

RHSO (Rivers Heritage Site and Orchard)

Meeting 23/04/19

The Library, Sawbridgeworth 1900

Present: Ruth, Eric, Rob, Hazel, Dave, Adrienne, Eugene, Nickie & Robinne (part)

Apologies: Geoff,

Minutes of last meeting – the minutes from October & January were agreed by all present & will be marked on the web as approved by Rob.

Welcome:

Ruth opened the meeting stating that it was an opportunity to discuss topics that would not be covered in the AGM which would be starting at 8pm

May Fayre – Sunday 5th May 12 - 4

We will have a stall to sell apple juice but also to promote the work of the RHSO

Set up will be by Adrienne & Robinne prior to the start

Once open the stall will be manned by Adrienne & Robinne 12 – 2 and by Nickie & Adrienne 2 – 4, and Nickie will request additional help from the volunteers.

Geoff will help with closing the stall down & packing up

Maintenance will be on 12th not 5th Nickie will mail volunteers to remind them

We only have about 250 bottles of juice and will sell by the cup @ £1 per cup, as long as we get 3 to a bottle that will cover our costs. We discussed how much we make on a bottle (over £1 per bottle)

Other Events

A discussion was held about other events that we could support and much will depend on how the sales of juice go as we do not have a huge stock.

Potentially we could attend the following:

Allotment Show: 31st August

Scarecrow: 7/8 September

Town Selfie Walk: 28th September (where we might just hand out fliers)

Apple Day

This year this will be held on 5th October

We will have 2 maintenance days in September (1st & 29th)

If we have an early crop of apples we could do an early pressing and will make a decision on this (June /July)

Hazel will do the advertising

Eugene will contact Peter Laws re his support at the event.

Finance:

Hazel explained that our bankers (Saffron Walden Building Society) were closing Sawbridgeworth branch and she had investigated where else we could bank. It was proposed by Hazel and seconded by Ruth that an account at TSB was opened and all present agreed.

We thanked Hazel for her work on the finance

AOB

Eugene discussed correspondence from Paul Read regarding a potential Orchards East bio-diversity survey which would require consent.

Eugene is to send Eric an electronic copy of the mail. Eric is to write to Martin Hicks

Next meeting will be held on 25th June at 23 Rowney Gardens @ 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 7.45