

Minutes of Friends in Deed meeting held at the Vicarage Tuesday 17th Nov. 2009

Present: Rev. Ally Barrett, Christine Lawrence, Jennifer Cox, Brenda Steadman, Rachel Noble, Hilary Grant, Miles Falla, Tim Hayward, Hazel Wilcox.

Apologies: Patsy Gray, Ann Arran, Margaret Street

1. Minutes of last meeting: The minutes from the last meeting were agreed.

2. Matters arising: Ally explained that item 2 on the agenda regarding the volunteering of a 'listening ear' and tea & coffee after Wednesday morning communion would be delayed until late 2010 as the completion of the extension is still some way off.

The roles of the committee have now all been agreed and Brenda is going to support Patsy and Margaret is supporting Rachel.

Ann Arran has completed an article for Roundabout and sent a copy for the committee to read. It was agreed that this would have more impact in the January edition as most people are busy getting ready for Christmas in December.

3. Co-ordinator's report:

Christine and Jennifer have met up to ensure that the handover goes smoothly. All being well Jennifer will pass over the paperwork before Christmas. Christine is holding a coffee morning on Thursday 26th November at 10.30 am at her home. This will help her get to know everyone involved with FiD. Jennifer said that a new person has come on to the books. A gentleman who lives in George Court and Miles has agreed to visit him.

Ally thanked Jennifer once again for all her hard work and Rachel also commented on her energy and commitment in setting up FiD and keeping the momentum going to ensure its success.

4. Forthcoming events:

1. Coffee Morning 10.30 am Thursday 26th November at 4 The Barns. Christine has this all organised.

2. Quiet Christmas Service. It was agreed that tea, coffee and biscuits should be served for those who would like to chat. Jenny, Howard and Rachel offered to help with this. Ally will print off some flyers/invites for visitors to take to people and she will bring them along to Christine's coffee morning.

3. The winter party. The date was agreed for Wednesday 10th March in the Methodist Church Rooms 3-4.30 pm. Brenda agreed to book the room for Patsy. Patsy will contact people at a later date to make cakes etc.

4. Spring training event. There was a discussion as to whether the meeting should be held in the afternoon or evening and which would have a better attendance. The dates agreed were 13th April in the afternoon or 14th April in the evening. Hazel is to see if the Hall is available. The subject of mental health was agreed upon and Hazel was going to investigate to find a speaker. Hilary offered to find out if there were any contacts through Citizens Advice and let Hazel know.

5 Any other business:

Ally passed her thanks to Ann Arran for an excellent article to submit to Roundabout.

Rachel mentioned that we have received an invitation from Care Network for their Christmas Lunch Party to be held on Tuesday 8th December 12.00 – 2.00 pm at Needing worth Village Hall with a special guest Dame Norma Major.

Christine agreed to respond on behalf of FiD as we need to RSVP by 24th November.

Rachel mentioned that some people had refused to go through the CRB process. Ally explained that we cannot be subjective about this and anyone who declined would not be able to visit on behalf of FiD. Although it would be sad to lose these visitors it is a legal requirement and we must comply with this.

6. Date of next meeting

Next meeting to be held at the Vicarage on Tuesday 2nd February 4.00 pm at The Vicarage.