

**St. Margaret's Uniting Church Mooroolbark.
Fete Meeting Report to Church Council 27/6/18**

An informal meeting was called for Sunday 17th June following the morning service.

There was a pleasing attendance of 18 interested people. The meeting was chaired by CC Chairperson Marj Hookey.

Being the day following the very successful Book Sale and Devonshire tea/plant stall meant there was an encouraging & positive feeling in the meeting.

There was a general consensus that we should proceed with a Fete on our usual second Saturday in November but on a smaller scale.

It was agreed that we continue to plan for a mid year Book Sale keeping in mind that this year the 2 large boards and the many notices in shops combined to provide good advertising and the result was pleasing with many requests from buyers for it to continue. It was noted that the strict pruning of stock had worked well and that Joyce was able to place unwanted books at the Baptist Monday Night Community meal, where they were available free of charge.

THE NOVEMBER FETE.

1. It was agreed that the only second hand stall would be the book sale to be held as usual in the Chapel.

2. It was decided that we should dispose of all second hand material at present in storage in the buildings.
Subsequently Joyce Dodge provided the address details for Eastern Emergency Relief who will accept china and kitchen items . The Asylum Seeker Network pay \$50 per year and can take anything they need to help set up the Asylum Seeker houses.) We can check with them about any other electrical items furniture etc, that we are holding at the moment.

3.It was agreed that we would provide the usual food outlets with the café supplying sandwiches and Devonshire Teas.(Scones purchased) Karen agreed to convene the group who would meet and make joint plans. Café to be funded as in previous years by direct donations. Records of quantities etc are on file.

It was suggested that first thing in the morning we provide egg and bacon rolls as a breakfast option. Then also provide sausages later.

Because there will only be the 2nd hand book stall more folk will be available to run shifts on the BBQ.

4. Some time ago Julie Robinson suggested that the Patchwork group to which she belongs would be prepared to present a display of their work . This could be done in the church with some quilts being displayed on the seats. It was also suggested that added interest would be if visitors could see patchwork being made during the day with people there prepared to explain

the process. Perhaps we could charge a gold coin entry as I saw at one successful patchwork display at a local fete.

5. It is suggested that the following stalls would continue

Produce Stall - Merle (But likely to be less stock)

Cake stall – Marj – hope to do the usual Christmas cakes prior to the fete but maybe a smaller stall on the day.

Plants Joyce – no pressure to supply more than can be comfortably managed. More helpers should be available.

Books – Robert – as previously mentioned. New stock to be accepted only as novels, preferably paper backs. 20 boxes were sold at the book sale.

Gift Stall new items only . Could include Christmas gifts, childrens' clothing, etc.

Need offer of someone to convene this. Carolyn suggested we ask people to make sets of bags useful for shopping now plastic bags are not used. (Had ideas from Rye Opshop.)

Competition Hamper. Carolyn is to prepare this. She suggested we collect enough for 2 hampers . One for the fete to be a Christmas hamper and one to be used as a Hamper for the mid year book sale.

Live Music. Ken is keen to continue the bands involvement in providing live Music.

The church It was agreed that the church would no longer be used to locate stalls so that there would be no heavy furniture lifting. However it could be used for displays etc.

Location of café – originally suggested to be in the foyer however on reflection would probably be better in the large hall where it would be safer and closer to the kitchen.

Proposals

1. That we continue to hold mid year Book Sale perhaps including some small stalls as well as the books and Devonshire tea.

2. That we proceed to hold a November fete along the lines suggested in the report.

3. That we prioritise advertising making use of the Estate Agents boards (to be displayed for at least 3 full weeks) and shop posters plus local FM radio advertising.

4. That we think creatively to provide a new name for our modified November event.

5. That a small organising committee be established to include the stall holders and other interested parties.

All proposals were agreed by consensus Church Council 27/6/18.

Marj Hookey