



**Thursday 26th January 2012
The Scout Hut, Evesham Road**

Attendees:

Nicky Brown (Chairman), Charlotte Evans (Deputy Chairman), Geraldine King (Park Manager), Jo Barker, Ann Easter, Joel Farrell, Laurie Howell, Teresa Howell, Ron Innell, Janice Kearsey, Peter Kearsey, Nicola Witcombe.

Apologies:

Lindsay Jones, Haloge Mellett, Bob Smith.

Introduction:

Nicky welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed this is an additional meeting to discuss the forthcoming History Day in June 2012. Charlotte's replacement as Deputy Chairman would also be discussed.

History Day, June 2012:

Geraldine suggested the 23rd June 2012 as the date for the History Day. This will avoid clashing with the Lord Mayor's visit and the re-opening of Victoria Park. Geraldine has ensured that funding to celebrate the anniversaries of Dr Fothergill and the Gurneys and also the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations will be made available to the Friends for the History Day.

Ron introduced Nicola Witcombe to the group. Nicola is willing to be the "official photographer" for the History Day event. Geraldine will discuss existing photography arrangements for the Lord Mayor's visit with Nicola.

Laurie has a contact in a pipe band that are available for hire. Laurie passed the details to Nicky. Ann Easter confirmed that Christopher is trustee of a local music academy and will also make enquiries.

Ann also suggested Melissa York as a useful publicity contact at the Newham Recorder.

Holding a children's sports day as part of the event was discussed. Geraldine suggested having various runs at a distance of 60yards, to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

A list of suitable events was discussed and agreed. Nicky and Geraldine will draft a proposed timetable of events for agreement at the next meeting in March.

Geraldine will speak to Newham regarding a cut out Victorian scene to be used for photographs if available. Geraldine will also look into obtaining medals for the sports day, and the possible involvement of the TA. Charlotte will see if the City of London Police would like to get involved. The need for St John's Ambulance staff, or possibly cadets, was discussed.

Geraldine will also contact Frank who has the catering concession regarding setting up a barbeque on the day.

Nicola suggested Baker Ross and Crafty Crocodiles as possible sources of historic toys. Charlotte will also contact the Ragged Museum.

Ron agreed to look at the construction of a "margarine tub boat" for launch on the paddling pool.

Ann agreed to look into the cost of hiring a Morris dancing side.

Finally the use of flyers was discussed to advertise the event. It was agreed that we could approach local shops to display these and also have them included in the Park Run goodie bags. Geraldine to discuss with Tessa and Rahul.

Nicky also asked for suggestions for a suitable name for the History Day event.

Deputy Chairman:

Charlotte gave a brief overview of her duties as Deputy Chairman of the group. Nicky welcomed nominations for her replacement at the next meeting.

Geraldine and Nicky thanked Charlotte for her help and support during her time as Deputy Chairman. Catherine, who was absent, was also thanked.

Future meeting dates 2012:

Thursday 1st March 2012

Thursday 7th June 2012 AGM

Thursday 13th September 2012 (second Thursday in the month)

Thursday 13th December 2012 (second Thursday in the month)

Thanking everyone for their input, Nicky closed the meeting at 20:25