

**Friends of St Mary's Medieval Fair Sub-Committee Meeting
at Cromwell House on Wednesday 4th October**

Apologies from Pip, Barbara and Sue H.

Present were Rose, Gavin, Angela, Andy, Sue M. & Helen

Discussions

1. *Is the project viable?* Everyone agreed it was.
What can we charge? Adults £2, Under 12s free.
Cost of the project. Gavin volunteered to try and assess all costs (financial controller?).
There will be outlay in advance for licences, costumes, entertainment.
Funding and grants. Rose proposed that she would apply for an Arts Community Grant from MSDC and failing that an "Awards for All" grant from the Lottery. To obtain a grant we need to involve all local groups, the senior and junior populations, the disadvantaged, schools, scouts, guides, WI, Friday Girls – the whole community.
2. *Venue and date.* Date Sunday 13th May (20th is taken by Weird & Wonderful Wood).
Venue – St Mary's and the Primary School field. Rose has discussed this with the Head Teacher, Mrs Joe Lundy and the Chair of Governors Mr Sergeant. She will write a letter confirming dates and booking. The start and finish times of the event have still to be decided.
3. *Involvement of other local groups.* To make this a success we each volunteered to approach local groups to ask them to be involved.

Middle School (Helen Henny)	Rose
Primary School	Ann Kent
Under 5s	
Senior Scouts/Scouts/Cubs (Chris Last)	Helen
Guides/Brownies/Rainbows	Helen
Football Club	Helen
WI	Rose
Over 60s	
Bowls Club	
Friday Girls	
Local Businesses – Bacton Bull, Trowel & Hammer, Bacton Stores, Lamberts, Pauline's, Laws, Jeffries, Wood B Design, Peggs Joinery, Blacks Farms etc	

4. *Food and refreshments.* Helen to ask DP Meats about sourcing a Hog. Helen to ask Val & Hombry if they would be willing to do the roasting. Dave Kemp to be asked if he would like to do the burgers, the money raised from this to go to his Youth Club. Tea and cake in the Church – Rose will ask the WI.
5. *Church Ale.* We will do our own bar selling our own Ale (£2/pint) which costs £45 for 70 pints. We'll also sell soft drinks.
6. *Hobby Horse Jousting.* Rose has sketches for making hobby horses from half plastic barrels with decorations. Angela & Andy thought that they might have a source for these and Gavin thought he might ask James or Mark black if they had any.
Prizes - Adult teams (of 4) £50 1st prize. Under 12s? Local Clubs and Friends are to be asked to enter teams (see table above).
7. *Costume.* Amanda Manley has links and costume books. Rose to involve her. A couple in Brown Street run a business producing Medieval Seals and have a tent and costumes. Gavin to approach them. Rose had examples the headwear worn by ladies and Knights.

There needs to be some outlay on making the Jousting costumes and so on. Simon & Sue to be Lord and Lady of the Manor. Everyone to be encouraged to wear costumes. Free material to some if we can source it.

8. Any other issues.

Entertainment on the day. Birds of Prey from Stonham Barns £300 – this could be covered by the grant – if not it was felt to be too expensive.

Archery. Helen to ask Phil Stern.

Wool Spinning – Sue H. had offered this.

Richard Coe had offered the Haughley Morris Dancers & Haughley Hoofers – Helen to find out costs.

Bread Making?

Robert Lewis & Richard Coe to do wood carving? Helen to follow this up.

Rose to book a couple who offer free dance 'calling' and accordion player.

Juggler, Rose has booked Pip's son who will do it for free.

Conjurer/magician?

Herbalist – Helen to ask Andrew Stringer for contacts.

Tug-of-war, hoop racing, ball & cup, horse shoe throwing, quoits, rat in a drain pipe, pole lath turning.

Helen to ask Suffolk College Drama Department for any other entertainment.

Animals on display – sheep, geese etc.

Stocks/wet sponges – school?

Lady Godiva – Helen to ask Eve (and Sarah?).

Frances Holdich for music & musical entertainers?

Sarah Holdich for Fire Juggling?

Evening Entertainment. Pip has proposed organising a folk concert in the Church. Would we offer a number of evening entertainments?

Stallholders. Sue M. will organise stalls, craft and other. Corn Dolly, baskets of heather & herbs, pearls etc.

Publicity. Rose will produce an A5 summary, for the Parish Magazine, explaining what the Medieval Fair is about.

Pauline Finbow (also middle school and Ian Everet) to be approached to help with sourcing fabric for the outfits.

Car Parking. Meadow and Manor?

If it Rains? We'll need a Marquee. Helen to ask Anne Martin about costs. (Or/and could we ask the Primary School for use of their hall – Ian Everett could tart it up?)

Comments after the meeting

Ian Everet – decorating church & layout of field?

Bacton Bull (Kevin & Mandy) suggests a banquet in the Bull and a themed day there.

Should we put packs together for costumes (as we did for the pew cushions)? We could then charge a little over cost for us so we make a small amount for the Church?

Do we need a procession to open the Fair up?

Lord and Lady of the Manor to declare festivities open and close the event – offering evening entertainments?

Prize for best dressed adult and child? No show – just picked from participants in the day?

- Johncrow.com storyteller.
- Metal work. (Dragon out of horse shoes.)
Chris Church. Tanwood Cottage. Wdrtham
IP221PU
- 07765258948.
- Apple bobbing -

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- To see apples.
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 { urchins
 { peasants.