

Knaresborough Chamber of Trade and Commerce.
meeting held at Honeybees Cafe,
April 6th 2016, 18.30 .

In attendance -

Steve Teggin (Teggin's Hairdressers), Jade Clark (Piccalilly) ,Neil Leonard (the Wine Shop), Tracey Kingston White (Kingston White Opticians), Melissa Mouncey (George and Dragon), Pat (Printzone) , Chris (Carriages), Daniel Kirkley and Steve Markey (Blenkhorn boats), Gary and Karen Haase (Yorkshire Eyewear), Anj Riggs and Tim (Cross Keys), Alison Mather (Alison Holmes), Liz Baxendale (Wind in the Willows), David Goode (local councillor), Sue (Honey Bees),Newton House owner (sorry didn't catch your name!).

Apologies - Gareth Chapman (Knaresborough On Line), Sally and Brian Coneyingham (Aragon Fisheries), Charlotte Gale (C G photography), James Monaghue (local councillor).
Apologies from Anj Riggs - unable to attend last Thursday meeting.

Erratum from AGM minutes - Paul Darley sent apologies for non attendance to 2016 AGM.

Jade (JC) to chair meeting.

Meeting today concerned with new Chamber committee appointments / discussion of job roles/ volunteers.

Thanks to all for attending meeting.

Introduced Liz Baxendale -

Brief overview of forthcoming Wind In The Willows event to be held for 1 week in August 2016 4th - 7th

This will be promenade theatre - scenes from the play will start at the castle and move down to waterside, with finale at Conyningham Hall. There will be a picnic at Henshaws afterwards. Actors will arrive by boat at the Waterside /Marigolds stage.Local dancers will be weasles. There are auditions for acting parts "Release your inner Weasle' - due to lack of Arts Council funding there are no professional actors. Although there has been a good response to fundraising more is hoped for. Bettys have donations towards costumes, also Vale Mowbray Pork Pies and Fentimans drinks. Another major sponsor is hoped for.They need to raise £2000 -target of £15k

The script is by Dan Ingram Brown

Roy Mortimer (Postman Pat artist) has done all the artwork for free- prints will be for sale.

Sue McQueen and Knitting Pretty have knitted the fab mascots for free , these will be available for advertising features on the website and Facebook .The mascots will make visits to local businesses (Toad on Tour) for £20 donations - contact Liz or Jo Smalley.

The programme will be in map form with advertising space.

There will be 6 performances per day with 40 tickets per performance, probable cost £5 children, £7.50 adults.Tickets on sale from June(on line).Not for profit production - all funding will be used. The website will launch shortly.

A Water Carnival may take place next year (first occurred in 1959) but an Events management team is required to organise the health & safety issues.Some funding has been secured. If the Wind in the Willows is a success the may be brought back as a build up to the carnival as part of the Splash festival.

Chamber can help by selling tickets, advertising,posters, publicising on Facebook etc - any advertising /sponsorship ideas welcome.

Thanks to Liz.

Treasurers report- Neil Leonard-

Nothing new to report.

Website -

Gareth unable to attend , he is working on this with Sue McQueen and Jade Clarke.

New address is knaresboroughchamber.org (old address still works)

Hopefully will be a direct link to the Knaresborough Post as a press release link.
Anyone with ideas for the website please contact Jade.

Committee roles then discussed.

Membership Sec - Melissa Mouncey will be happy to take this position. To keep membership data base up to date and contact new businesses. Membership packs. Email any info/ minutes to members. To liaise with treasurer for subscriptions (direct debit mostly)
Viv Hall will help but can't attend meetings.

Honorary President - Steve Teggins happy to do this if no other proposals.

Minutes secretary- Tracey Kingston white will continue to do this.

Secretary - Pat from Printzone happy to do this - deal with correspondence,

Treasurer - Neil Leonard happy to continue.

Publicity sec - to liaise with Stray fm, Knaresborough Post (Holly Bone is new reporter).
Need data base of contacts. Tim from Cross Keys will take on this role.

IT sec - Jade and Gareth are taking this role with help from Sue McQueen.

Social Sec - to organise (usually 4) socials per year (previously summer bar bq, New Years dinner dance, race night and quiz night). Need to promote ,leaflet,email, organise , possible fund raise for Wind in the Willows. Promote Chamber and increase membership.
Anj Riggs will do this with Alison Mather helping.

Events Sec - to liaise with Lions, Rotary, Xmas and Spring Fayre. Need a big revamp of Xmas market.

Chris from Carriages will do this , and help from Maurice Bardon and Jade.

Social Media sec- to run a twitter feed, maybe start a 'Knaresborough Hour'
Karen Haase will take this role.

Many roles and jobs will overlap and require communication between the committee members .

A drop box system will become available on the new website.

Support volunteer helpers , don't need to be traders. or members - to help erect xmas trees, leaflet distribution, marshalling. Bed Race marshalling,clean up crew.Chris will coordinate the volunteer group.Maggie has offered to deliver leaflets and Dan Markey (Blenkhorns).

Bi-monthly meetings from 6.30 till 8.30 , possible small group meetings in addition if required.

Next meeting scheduled 4th May weds,at Honey Bees 6.30.

June 6th Monday at Carriages 6.30 -8.30.

Minutes will be sent to secretary and membership sec and then forwarded by Mel to members and committee.

Treasurers signatories are Neil , Steve and will be Pat.

AOB-

Town Maps- Need to co ordinate advertiser/printing/artwork, annually changed in Sept. 14 maps, We may need to negotiate fee - less work now involved due to repeat advertisers. Steve has sorted this up til now with andy & Lucy Cole, and Albert printers. Neil will help with this.

Tor de Yorkshire is on 29th April, passes through Knaresborough @14.22.
If anyone doing anything special can advertise on the website.

Fair Taxed Town-

Jade requests a donation from Chamber to produce window shop stickers to promote this project.
all happy for donation.

Press release from Harrogate Chamber - new president . They are re branding as Harrogate District Chamber. Jade to attach this if possible.
Steve will contact Hgt Chamber to discuss this further.

Request from councillor Goode - he wants to discuss the Knaresborough Development plan - to be included in the June meeting (30 min slot)

Meeting closed.