



Let's Talk Shop

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Dear Reader,

Since hearing about our lack of success with the Village SOS project in May, we have been collecting our thoughts and looking to the future.

We were greatly assisted in this by our Village SOS Grants Officer, Laura Cremin, who was almost as disappointed as we were when we did not get through to the final six! She has already forwarded our full bid file to the Lottery South West Regional Office, including details of all the contact we had with her during the six months Development Grant period. It is good to know that our next bid comes highly recommended by an experienced Grants Officer within the Lottery organisation and we are very grateful to her for her assistance.

We have now been allocated a new Grants Officer, Chris Lang, who is conveniently based at the Lottery South West Regional Office in Exeter. He and Laura visited us in early July to discuss future opportunities, and information on that meeting is included elsewhere in this Newsletter.

In the meantime, our Chairman, John McGrouther, has resigned from the Steering Committee. He has been unable to attend meetings for some months now, due to his continuing involvement with the Street Theatre, and their schedule of rehearsals. John will continue with his fundraising activities on our behalf, and we would like to extend our thanks for all the hard work he has done for us so far, and wish him well with his theatrical plans for the future. Those of us who have enjoyed the four Theatre nights he has put on for us so far certainly know how talented he is.

John Hunt has been standing in as Acting Chairman in John's absence, and was formally elected as our new Chairman by unanimous vote at our Steering Committee meeting on 19th July.

At the same meeting, we sadly accepted the resignation of Tracey Edwards from our Committee. Tracey has also been unable to attend meetings recently, due to changes in her work arrangements. She will continue to take responsibility for distribution and delivery of our Newsletter, and for the team of volunteers involved, and is anxious to continue giving any other help she can. Again, we would like to thank Tracey for all her hard work whilst on the Committee, and for her continuing involvement and support.

Since we now have vacancies within our Steering group, we are looking for new members. We are not looking for particular experience – just community-minded people with common sense who believe that this village deserves a better level of provision of services! If you want to know more about what is involved, please ring for a chat, or come along to one of our meetings, which are open to all.

In the meantime, enjoy the sunshine!

The Steering Committee

**Our next Steering Group meeting will be held
on
11th August at The Wyndham Arms at 8pm.**

IT'S LOOKING GOOD!

As already mentioned elsewhere, Laura, our Village SOS Grants officer, and Chris, our new Grants Officer from the Regional Office, came to see us on 5th July. All except one of the committee members were able to attend.

Chris explained that he had already gone through our application, and was very impressed. He outlined various opportunities within the Lottery structure which were currently open to us, but suggested that it would be better if we waited for a new capital fund (part of the existing Reaching Communities programme) which is scheduled to come on stream in the Autumn. The date has not yet been published, and they are currently working on the fine detail, but our project certainly fulfils the requirements as currently proposed. The new programme covers large capital grants, so would enable us to apply for the whole amount needed, rather than applying elsewhere for several smaller grants. One advantage of the new programme over the Village SOS programme is that whereas SOS involved us in a competition with others, this one enables our application to stand on its own merits – either it meets the funders requirements or it doesn't, and Chris is confident that it will be successful.

We have been advised to leave our existing Business Plan, and Capital Project Delivery Plan, exactly as they are, since they cannot be improved. All we have to do is to fill in the initial application form as soon as it becomes available. Chris will keep in touch with us, and let us have all the information as it is released.

This is very good news, since it means that very little additional work will now have to be done to complete this second bid. It also means that we will be one of the first applications to be considered within the new programme. Because the decision process is in weeks rather than months, if successful, we could be awarded the whole grant by the New Year, and be in a good position to start building in the Spring.

Another advantage of the Reaching Communities programme over SOS is that if we get the funding, it does not come with the expectation that we also have the intrusive presence of the BBC, with all the extra work that would have entailed, and that will certainly make the whole thing much easier! (The BBC documentary series on Village SOS is due to go out in the first half of 2011, and we will remind you nearer the time – it should be worth watching if only as a reminder of what might have happened to us!)

