Brockenhurst College for marshals for Pancake Race
- APC will contact BS for publicity materials needed for Pancake Race.
- APC will contact Krys Yates of Brockenhurst School PTA about involvement in Pancake Race.
- APC will arrange a meeting about Anzac Day between Heather Lawrence, APC and Sue Jory.
- BPC will put a notice in the Parish Magazine about Pancake Day and VE Day80.
- DF will organise an exhibition in St Saviour's Church for VE Day80.
- APC will ask Krys Yates about providing teas for VE Day80.
- JW will inform PP of the date of the Railway Celebrations and of any partnership with Lymington or Sway Railway Stations.

25/13 The meeting finished at 6.40pm.

Signed:

Date:

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