

## Golcar Lily Day – Praise and Shout Meeting Minutes – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Attendees – Louise Houlton, Sue Starr, Phil Houlton, Susan Whitwam, Lynne Knight, Barbara Armitage, Elaine Oldham, Renée Wyatt, Sara Evans, Mark Evans, Soo Ellis, Craig Ellis, John Broadbent, Sally Edward, Stephen Allen, Marion Hall, Tom Taylor.

Apologies -

General consensus is that Golcar Lily Day is a great day and most are proud to be a part of it. Although the weather made the day slightly more miserable than we would've liked.

**Fun Run** – Great for children, need to make sure more adults get involved and it's organised properly, maybe put it at the end of the afternoon to get more people involved? Mike Stamp is willing to help run it again. This will need to be advertised in a good amount of time to ensure sign up from as many people as possible.

**Marquee** in the remembrance garden was a bit of a waste of time for the people involved unless more can be done to get more footfall around that area. There wasn't enough going on in the area to make it a destination people wanted to stay in.

**Parking on the vicarage lawn** – happy to repeat next year as this worked

**Procession** – better if it slowed down or stopped here and there. Almost over too quickly. It is still under review. SWEAT and Sue knew exactly what was going to happen, it was just unfortunate that some people who said they would be turning up didn't. However, Golcar Band did a great job and we would like them to return next year. Suggested we do need to get in touch with Drayman, Classic Cars and Tractors early to sort out their involvement with the procession as well as talking to schools early to get them involved too.

**Burger/BBQ stalls** – had huge queues all day, either more of them needed or other catering places to offer similar foods.

**Theme** – Very good and worked for getting the children involved.

**Map** – General praise for the organising of the map. Some wondered if it could be turned into a trail around the various locations and stalls to make sure each area can be visited. One remark on the fact that the beer tent was NOT on the map which maybe needs to be rectified next year. Many thanks to Craig and Soo for sorting the map and programme flyers. If anybody wants a bigger programme, they only have to offer to do it!

**Police presence** – may have been good for the day to have a friendly police presence for the day, this works if we can organise a willing police officer.

**Church bits:**

- My Coffee stall didn't make much money, but I was glad to be there on the boundary of church, and had a great time with various children who joined me and helped
- Need better signs pointing people into church
- It will be difficult to get new people to do things in church if folk complain that the menu (or whatever) isn't the same as last year

**Announcing** – John was lovely and did a very good job. He is returning next year. Thinking about the need for an announcer on the field as well to tell those people on the field when things are starting around the village. Suggested a chronological list of events to be given to announcers for every part of the village. ME happy to do this once Soo and Craig have collated the information. This would only work however, as pointed out, if the deadline for confirmations were moved to earlier in the process and we could print information sheets earlier.

**Mayor and consort** will also be attending next year but coming as themselves.

**Car permits for residents** of the village need to be sorted again next year and residents needing access to their homes need to be allowed even with the road closure in place.

**Attendance** – over 600 people went through the library and the museum counted a similar number. Given that most of the food stalls had queues for most of the day, we think it is safe to say that it was quite busy despite the weather.

**Entertainment** – The Belly Dancers found the firemen! The results of this are on the website. No tractor rides this year as Ian was worried about damaging the field. Normannis had plenty of visitors throughout the day as did the bungee and crossbows. The weather had an impact on the latter two, as they needed to be brought in but mostly good experiences. Another suggestion to the entertainment was to look into the possibilities of extending the day into the evening with bands playing and the beer tent at the community centre staying open. It was met with agreement but some reservations as to who would be taking it on. In order to put this in place, it will need careful, dedicated organisation and will need someone other than the current committee who deal with the event on the day from 6am.

**Knitting** – was very good and cheering and many thanks go out to the people far and wide who contributed towards the decoration of the village on the day. This needs advertising as soon as possible with the new theme to ensure that everyone has a chance to get involved.

**Music** – was lovely and thanks to Margaret for arranging that. The Golcar Sing will now be the 29<sup>th</sup> September. Has been suggested that we invite local youth rock bands to perform throughout the day to encourage the younger generation to attend the event (Maybe in the Con or Lib club). This would obviously need careful planning and stewarding but it can be done with the right volunteer.

**Transport** – we always knew how useful Raynet are but when the car at Drop By was missing we realised just how vital they are. Appreciation has been expressed by many parties involved for the bus drivers and those organising them.

**Schools** – Rowena very kindly braved the schools and we are most grateful for her encouraging the schools involvement in the day. Also to the estate agent who organised a competition for the schools to try to keep their involvement.

**Winkles** – many thanks for a good beer and gin tent as ever.

**Volunteers** – Setting up and taking down and most importantly Harvey who came to volunteer and clean up the village and stalls throughout the day.

**Stalls** – As of next year we will be asking for a deposit from all stall keepers. This will be returned as soon as the stall and the area around it is clear. This year we discovered again at 5 o'clock that there were cardboard boxes and plastic wrappings that still hadn't made it to the skip, this made a poor

end to a pleasant day. The skip was moved on the Monday this year as requested as previous years it has not been. On this subject Sue Starr is having a sale and letting the Lily stall go unless someone wants to take it on. Kathryn does not have time these days. The Golcar Lives books will be given to local schoolchildren to use as they will.

Sue Starr will be seeing the Co-op money through to the end however is looking to move on as chairperson/ legal after next year and is looking for someone to work with her this year to take over from next.

AGM will be held at the Rose and Crown at 7:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019.

Golcar Sing – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Next Golcar Lily Day 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Note the bank holiday moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to accommodate celebrations of V.E. Day. This will be the theme for next year's Lily Day – VE Day.