**Fogg Meeting November 19th 2019**

**Present** : June wood, Claire Kennard, Adi French, John Freer, Sue Freer, John Mulcahey, Eleanor Dodson, Karen Thomas. **Apologies:** Steve Astin, Liz Maynard

1) **Minutes** of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

2) **Matters arising.** These were all covered under the Review of events.

3) **Finances:** Steve Astin had sent a financial report. There are £5155.62 in accounts, £1000 from the Suzanne Ellis donation, and £4155 as a general reserve.

£1400 is committed for the picnic benches. These are to be ordered and installed by the Council, but no date has been set yet. (Adi will ask if there is any more information, when she next contacts Dave Meigh over gardening issues.) This means there is about £2500 available.

Eleanor asked if some of this could be used for professional winter maintenance of the Bull Lane and East Parade beds as was done last year, but it was felt this could not be seen as an annual expense.

**4) Review of upcoming events**

 i) Lantern event. Saturday 14th December

See the attached Advance and On-the-Day schedules with names given for each task.

Someone suggested contacting the Tang Hall after school club to see if they would like to decorate some lanterns.

ii) AGM – Wednesday March 11th. Glen Lodge already booked.

iii) VE Celebration 2020. John Mulcahy’s report and schedule are attached.

**5) Updates from sub-groups/ activities.**

**Keith’s Wood -** There is a plan drawn up to enhance the Tennis Court bed as a Wood, dedicated to Keith. This will involve removing some trees, making a woodland path, etc. Adi has a specification, and we will approach Nerissa to see if she could make a drawing from this.

There are some opportunities to raise funds for this from various charities, which Steve is exploring. It is necessary to provide three quotes and Adi has obtained several for the work. (The highest is £4900 which includes a path which is wheel chair accessible.) There was some relatively ill informed discussion on the requirements to receive funding; Pocket Gardening requires the garden to be less than 0.4 hectares (100 x 40 metres) and whilst the actual area to be developed is about that, the whole of Glen Gardens is much more, and the Big Local requires the evidence that the development is going to benefit a deprived community. Tang Hall might qualify but not Heworth.

**Lantern Event December 15th** - Sue to contact Jules about carol singers. Liz to contact Sam about the Heworth choir. It was agreed singing would take place in the hall and not in the gardens. Tea, coffee and mulled wine would be served including ‘bought in’ food. A donation box would be provided but there would be no tombola.Sue will check lantern supply and the posters will be amended.

**VE Celebration** - FOGG has now been registered with the national VE Day 75 organisation.Normandy veterans in York will be guests of honour, health permitting.

A variety of bands/musical groups, including Natasha Nostalgia and the Blue Riband, have been contacted and some have been interested in participating.

Paul Kind can play the bugle.

Bargestra Band  have agreed to play.

Awaiting a reply from Ramshackle.

Allotments have been contacted and may be able to contribute something on Dig for Victory.

The 4 local primary schools and religious organisations are to be contacted.

John M. will invite the local councillors.

An MC needs to be found and local businesses asked to be involved.

The community will be asked to lend memorabilia eg ration books.

The idea of making wartime cakes was not received with any enthusiasm.

Children’s games were suggested.

John M was duly thanked for all his work on this.

The celebrations would include a family picnic and the Kiosk open from 12-5 pm.

**AOB** The party is to be held at Ascot House on November 26th. Guests have been asked to bring nibbles, and something to drink. Karen has 24 glasses she will bring; June has quite a lot anyway. It is not clear how many are likely to come; a guess was between 20 and 35.

Next Meeting January 21st

**VE Celebration**

The **organising committee** at this stage is; Julie Cootie,  Ros Jones, John Mulcahy.

1. The York Normandy Veterans, health permitting, have accepted our invitation, via Nick Beilby, to be our guests of honour.

Update: Nick sent the following letter.

*Dear John, A further thought for the above event. I am a member of York Inset Scooter Club and we are based at the Walnut Tree. We ride old and new scooters and motorcycles. Would you like us to provide a display of scooters and bikes on May 10 as members have already expressed a wish to support the day. The York Normandy Veterans are Honorary Members of the Club.*

This offer was accepted. Nick will be asked to be responsible for organising it*.*

**2) Music:**

Natasha Nostalgia and the Blue Rib-band,via Natasha ? and Bargestra band, via Christian Topman, have agreed to play at the party.

We are awaiting a reply from the band Ramshackle via Eddie Affleck. (suggested by Chris and Anne Hart).

Eric Middleton has not been in contact, but he had suggested contacting his next-door neighbour Paul Kind. Paul is a member of several bands, and can play the bugle. Adi knows Paul so she will try to do follow up this idea..

ACTION: John and Adi to discuss

Jools has contacted the four local primary schools, (Tang Hall, Heworth C.of E., St Aelreds, and Hempland) and invited them to participate.

(Eleanor suggested also contacting secondary schools – the GCSE History syllabus has a good deal on the Second World War.)

**Items still to do**;

Contact the local religious organisations.

Ask the local councillors, (Bob Ward, Claire Douglas & Anna Perrett) to attend.

Contact a bugler (Jools to do please. Paul Kind?)

Identify a MC.

Get local bushiness involved

Develop   ideas for fancy dress, eg: Land girls, Home guards,

There is a talk on December 3rd at the Library on war time fashion

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[Tang Hall Explore at The Centre @ Burnholme](https://www.exploreyork.org.uk/venue/tang-hall-library/)
December 3 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

And activities such as “dig for victory”  etc.

Investigate what Glen Gardens looked like in 1945.

Any examples of Vintage clothes - war memorabilia. Holidays at home.

Get everybody involved.