

## RCMM Club Service Team Notes

Tuesday 26th May 2020

At 2.00pm by Zoom

**Present:** Malcolm Britton (MB) chair, Adrienne Holland (AH), Janet Shortland (JS), David Ward (DW), Alison Blythe (AB), Graham Bett (GB) and Colin Clews (CW).

**Apologies:** Gill Kendall, Mike Rowe, Bob McCord (BMcC)

<p><b>1. Charter (Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March) Feedback</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attendance - 98</li><li>• Catering – Carol of Mary’s Place – Food and Service good</li><li>• Format of evening – Worked well with blend of formality and informality</li><li>• Building and layout - Good</li><li>• Guest speaker – Anu Ojha – Well received</li><li>• Public address system – Recently updated and worked well. Important to ask speaker to set up and test in advance</li><li>• Bar – Arrangements worked well</li><li>• Glasses – Sufficient in church</li><li>• Tables – Good collaboration with Matthew O’Callaghan and BE Event Hire</li><li>• Licence obtained by Adrienne</li><li>• Table cloths obtained by Ian Neale from Launde Abbey.</li><li>• Roles on evening - Worked well. Also, the right number of volunteers to set up and clear away the next morning.</li><li>• Menu cards – Printed by Ron. Possibility of printing in-house next year.</li><li>• Guests of the Club: Lord Lieutenant, Mayor &amp; Mayoress, District Governor, Presidents of Melton Belvoir, Aurora, Oakham and Bourne.</li></ul> <p><b>Next year?</b> Much depends on Government recommendations including social distancing and the willingness of people to attend in whatever the new circumstances are. Date confirmed as Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Book church. Find Speaker – Suggestions welcome</p>	<p><b>MB MB/CC</b></p>
<p><b>2. District Quiz</b> This is due in the near future and individuals will be notified</p>	
<p><b>3. An Evening with Charles Hanson</b> provisionally arranged for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021</p>	<p><b>MB</b></p>
<p><b>4. Quiz</b> Contact Gavin Howlett and Richard Angrave re the possibility of holding an outdoor quiz at Sysonby Knoll during the summer</p>	<p><b>MB</b></p>
<p><b>5. Summer Outing to Chester</b> Bob McCord had not been able to contact Paul Winson Coaches while their office has been closed. It is understood that most members who had been going wished to have their money returned.</p>	<p><b>BMcC</b></p>
<p><b>6. Foundation Dinner</b> It was agreed to investigate holding a dinner at Soi during the summer and a further one at BMC on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</p>	<p><b>AB</b></p>
<p><b>7. Duck Race</b> It was considered that much effort was spent for £2,000 although there was no other fund-raising effort to replace it yet. Subject to Melton Day being</p>	

held next year it was agreed to hold it once more. It was noted that a 1940s weekend was planned for Melton on 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> May 2021.	
<b>8. Summer Lunch (Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July)</b> Subject to any change in government guidance, it was hoped to hold it in the gardens of Tresillian House. It was agreed that it would be a picnic with participants supplying all their own food and drink.	
<b>9. 850<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Mary's Church</b> No news.	
<b>10. Big Band Concert in Baptist Church (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November)</b> Still hoping it might go ahead.	<b>AB</b>
<b>11. Santa Fun Run</b> After a discussion about the viability of the event due to increasing competition, it was agreed that the Santa Fun Run group meeting should go ahead on Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May and make its recommendations to the CSC.	<b>AB</b>
<b>12. Christmas Parcels</b> The committee was pleased that this would be going ahead as it is a good example of local community service. JS was intending to contact Sainsbury and Tesco and still work in collaboration with MBC. The date would be determined by the supermarkets.	<b>JS</b>
<b>13. Uppingham School Concert in St Mary's Church (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021)</b> AB to contact the school after half term and there was a possibility that it may not go ahead. The church has been provisionally booked.	<b>AB</b>
<b>14. Looking Forward</b> The coming year would be particularly challenging as we have been unable to raise funds and the future timetable for relaxing the restrictions imposed to contain the Covid-19 virus is very uncertain. The Committee agreed that: Community service and the attendant publicity are vital to the club especially where it involved little expenditure. We should increase our involvement with environmental projects including tree-planting, crocus planting and litter-picking. The possibility of sponsoring a roundabout was considered. Events like the Santa Fun Run and Duck Race are our main fund-raisers until other events can supersede them. Possibilities to examine are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A local family cycle event where the favoured month would be September 2020 or May/June 2021. CC would research this.</li> <li>• An Easter Bunny or similar event which would not clash with the proliferation of Santa Fun Run and other local events around Christmas.</li> <li>• Other suggestions would be welcome.</li> </ul>	<b>CC</b> <b>CC</b>
<b>15. Next meeting</b> <b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm</b>	