Who's Who on the Kingsbury Community Shop Project steering committee

Chairman: John Hunt
Secretary: Carol Mason
Treasurer: Angela Catling
Minutes Secretary: Pauline Warren



Other Committee Members are:
Christine Weymouth and Tony Bishton

*This number is charged at local rate, and may be free evenings and weekends for some BT customers. This is an answerphone only and if you leave a message, someone from the committee will call you back, usually within 24 hours. If you wish to talk to someone directly please call Carol on 01460 242 111. Messages can also be left on our website, www.kingsburycommunityshop.co.uk

Phone: 08456 911 439* or 01460 242 111 or e-mail: committee@kingsburycommunityshop.co.uk

AND EVEN BETTER - - - - -

There has been a suggestion that we amend our next funding bid to include the Village Hall portion of the Amenities Committee project, to try and "kill two birds with one stone".

We have discussed this with the Lottery, who have been very helpful. They confirm that Village Halls are covered within the Reaching Communities programme. However, they strongly advise that the Shop Project, and the proposed Village Hall, should be the subject of two separate applications, given that changing our existing application would entail a significant delay in submission, and also the risk that a new expanded application would have a greater chance of failure, since it would lack focus and become unwieldy. Each application would stand on its own merits, and the success or failure of one would not affect the other, since they would be from different organisations, aiming to fulfil different community needs.

The Lottery have provided us with various booklets and leaflets, plus the Business Plan Checklist, to pass on to the Amenities Committee to enable them to make an early start on their own bid. We are happy to give any help they require in formulating their application, and we wish them every success.

**The Red Line Theatre Company
present
David Tristram's production of
Inspector Drake and The Black
Widow**

**September 18th
at
Kingsbury Primary School**



World famous, hopeless and hapless, Inspector Drake and his equally qualified sidekick Sgt. Plod (aka Rob Prince and John McGrouther) descend on Stembridge with perhaps their silliest adventure yet...

**To reserve tickets call Sue on 01460 241736
Look out for further details on flyers and posters around the villages**

Volunteers needed....

We are looking for new ideas and suggestions to put the 'fun' into fundraising. Do you have energy, enthusiasm or ideas that could be put to good use in our fundraising group? We are hoping to expand and looking for people who would like to come along once a month on the first Wednesday to our friendly meetings. You will not be asked to do anything you don't want to and they usually last for about one and a half hours, starting at 7.30pm at The Wyndham Arms. Please call Sue on 01460 241736 if you would like to join or just have an informal chat.

Fundraising Ideas

Recipe Book

We are planning to put together a recipe book to include your recipes. We are sure that there are a lot of Chefs and Cooks in the village who have some wonderful recipes. Please share them with us. Ideally these would be original, but family favourites would also be welcome. The recipe can be for a main meal, starter, pudding, cake or just about anything interesting. It would need to be submitted on a form that can be obtained from Pauline Warren, and photographed by our official photographer Michael Charlesworth. For further information and donations please contact Pauline on 01460 240092



Calendar

We are also considering putting together a calendar, along the lines of 'The Calendar Girls'. This may be men or women, or both. Any brave volunteers will be welcome and we will see if it produces enough interest. This should certainly be a lot of fun to put together. Again, photographs will be done by Michael. Please call Angela on 01935 824361, or Sue on 01460 241736 if you would like further information. You never know...it may become a film!!!!



Auction

Since our first auction back in Autumn 2008, we have been asked when we are holding the next one. We are hoping to hold another auction of items and promises in October this year. If you can help with any donations, please contact Sue on 01460 241736 or Carol on 01460 242111. More information in the next newsletter.....

Our grateful Thanks go to The Methodist Church who donated £50 to the Shop Project

KINGSBURY PRODUCE MARKET

We have a Cake Stall at Kingsbury Produce Market held on the first Saturday in the month except for January and August. We also hope to start selling free range eggs and local Fruit & Veg soon. The next produce Markets are September 4th and October 2nd at Kingsbury Church Rooms between 10am and 12 noon. If you would like to bake a cake or some small cakes for the stall, please contact Sue on 01460 241 736