

Notes from Community Committee – January 2019

Christmas fundraising

The raffle for the Christmas cake was won by Julia and the sum of £100 was raised. Many thanks again to Kate for making and donating the cake.

The Christmas card from us all to everyone raised £130. Many thanks too to Adrienne and children from Great Dalby School who made the card.

Christmas parcels

Members will have seen the article in the Melton Times relating to a group of elderly Asfordby residents who didn't receive food parcels this year. Here's more of the story:

As you know one or more of the Lions had been trying to update the list of recipients. My view has been that we should seek to widen the net and reach a greater number of those in need but not to delete anyone already receiving. This will happen naturally. In addition, it seems that MBC had been asked about possible recipients and that someone 'new' to the job had for some reason deleted the group from Burnaby Place.

We first heard about this when Jim Pryce, one of the residents who acts as a sort of self-appointed warden for the bungalows, contacted Kate to ask about the parcels as people had been looking forward to them. Kate rang me and I passed this on to Maddie Smith and Conroy Godber of the Lions. Conroy got onto the case and found out the problem very quickly. Unfortunately, the parcels had already been sent to Storehouse so there was little he could do. Let's hope that next year this problem can be rectified. Luckily neither we nor the Lions were maligned in the report – just MBC!

Donation request from Bridgeview Care

We discussed the possibility of giving a donation to this project to build a garden for the handicapped residents in this local authority home. I have now had a further reply from Alison Keightley regarding her role as an organiser and team leader with a manager above her and she supervises many support workers.

She states that her manager is aware she was contacting us, and queried if donating was a possibility as they are funded by Leicestershire County Council and are not a charity. Apparently if we decide to make a donation then she would still have to get agreement from higher management.

Helen Bett

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