EFFINGHAM VILLAGE DAY

PLEASE NOTE DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH, 1996 - 8.00 P.M. METHODIST CHURCH HALL

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED BEFORE, DURING AND CLEARING UP AFTERWARDS - AND FOR SUPPORTING THE DAY DESPITE THE WEATHER

Notes of the Post Village Day Meeting held on 28th June 1995 at the Methodist Church Hall.

PRESENT: Gill Walker (In the Chair)
John Blackburn, Valerie Chapman, Trevor Faris, Mike Fitzpatrick, Maddy Hewitt, Freda Holt, Alex Innes (for part of meeting). Clive Mott, Louise Simmonds, Hope Trenchard.

Apologies for Absence received from Pat Grantham and John Dicks

1. Treasurer's Report

Two papers were laid on the table - 1. Income & Expenditure 1995 and 2 that compared to 1993.

The surplus so far was £1,171.35p.

Some advertisement had not been paid for. It was agreed that in future:

(i) these should be paid for upfront;
(ii) a group of people should be involved in getting advertisements;
(iii) a wider area for advertisements should be covered.

Virtually all totals were down from last year but the marked difference for EPFA needed further investigation: 1993 - £1,065.82 against 1995 - £161.92.

The Parish Council has agreed there is no need to keep back £300 for the 1997 float.

Expenses were marginally down. Effingham Junction Post Office had made a charge for inserting newspaper fliers.

It was noted that previously some stalls had given 100% and this time 50% of their profit.

2. Disbursement of Money

Playgroup	£ 235.00
Guides & Brownies	£ 225.00
St. Lawrence	£ 250.00
Scouts	£ 200.00
Red Cross	£ 125.00
Jenny Sutcliffe	£ 50.00
TOTAL	£1,085.00

Any further monies will be distributed by Gill Walker and Trevor Faris.

In 1997 consideration should be given to Cherry Trees and King George V Playing Fields.

3. Publicity

Generally much better this time, thanks to Kathryn Cavill for all her work. This should be undertaken earlier; posters should be larger and over a wider circulation if possible.

A group of people should be responsible for putting up the posters and given the right equipment. More large size posters were needed. The St. Theresa boards had been very useful. Maddy would find out if dates were similar in 1997, to see if they could be borrowed.

It was suggested that posters should be put up in buses between Guildford and Effingham, on milk floats, and at Effingham Junction Station.

Programmes and draw tickets should be available two months in advance. A lot of roads had been covered for pre-sales and this should be extended.

Pedestrian gates were unmanned so people were able to enter the playing fields without paying.

There was need for a proper drum and notice for the lucky programme tickets.

4. Ground Organisation and Layout

John Blackburn was thanked for his hard work. Not everyone had kept to the plan which had been frustrating. The two lines of stalls facing had worked well.

A team of 4 was needed to collect up the tables and do various other jobs in future.

5. Craft Stalls

Louise Simmonds was thanked for her work on these. The stalls were considered too expensive. The holders had sold very little. Records needed to be kept to help the next organiser.

6. General Stalls

Produce stalls so the best. Members of the working group might consider running these so all the profit is retained.

A Punch & Judy costs £100 and is popular there should be a system of passing the hat round.

Teas - raising prices should be considered. The musical trio from the Howard School was greatly appreciated.

7. Arena Events

The weather had a dampening effect on these. The car display had gone down well. There should be more emphasis on local schools as opposed to paid performers.

The cost of the Epsom & Ewell Silver Band was well worthwhile and they are to be booked for next time.

The possibility of a helicopter display for 1997 would be pursued now by John Blackburn, also the flypast of Lancaster, Spitfire and Hurricane.

8. Public Address System

This was much improved and worked well.

9. Next Village Day

2nd Sunday in June 1997 - 8th June. 12.30 - 4.30.

Year 2000 - separate from village day. Parish Council and others should be involved too.

10. Car Parking

This needs more people and more organisation. Main car park was not reserved. To explore asking the rugby and cricket clubs to organise this.

11. Secretary To Group

Valerie Chapman offered to take this on and this was gratefully accepted.

12. Chairing of Group

Gill would like to hand this over - Any offers?

13. Any Other Business

St. Theresa's had donated £30 and the bunting.

Would it be possible to have an art competition in the hall? Louise Simmonds will find out about sponsorship.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Mayor of Guildford saying how much she had enjoyed her visit.

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