



## SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

### MEETING NOTES - Sunday 14 January 2024

These notes are intended to be a brief reminder of items discussed and actions taken or outstanding, rather than formal minutes.

#### **Attendees**

Tim and Ruth Smith, Pam Russell, Chris Potter, Marilyn Speechley, Ruth Sellars, Gill Ling, Mike Hodgkinson, Nigel and Heather Stanley

Apologies for absence – Gordon and Debbie Smith

#### **Chosen Supported Charity**

This was discussed and all agreed that our support of our chosen charity for the year, MacMillan Cancer Support, this does not interfere in any way with Bill Wilkinson's longstanding MacMillan Coffee Morning Event.

Tim expressed his sadness that Bill had been unnecessarily upset by the suggestion that our support of the charity would in some way supersede his own commitments to MacMillan Cancer Support. During a brief discussion with Bill Wilkinson, Tim was informed that several members of the Social Committee had indeed given Bill to believe that his event would be taken over by the Committee. Tim assured Bill wholeheartedly that our plan is simply to donate a sum of cash raised throughout the year. Tim went to some lengths to explain that decisions made and agreed to by the Committee must be supported by the Committee and communicated accurately.

#### **Cash from Sunday lunches**

Tim has agreed with Pam Russell, that the kitchen supervisor will account for the cash raised through Sunday lunches going forward and report to the Finance Director monthly, handing over any cash and the accounts at this point rather than weekly.

#### **Kitchen Volunteers**

Poor response to email requesting volunteers. If we get any volunteers Pam will run a food safety course. It was suggested that some of the Committee may be willing to attend the course as a back up.

#### **Fitting Out Supper**

Summary of items discussed:

- Entry price – usually around £8.50 - £10.00 (on checking records, last year was £10)
- Ideally need at least 50-60 people to attend
- Food discussed and decided to stick with open sandwich and gateaux

- Music – suggestion was for singer who does 60's, 70's or 80's music. John Suggitt's jazz band also was a suggestion as they were very well received at the 80<sup>th</sup> event. Tim will approach John to see if they would be interested in playing at the Fitting Out Supper. He will also contact various agents including the one we have used previously. Other suggestions included the Up Highs and Morgan Reeves – for future events as they have to be booked well in advance
- Need to put a list on the wall for people to add their names if they are interested in attending, also an email to members. Heather agreed that members could email her with their names if unable to add their names to the physical list.

### **Easter Cruise**

Normal schedule is:

- Leave on Good Friday and stop overnight in Disley, visit White Lion for a meal
- Saturday – sail to Bugsworth and go into the Memorial Club in the evening for a quiz and meal - they put food on in return for a donation.
- Easter Sunday evening – visit Memorial club again and judge Easter bonnets and ties and award prizes (lots of Easter eggs required!)
- Easter Monday – sail back to the Arm at your leisure

Non-boating members are encouraged to join the evening events.

In view of the strong possibility of closures on the Peak Forest the idea of cruising to Whiteley Green was discussed and it was agreed that this would probably be the safer option. Tim will check the situation with CRT and we need to make a final decision at the next meeting at the latest.

Would need to plan an itinerary – suggestions included having a BBQ at Whitely Green, other suggestions of possible places to visit included Sutton Hall, Gurnett & the Kings Head, Lyme Green. Tim will consult with members and issue an email when details become available.

### **Table Top Sale**

We discussed holding an auction mid April but it was pointed out that this can be a lot of work for very little return. We decided that a table top sale would be a better and easier event to hold. Charge around £10 per table and £1 entry and the bar and kitchen should be open – provide bacon butties, burgers etc. Suggested date is Sat 14 April, think we should be able to fit around 20 tables into the Club Room and the Club/Quartermaster could have one of these tables. This should be advertised locally and we need to arrange for the car park to be managed again as at the 80<sup>th</sup> Event.

There are still some top value raffle prizes which have been donated and held over from Christmas, particularly the full service kit and service labour donated by Giddy and the Crowther bronze windless donated by Guy and Sandra Holding. It was decided to hold a special raffle for Giddy's prize, eg £5 per ticket and make the draw at the Fitting Our Supper. There will be an auction at one of the Commodore events for the windlass.

### **Cruise to Ellesmere Port & Chester**

Suggested dates – late May early June. Details to be finalised and circulated.

### **Other cruises**

The Commodore may organise some other short cruises on an ad hoc basis throughout the cruising season. Members are invited to put their suggestions and ideas forward.

### **Summer BBQ**

Held on the Sunday of August bank holiday weekend (Sunday 25 August this year). Discussed charging a cover fee and obtaining better quality burgers, sausages etc. Could also include butterflied chicken drumsticks and sides, eg beans, onions, and will need vegetarian options too. Decided that a charge of £2.50 would be reasonable. Event to be open to members, friends and family. People to bring their own drinks.

### **AOB**

Tim will be organising another Whiteley Green Working Party to cut down a few more dead trees down and fix the blocked drain as this has caused flooding of the area during the recent bad weather.

Other events - New members night is on Friday 23 February and the Directors need to attend to introduce themselves. Also Pancake Night on Friday 16 February with Janet Tattersall.

From previous meeting but not discussed (update) - It was felt that some members did not see emails and that phone messages may be a better form of communication - *Heather S* has looked into the possibility of setting up a Text group – this is set up but she needs an up to date list of members and phone numbers.

**Date of next meeting - Sunday 18 February at 1pm**

### **Calendar of Commodore Events**

Sat 23 March	Fitting Out Supper
Fri 29 March – Mon 1 April	Easter Cruise
Sat 14 April	Table Top Sale
Late May/early June (TBC)	Cruise to Ellesmere Port & Chester
Sun 25 August	Summer BBQ
Sat 19 October	Laying Up Supper
Sat 7 December	Christmas Party