

Friends of Llanspyddid

Minutes

20 November 2011

- Present—Rosie, David and Vera Davies, Cath Williams, Alison Williams, Rob Griffiths, Brad, Sunita and Jenna Welch, Peter James
- Apologies—Barry and Pauline Hill, David and Kathryn Powell, Gareth and Beth ?
- Confirm date—Sat., 3rd December, 4.00 PM
- Date to cut tree—Alison will confirm the time with Gavin and Davina at Penpont but we are aiming for Saturday morning, December 3rd around 11.00 AM and David Powell will arrange for a trailer to bring it back.
- Tree set up and electricity - Rob and Peter will start set up of electricity to tree area on Friday 2nd December around 3.30 PM and then everyone will finish work and put in tree Saturday, 3rd December in the morning around 11.00 AM, including putting tree in the ground, setting up the electric box and running the lights.
- Activities—Kathryn and Martha will help provide music like last year. Kathryn and David will also provide chestnuts for roasting. Sunita and Alison will bring bird seed, pine cones and peanut butter for children to make decorations. We will use these decorations along with last year's decorations to put on the tree. We will also have biscuits and icing for children to decorate. Baby wipes needed for clean-up.
- Food—Rob and Brad will purchase minced pies, mulled wine (mulled cider-- Pauline?) for the evening. Remaining pies and wine can go to raffle winners second and third prizes. People can bring a treat to share if they wish (put in the newsletter).
- Christmas dinner raffle—It was agreed to have a Christmas dinner raffle (Christmas hamper to include turkey) in the form of a buy a square. Alison volunteered to go door-to-door to sell squares a £1 a go. Rob and Brad will get the ingredients for the hamper—turkey crown, pudding, veg and mulled wine. Money will be donated to the Church. Need to announce this in the newsletter so that people will know Alison is coming round.
- Village carol service - Rev. Williams said that the village carol service will be on Sunday, 11th December at 4 PM in the Church. There will also be a Church

service on Christmas Day at 9.30 AM in the Llanspyddid Church for those who wish to attend.

- Street light carols - no event seemed to be scheduled.
- Items for newsletter (incl. meetings)—Brad and Barry will put a newsletter together this week for distribution by weekend of 26th/27th November or sooner if possible. Two copies to Vera, please!
- Date for next meeting-It was suggested that we have meetings in people's houses, especially during the winter and that we have the meetings a bit later because it interferes with some meal times and activities so early. Next meeting will be Sunday, 22nd January at 6.00 PM in the home of David and Vera Davies. Bring biscuits to the next meeting.
- Any other business—
 - New Year's eve—There was general interest in having an informal New Year's eve event for those present. Brad will book the marquee and talk with Andrew about getting some heaters. People to bring snacks and drinks to share. Brad to arrange assembly (11 AM on 31st December) and take down afternoon of the 1st January?). Use the church if there is inclement weather.
 - Planning future events and Church use—Rev. Williams is still happy to have the community use the Church and appreciates our continued support for use of the Church and its electricity. He also acknowledges our ongoing work on the grounds and hopes we continue to support work in and around the Church as well as Church-related functions. Rev. Williams is also willing to announce events in the weekly and monthly bulletins he publishes.
 - Culvert—Peter noted that inquiries have been made but no progress.
 - Choir—Peter noted that the choir are really busy at the moment and would not be able to appear at our Christmas tree lighting event.
 - BBQ feedback—We had an fantastic turn-out and raised £85 after costs.