**Mission: Hethersgill Community spirit!**

**Notes from the meeting 3rd May 7pm Hethersgill hall**

This meeting was to try and set up, or explore how to set up, some of the activities and groups that the community wanted to see following the open evening on the 12th April.

**Exercise class**

Marti has had interest from a couple of yoga teachers after posting a request online she will follow this up in the week. Tony has also had someone come forward and express an interest.

We will follow up all interests and feedback as soon as possible.

**Walking group:**

Established groups:

Ann went through the established walking groups which she is involved in. The walks cover Brampton and the surrounding area.

* Brampton Walkers are Welcome is a membership group (£12 per annum) which would welcome new members, but walks have restricted numbers (15-20) as walking with a large group is not much fun. It is to promote walking within the Brampton and surrounding area and is part of a national organisation. The walks are always on a Sunday and usually between 6-8 miles.
* Happy Wanderers is a Tuesday group which is open to all. Numbers are growing. we meet at Brampton Community centre and use the minibus or car share to the start of a walk or walk from the centre. Originally a walking group for older less able folk .distance up to 4 miles with nearly 20+ routes within 12 miles of Brampton.

We have confirmed that we should advertise these locally so people are aware that they can join them.

**Local walking group:** Following the meeting on 12.4.22 it was discussed that a lot of people wanted walks actually in Hethersgill. A small working group (Louise M, Linda L, Linda S, Sian A, Christine F), will look at getting a local walk organised for a weekend in June.

**Film club**

A small working group (Anne O, Linda L, Katie G, Mark I), will look at how we are able to provide a film night. Anne O explained that there is a film club in Brampton and she will reach out for advice and ask for any support they may be able to give us.

**Singing group**

Sian A is happy to begin a singing group with those who expressed an interest and is happy to start as soon as possible.

Following the meeting the 10th May was arranged as the first meeting and it will be held in the chapel as that is a more appropriate setting for singing.

**Bespoke classes:**

* **Gardening class**

Louise M offered to give a gardening class – how to make a hanging basket and has also offered to give some short talks on gardening topics.

Louise will get some costings for the hanging basket classes and the parish council will discuss how they can support the class financially at the next parish council meeting.

* **History talk**

Chris C has offered to give a talk entitled ‘Cumbria farmhouse odyssey’ this will be arranged for a suitable date.

* **Craft class**

Louise M has offered to give craft classes – this will be explored in the future.

* **Bike maintenance**

Mal C has offered to give bike maintenance classes – we need to understand the interest in this and can explore in the future. In the meantime Simon B is very keen that the scouts are supported with this and will arrange with Mal for a future class.

* **Book Club**

Linda S is very keen to organise a book club. Anne O has offered to support and the local library will be contacted to understand how they can help also.

**Other activities:**

* Grace W had offered to support with arranging a local rounders match. Marti will contact her to see how we can move this forwards this year.
* Andrea had suggested a board game evening, again we will reach out to see how we can move this forwards.

**Platinum jubilee plans:**

**Ahead of the weekend:**

* Bunting and house decorations – bunting packs will be made for people to make their own paper bunting for their windows. Everyone to be encouraged to decorate their houses and gardens for the weekend.
* Royal memories display – an appeal to get royal memories to make a display for the weekend in the hall will be shared.

**Wednesday 1st June:**

* Fish and chip van – booked for the hall car park on Wednesday between 5pm and 8pm
* Ice cream van – will be at the hall for half an hour from 7pm
* Kids corner – Katie G to organise a craft corner for children to make a crown or other royal reference.

**Thursday 2nd June**

* Beacon lighting event – This will be lit at 9.15pm. This is the only beacon in Cumbria, we will see the Hadrian’s wall beacon which will signal us to light ours – led by the scouts – and we will signal Scotland to start their beacon lighting. It is the only one in the country being led by the scouts and many local dignitaries will be present including the Queens representative the Lord Lieutenant. All members of the parish will be welcome to join in the event.

**Sunday 5th June**

* Church service – led by Bishop John to start at 10.30
* Tree blessing ceremony led by Bishop John likely to be around 11am
* Tea and coffee following the blessing, thanks to the church wardens
* Village picture (photographer still to be arranged)