

Wood Norton Community Orchard Committee meeting

Thursday March 2nd 2017
5.30pm, Church Farm Barn

Present: Mel Dagless, Jenny & Paul Marchant, Carol Robson, Mary Sheridan (chair)

Apologies: Dave Kingsnorth, Tim Lidstone-Scott

Minutes

Public outreach: welcome packs, certificates, newsletter, magazine article

21 trees have been adopted, 13 of which are 'repeat' from last year

MS has sent JM a list of new trees to be photographed for tree-adoption certificates, after which she will print all the certificates for the year, for distribution. At the same time we will give out invitations to the Blossom Party and circulate the newsletter (this mainly by email).

JM will put an article in the magazine for next month.

If JM writes the text, maybe DK could turn it into a newsletter along the lines of last year's ones with some photos (daffodils etc)

Dates for future events

AGM: Wed April 19th at 5pm, followed by a committee meeting to discuss Blossom Party

Blossom Party: Sunday May 14th 12 -1.30

Summer Picnic: Sat. July 29th with alternative date Sat August 26th

Juicing Day: Sat October 21st (or 14th?)

Finances

Balance in October was £605.69

Two payments since: VH hire £49, and £47.46 to MS for stationery; balance now £508.83

CR to ask Mrs Leedham to audit our finances before the AGM.

Insurance premium due on April 18th: c £250. P or JM will pay

Work in Orchard now

Need a general recce. Working party on Sat. 11th March. Pruning, weeding etc.

It was agreed (proposed CR; seconded MS with all in favour) that we would extend the mown area opposite the gate, as discussed last year. Further suggested that we borrow Peter Bell's tractor if he is willing to lend it.

AOB New developments:

1. MD suggested we build a bug-hotel (maybe an activity when there are children around)
2. Ian Dive has offered more wild-flower seed and CR has more plug-plants to go in
3. Daffodils have been a success. Might we 'import' some bluebells from Maurice's wood opposite? DK to be asked to ask him.

