



### 6 October 2016 - minutes of Events and Ideas Forum

Present: Rachel Vowles, Alison Shakspeare, Beatrice Coveney, Paul Walker (CODS), Sam Burns and Mark Norman (Circle of Spears), Ann Cullingford and Sandra Thresher (Parish Church), Sarah Preece (Badminton/Congregational Church), Alison Whittall, John Craythorne, John Nash, Peter Cooper, Mia Dendy, Lucy Betts, Marie Belsten, Rod Brookes-Hocking, Philip Robinson, Martin Ashley

#### 1. Thoughts to bring to Festival:

1.1. Library: author events; something for children; venue with wheels on shelves so flexible space for rent £7 ph; could sell tickets for events because have parking and long opening hours;

1.2. CODS: one full play and two short Ayckbourns for non-CODS members; workshop re. 2018 production re. WW1

1.3. Circle of Spears: Devon/Dorset theatre company, own script 'Witch' re. what led up to witchcraft trials, 1 hr + Q&A; on tour from Nov 2016 pus CredFest? Cost open to discussion

1.4. Parish Church; 45<sup>th</sup> Flower Festival, 1<sup>st</sup> week in June; Heritage Day in June to extend beyond church

1.5. Badminton: 1 adults, 1 for children - open day/activities at Lords Meadow

1.6. Congregational Family Fun Day on 24 June with free BBQ, inflatables, etc. day to bless Crediton; would like to have lx for music etc.

1.7. Alison Whittall; Crediton Sings! in Congregational Church, invite lots of local choirs (as per 2015); workshop and then perform. 2 or 10 June; also Joy of Singing on 10 June

1.8. Bookshop: children's literary event and poetry sharing event in bookshop;

1.9. Glorious Chorus; choir to perform Helen's original songs, mainly, strong gospel etc.; based in Totnes, accapella, sung at Glastonbury etc. .co.uk Probably want an unticketed event.

1.10. John Nash/Kathy/+ putting on snippets of Importance of Being Earnest - 1 hr; ticketed and donate profits to charity

1.11. Peter, aspiration to work with group of learning disabled people with workshops towards performance of improv/music; at talking stage

1.12. Philip 1) best worst orchestra in the world, inclusive open to all of any musical ability for Last Night of Proms, could be 25-80 people with Ellen Welton, go from reading music to just making noise; dust off your ...(Legacy?)

1.13. 2) repeat Seat of the Pants Orchestra and make live sound track for silent movies; 1 hrs work and then perform

1.14. 3) hugely ambitious, with Eran of Baobab; to work with 20-30 people who have come in from outside Crediton (refugees to incomers) 3 day workshop to do international celebration of Food - Tapas Fest. Would need to happen on a Sunday to feed as many as possible. Maybe 10<sup>th</sup>? Inclusivity and diversity and contributory

1.15. Mia: some kind of youth music event to celebrate their talent; either selves or work with other event(s)

1.16. Lucy Betts: classic car opportunity; run, space to display; Mid-Devon Tractors; Crashbox Club. Memories, talk

1.17. Marie Belsten 1) music event in Square with headliner; audience? 24<sup>th</sup> is Glastonbury; Food Festival Saturday night; practicality of ticketing; talk to Lucy Wellsman; need to balance with other events for audience numbers

1.18. 2) CYT big show in Shobrooke Park or Square

1.19. Crediton Short Story Competition 2017: 24 June LitDay at Boniface Centre

1.20. Sue Way: dance taster day; dance band night with Just Misbehavin'; life circles training day for carers; Making Dance workshop.

1.21. Lords' Meadow Leisure Centre; doing Aquathon on 11 Jun; Family Park Run-type event at Shobrooke, poss. with food, music etc. (Marie: ConKids movement)

1.22. Paul Walker: suggested international traditional folk music event; mention of Italian community in Coplestone; Colin Andrews Black Dog/Bow; many names mentioned!

2. Rachel: try and get events working together. Referendum left a lot of people feeling shut out and threatened and horrible; UKIP shop left people feeling isolated/disenfranchised; so how about our own Respect event, so how about merging with Congregational event in Newcombes, corridor making people feeling safe about.

3. Support for events:

3.1. Company at Crediton to charity event support - gazebos/H&S etc. (<http://www.wdeg.co.uk>)

3.2. Town Team will support re. advice on booking venues; risk assessments, volunteers etc. Rod: referencing inclusivity. TT runs finances for Festival, applying for grants and cutting cloth to suit budget; one of the sources is Celebrate England Lottery Fund

3.3. Don't forget Tesco Community Champion email [crediton@communityattesco.co.uk](mailto:crediton@communityattesco.co.uk) for details

3.4. Spread the word about sponsorship/ advertising

4. Festival Charity (Martin explained how previous years worked); Alison Whittall re. raising funds for refugees through MSF, local awareness group re. Syrians (Gerald Conyngham) might be some here by then so practical money would be useful; CISCO being talked to about being involved; Marie suggested meeting to discuss.

5. Other events:

5.1. 26 November 2016 Christmas light - selfie with an elfie and give a gift of food for elves/reindeer (for Food Bank) kids get lollipop.

5.2. Monday 31 October meeting of musicians/performers to see how to link up