

Dear All,

It was good to see you at our house last week and thanks for coming along.

These are the notes from our committee meeting which may be useful as we go forward in our planning for this year's show.

Present: Keith and Julie Attfield, Janet Larkin, Ann Newman Ken Curry, Frank Whittaker.

Apologies from Sheila Whittaker

• **NOTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 1st 2021**

- Attendees: Keith (chair), Julie, Frank, Janet, Ann and Ken. Apologies from Sheila.
- It was agreed that we should plan for a full show subject to the expected government announcements on July 19th.
- The committee will meet soon after this date to review the details and go into detailed show planning based on these announcements, i.e full show or restricted show.
- A full general planning meeting, inviting all supporters will be held on July 29th at the Castle Inn starting at 7pm.
- In case of the need to hold a restricted show (all outdoors) Frank mentioned the new tents used for the larger show at the weekend. These were sited on the halls car park and measure 14m x 7m and are available to us if required. This would save some £850 for hiring one.
- Ken will send another `holding` email to all vendors to update them on our planning.
- We will have an ice cream van again and Sheila will book this.
- Sheila will organise the afternoon tea/ coffee facility, using the hall kitchen.
- Frank mentioned we could use a propane gas fired boiler if we need to hold this outside (owned by the scouts.)
- Janet needs a steward to assist her on the day and Ann said she would approach Hilary for this.
- Heather is doing the plant stall and Frank will ask her if she wants 1 or 2 gazebos, he will also ask her if she has enough helpers.
- Frank will encourage Betty Smith to continue with her multiple entries into the show.
- Raffle - we need someone to run this and if no one is found, we will have no raffle this year.
- Chris Bowman will be away for the show, we can sell his products but will need a method of payment and a person to man the stand.
- It was agreed we need publicity and Frank will ask Mac to do this again.
- It was agreed we also need banners and small posters to create awareness, Keith said the lead time for ordering is fairly short.
- We need more helpers for carrying tables, erecting gazebos etc and we all agreed to put out feelers to fill this gap.
- **Show entries, results and statistics:** Since Paul's departure, Keith has been working on the development of a new system for this vital part of the show. Suzy's son Alexander has been assisting Keith and a new prototype will shortly be ready for trial. Keith has purchased some new software and when the new system is ready it will need a person/persons to input all the data both in advance of the show and on show day.
- **Facebook:** It was considered important at the last committee meeting for the Society to have a presence on Facebook. Keith and Julie have enlisted the assistance of Louise Kendall to help develop a template for this, Louise is willing to train someone else but cannot commit to actually doing it for us so we need a person to do this.
- Frank mentioned he had met with Simon and Chantelle Roberts recently and they seem willing to become actively involved with the Society, they have information technology backgrounds, Frank and Keith will meet up with them soon to explore whether they could fulfill both show entry tasks and Facebook.
- Frank informed the members that Suzy Watt had resigned as president of the Society and explained the background to this decision. It was agreed not to rush into a replacement at the moment but to consider this further.

Regards,
Frank