

## Compton Dando Community Association

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Wednesday 9 December 2015  
7.30pm Parish Hall Compton Dando

Item	Content	Action
1	Apologies: Harriette & John, Rosie, Steve, Barend, Cheryl, Chris Dibble, Clive  Present: Hannah, Derek, Liz, Brian, Alison, Mo, Alice, Lorna, Mary	
2	Minutes of last meeting:  Approved	
3	Matters arising  Derek confirmed that monies from the Village Day had been paid to Church & Hall.	
4	<p><b>Reports on Events Past:-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Dog Show</u>: Fair weather helped to produce a good turnout. Hannah thanked the many willing volunteers who worked so hard before, during &amp; after the event. Total raised £2,270 divided equally between CDCA &amp; Mutts. See later for thoughts on 2016 event.</li> <li><u>Coffee Mornings</u>: (1) Alice showed a sample of recommended material for making a new "Coffee Morning" sign. Cost would be £185+VAT for a signwritten double board which would be much lighter than the current A-board. Suggestions made, (a) to discuss with Steve, (b) look at marine ply inside Perspex – Brian to investigate. Also a method of fixing to the signpost needed. Discuss findings next meeting. Sign to emphasise "Free". (2) Defibrillator Training. Many extra people came along – over 30 during the morning. A good session which included other forms of emergency first aid. It was noted that, if anyone should be ALONE with a casualty, they should NOT go out for the defibrillator unless they can see it from the house. (3) Photography exhibition by Iain Brownlea from Marksbury. Again, this attracted some new faces and a number of people ordered prints from Iain. It was discussed that some people appear to think coffee mornings are exclusive or a hotbed of gossip rather than something interesting and fun (and well fuelled by Alice's excellent cake) for EVERYONE. It was agreed that special events helped to increase numbers but not needed every month.</li> <li><u>Youth Group</u>: 2 meetings held since September. Unfortunately the expected film show was a victim of technical difficulties but it is hoped to try again. Apple-bobbing/doughnut-on-string eating proved very popular. Last Friday had to be cancelled as there were insufficient helpers.</li> </ol> <p><b>Youth Group is appealing to anyone with young children (or who likes young children!) who could spare a short amount of time on a Friday evening once a month.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Quiz Night</u>: 8 teams entered although late entries nearly caused the event to be cancelled – it is difficult to organise any event unless people step up early. Format worked well with each team setting questions for one round. Fish &amp; Chip supper was also enjoyed and BYO for drinks saved a huge amount of organisation (and saved money for participants). Raffle: £85, Door: £312, less expenses the total profit was £150. Many thanks to Alison, Alice &amp; their team.</li> </ol>	<p>Hannah Liz</p> <p>Alice Steve Brian</p> <p>Liz</p> <p>Alice</p> <p>Alison</p> <p><b>VILLAGE</b></p> <p>Alice Alison etc.</p>

