

Minutes of Friends of the Triangle Meeting on Monday 2 June 2015

Present: Dave Brookes, Martin Luke, Gillian Allen, Sheila Bliss, Mike Swan, Jane Swan

Apologies: Peter Callingham, Will Maden.

Minutes of last meeting: the minutes of the last meeting 20 April 2015 were approved and there were no matters arising.

Summer Fair on Saturday 4 July 2015: to run from 12 midday to 4 pm, weather permitting. To be cancelled in the event of a forecast of prolonged heavy rain, but in light rain we might still be able to offer the BBQ, cakes and drinks, info & books in the Workshop.

The attractions are as follows:-

BBQ (halal and veggie burgers)	manned by	Duncan, Liz, Roman and Daniel
Cake stall		Sheila, Gillian, other team members
Hot and cold drinks		Mike and Jane
Bookstall, adult's and children's books		Dave
Home baked breads		Will
Children's games		Uschi, Will, Peter, other team members
Bran tub?		Uschi?
Live Music		Duncan, Liz & friends; Eleanor & friends
Raffle		?

The Cake stall will be repositioned in a shadier corner this year against the towpath wall between the buddleia and the bridge, with the book stall located in the Workshop together with the information and history displays. The main raffle prize is one of Rolande's owls on a stump; extra prizes to be donated by team members. Children's games will include ducks in pool, beanbags and ladder, catch the rat, coconut shy, etc.? Another suggestion is a drawing competition for children, using the slates stored in the workshop and coloured chalks; a charge of 50p would be made for the slates and a prize available for the best artist. Gillian offered to organise this. She also suggested compiling sets of children's spotter sheets to be on sale at the bookstall - e.g. insects, wild flowers, etc.

To accommodate the bookstall and the displays, the Workshop will need to be cleared of some of its contents. The work on the towpath wall will be complete by the end of June so the coping stones will no longer be in the workshop. The tables and chairs will be used at the Summer Fair; Rolande's bench and toadstools could also be brought into use on the day. Martin will assist with transporting necessary items from the Fairfield storage shed using his trailer.

Small tables and extra chairs will be required on the day. Dave will send out an email appealing for loans of the latter, plus donations of cakes, books etc. and willing volunteers to deliver flyers in advance of the event (one week before and the preceding day). Mike to produce flyers from the poster he has already put up on the Triangle notice board and mail to Gillian and Martin, who will then deliver in packs to distributors. Mike will also post flyers on Penny Street Bridge, as last year.

Questions were asked about the pile of chippings and the scaffolding against the buttress wall. Kathy would like to take some of the former for Claver Hill, and Dave will talk to the site manager about the latter.

Recent Developments: the work on the towpath wall is progressing gradually and will be finished ahead of the Summer Fair. As requested by the Canal & River Trust Heritage Officer, the single door outline in the wall adjoining the bridge will be opened up and could be railed in a similar manner to the three sets of railings further along the towpath wall. The existing railings will need to be altered to fit the reduced height of the wall. The owl and the kingfisher have been oiled at recent volunteer sessions, and Mike has painted the pergola fascias in a similar green to the workshop windows.

Finances: Down to about £30 after paying Rolande for her work, and purchase of woodcare products.

Any other business: Jane mentioned that the great-granddaughter of the original tenant of the Triangle land - the paviour Joe Johnson who was married to the daughter of the joiner living in the cottage across the canal - had made contact with herself and Dave by email a few weeks ago and was visiting on Saturday afternoon (6 June) with other members of the family. Any additional information would be incorporated into the History display in time for the Summer Fair.

Date, Time and Location of next Meeting: tbc