

Committee Matters

A draft terms of reference document for the worship group was discussed. The document defines: 1) the objectives of the group; 2) things the group should do to achieve the objectives; 3) things the group should not do. The committee approved the draft with an extra objective added. This document will be reviewed and published once a leader for the group has been identified

Centre Manager

David thanked Matthew for his hard work organising the VAP groups and remarked again how successful these had been. The repaint of Medlar Corner was long overdue and the creation of art rooms in the bank had been crucial to the success of Ann's art week. The remaining summer weeks saw a quiet bank holiday weekend, though numbers increased during music week culminating in the second Othonastock music festival and followed by "Harmony in Difference" which provided many helpful insights into life in multi-faith Britain.

Programme Planning

The 2009 programme schedule is now largely fixed and Robert and Rosie are due to meet to compile a flysheet for advance publicity. David Seckleman has decided to step down from organising the Othonastock festival. The committee expressed its gratitude for his past efforts and welcomed his offer to run a musical event based around the music of Jesus Christ Superstar. No replacement has been found to run Othonastock and, in light of the need to finalise the programme, it was reluctantly decided not to run the festival in 2009.

Volunteering

Though it had not been possible to have the new handbook ready before the start of the summer season, Kate has been able to make use of additional input arising from the summer season. A final version of the Bradwell Guide is now complete and copies will be ready for the next meeting. The composition of duty lists is being revised to reflect appropriate duties with different numbers. David proposed that he could use Wednesday morning sessions during the summer weeks to explain volunteering. This could be followed up with a training weekend in the Autumn.

Maintenance

Matthew has been taking a greater lead on maintenance matters and it was agreed that these should be centre-led. The reed beds remain a problem, investigation of the issues has revealed that the clay subsoil is particularly suited for degrading liner materials due to expansion and cracking. Suitable long term replacement materials have not yet been identified. The trustees are constituting a new buildings group to coordinate work on new buildings and infrastructure that may arise from funding raised by the CYC group.

Fund Raising

The Bradwell building fund currently stands at £58K; this is earmarked for mains grid connection. A small stall of Christmas gifts, cards and crafts will be on display during the bonfire night and the advent weekend, Ann thanked Gail and Cathrin for their work for this. A significant anonymous donation has been made that may be used to cover additional costs arising from the installation of the proposed wind turbine.

Cut Your Carbon

A substantial Flood Risk and Mitigation report is being finalised with valuable comments from James Hanson and Malcolm Hardy being incorporated. A grant to cover 50% of the cost of a wind turbine has been granted; this means we now meet the funding criteria for another organisation that will donate the other 50%. similar funding has also been granted for solar water heating. The committee thanked the group for their work, especially Clare Stone who has dealt expertly with the applications.

Chris Jones (Bradwell Committee Chair)