	<p><u>Craft Day:</u> Once again organised by Harriette. It was well attended and Harriette donated £80 from profits to CDCA. The meeting thanked Harriette for her hard work.</p> <p><u>Churchyard/Village work party:</u> Steve reported that numbers turning up tended to be about 4/5. It was mentioned that those who did appear tended to be in their 70s and 80s! <b>Younger volunteers would be much appreciated – just an hour or so up to 4 times per year on a Saturday morning. Refreshments always free.</b> Noted that church gutters are full and causing problems. Ben has volunteered and needs one other person to assist (maybe Ian C.?) Ben is thanked for his efforts here.</p> <p>It is requested that a list of jobs/equipment needed be provided further in advance.</p> <p>Dates for 2016: Saturdays 9 January, 9 April, 25 June, 8 October.</p> <p><b>Updates:</b> Calendar: Committee kindly agreed to call on a few of those not yet contacted. Current sales £765 (£500 banked via Derek), cost £504, current profit £261.</p> <p><u>Website:</u> Held over to next meeting.</p> <p><u>Grass Cutting:</u> For various reasons, only 3 cuts this year. £30 paid to Nigel Gale. Liz requested to ask Nigel to cut 6 times in 2016. Expenditure voted unanimously.</p> <p><b><u>Future Events – NB: £1,800 in budget after known expenses</u></b></p> <p><u>Benches:</u> Liz presented a quotation from Conservation Volunteers for the erection of 3 basic wooden benches for 3 locations near footpaths in secluded places in fields where people can sit and enjoy our beautiful rural views. Total cost of 3 benches is £497.87 + VAT. The meeting agreed unanimously to fund this operation. The meeting also supported the dedication of the Telegraph Hill bench to the Hunter family. Brian suggested that, at some future time, the meeting consider dedication of the other two benches (off Cockers Hill and Green Lane Farm at back of Nutgrove Farm). It is believed TCV will also provide manpower to clear old fly-tipping on the edge of Lords Wood provided CDCA can organise a tractor and trailer and arrange for Council pick-up from road. TCV also quoted for two sets of steps on footpaths where paths were steep and slippery. This was a cost too much for CDCA but Banes Council kindly took over this task and two sets of steps have been built and one fingerpost has been replaced.</p> <p><u>Church Tables &amp; Chairs:</u> Clive put in a request for funding of £320 for 20 folding chairs and 2 large tables to make up seating now that some pews have gone into storage. The meeting agreed to support unanimously. It is recorded that Brian Vowles had queries concerning CDCA supporting the Church; it was noted that the issue had been discussed a few years ago and that CDCA will only support specific projects with no religious significance. This satisfied the meeting.</p> <p><u>Coffee Morning Dates:</u> See attached list.</p> <p><u>Highgrove Trip:</u> Liz was asked to put out an email to all local villages offering to organise a group visit to Highgrove. The optimum time is end May/early June but there may be little choice. Sheena has started investigations and Lorna suggested we sign up to the Highgrove newsletter now. Responses are essential by end January to allow arrangements to be</p>	<p>Harriette</p> <p>Steve Clive <b>VILLAGE</b></p> <p>Ben</p> <p>Steve &amp; Clive &amp; Liz (circ.)</p> <p>Liz Alison</p> <p>Liz</p> <p>Liz</p> <p>Clive Derek</p> <p>Alice</p> <p>Liz</p>
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	<p>made as soon as booking opens in February. A minimum of 26 people will ensure the trip can go ahead and a coach will be organised. <i>If this minimum is not reached by end January, no trip will take place.</i></p> <p><u>Litterpick</u></p> <p>Harriette is organising for Sunday 7 February – to be cancelled in the event of very bad weather.</p> <p><u>Village Day:</u></p> <p>To be discussed next meeting. <b>Some people have indicated that they might be willing to take part in the organisation. It would be appreciated if they could attend the next meeting OR put their offers/suggestions in writing to the Secretary.</b></p>	<p>Harriette</p> <p><b>VILLAGE</b></p>
	<p>Any other business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A) Chrissie &amp; Roger Piercey were thanked for their kind donation of £42 to CDCA funds resulting from an arrangement with Alison over a piece of artwork. B) Spence &amp; Viv Sands kindly donated £30 to CDCA funds in appreciation of the loan and erection of a marquee for the Golden Wedding anniversary.</li> <li>2. The meeting was asked if they might recognise the hard work done by Dave Ford in litter-picking over quite a long time. It was agreed that Liz would write a letter to him and give him a box of biscuits as a thank-you.</li> <li>3. Hannah suggested doing a Christmas wreath-making session for Compton Dando. Suggestion is to do this at a coffee morning. Discuss nearer the time.</li> <li>4. Derek/Hannah have thought of the possibilities of a music festival. It was remembered that Gill &amp; Martin Palmer had previously offered use of their grounds for such a festival. To be progressed.</li> <li>5. Noted that Derek made savings of £144 on insurance cover for 2016 – good news!</li> </ol>	<p>Derek Liz</p> <p>Liz</p> <p>Hannah</p> <p>Derek Hannah</p>
	<p>2016 meetings: The meeting voted to use the church as a meeting venue and see how well it worked. (Clive has subsequently confirmed that the church would be happy to allow CDCA to meet there and would not accept any contribution towards heating).</p> <p>Dates on attached list: <b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 17 February 2016</b></p>	