

## Wilton Town Team

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER @ 5.30PM

The Baptist Church Hall

### PRESENT:

Sarah Ackroyd (Plant Festival)	Mark Bastick (Assistant to Town Clerk)
Julienne Dunford (Plant Festival)	Peter Edge (Wilton Town Council)
Jonathan Greening (Baptist Church)	Daniel Kelly (Men's Shed)
Jo King (Alabare)	Sarah Kurslake (Plant Festival)
Maria La Femina (Wilton Wildlife)	Phil Matthews (Burnbake Trust)
Sara Morley (Wilton Neighbourhood Plan)	Gary Nunn (Wilton Community)
Carole Slater (Wilton Rotary)	Christine Matthews (Minutes)

### APOLOGIES:

Claire Ellard, Karen Goodman, Karen Linaker, Andy Rhind-Tutt, Chris Rolfe, Rose Salmi, Mark Wood

Phil Matthews agreed to Chair the meeting, but repeated his request for someone to do this in future as a permanent contact.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Peter Edge updated the meeting on this year's event on Friday 6 December from 4 - 7.30pm. A plan of the layout of the Market Square was distributed. It was planned to have a catering van, and to resolve any potential clash with a barbecue run by the Greyhound. A tree surgeon will assess the condition of the top of the tree to see whether it will bear the weight of the star before any other lights are erected. There will be a Mayor's Appeal stall selling light novelties etc. which hopefully will discourage purchases from uninvited itinerant sellers.

Helpers are needed from noon to erect the marquees for the outdoor stalls and other stalls will be inside the Baptist Church hall. Enquiries are to be made to see whether the Greyhound is willing to host carols after the event and there will be 'Garyaoko' in The Bear Inn. Gary Nunn will be publicising the scheme for shopkeepers to purchase an artificial tree from the Wilton House Garden Centre for £15 to display outside. Applicants will apply to the Town Clerk for tree vouchers. PE GN

## TOWN PLAN SURVEY

Sarah Morley (WNP) has so far received around 250 replies to the survey which runs for 6 weeks until 30 December 2019. She would like a minimum of 500 replies and hopes for around 1000 which would be 20% of the population. Posters are already in place and she is organising a leaflet drop, but planned use of the local 'Valley News' is not possible as this paper has now closed. Residents and visitors to Wilton may reply online or on forms and these will be discussed next year, possibly online.

## PARTNERSHIP REPORTS

- **COMMUNITY LAND TRUST** The CLT now has a thermal imaging camera.

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- **VETERANS CENTRE** There are twenty veterans ready to go in to Erskine House but they may only do so once a Fire Safety Certificate has been received. PE
- **WILTON WILDLIFE GROUP** There was a 'Wild Wilton' event held in September on the final day of the Wilton History festival. In October there was a Conservation Day on Grovely Down in partnership with 'Seeds for Success', and walks arranged for the Wilton U3A group. There will be two more conservation sessions next spring. It is hoped that the Men's Shed will be able to make a wildflower meadow and make bat boxes etc. in partnership with the WWG. There are plans to identify the site of the previous pond on the Flouse Hole conservation area and to assess whether this can be restored. M L F
- **ALABARE** After the theft of the Alabare van from outside the Emporium, another was hired until a replacement was bought. Unfortunately the new van is currently unusable after a lorry collided with it. It is hoped that Richard Lord, a Wilton resident, may report on Alabare in future. J K
- **MEN'S SHED** There are community projects planned, including the renovation of the Rotary 'Santa's Sleigh'. The scheme will start slowly so each project may be managed effectively. The facility is open to all, not just men, so hopefully a range of skills may be available, and people from nearby villages and the veterans from Erskine House will be encouraged to join. There are various summer activities planned to be held on Castle Meadows. D K
- **ROTARY** Rotary has already provided £5,000 to equip one of the flats for a veteran, £250 to the WCF and also for a gateway sign for Wilton. Plans to acknowledge this (and for others who donated signs) are in place. In December, Rotary will participate at the Tree Lighting and also take pensioners to the pantomime at Combe Bissett. C S
- **WILTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** The kind gift of £250 from Rotary was acknowledged and a grant from Wilton Town Council. This will be used towards the costs of the WCF Christmas Day lunch for lonely and housebound people to be held in the Baptist Church hall. A chef has been found. J G
- **PLANT FESTIVAL** This will take place on 10th - 16th May 2020. There will be a variety of events. S A
- **WILTON CARNIVAL** The Wilton Community Carnival on Saturday 4 July will continue with the 'Green' theme. There will be a change of route for the Carnival Procession which will now start from the Sawmills, continue down South Street and North Street to castle meadows. This will avoid prolonged closure of the A30 (West Street) and so cost less. P E

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5.30pm on Thursday 13 February in the Pavilion, Castle Meadows (subject to availability)