

## **'ONE FRIDAY' 2020**

### **Notes of Planning Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**

Present: Christopher Brown, Lizzie Chadwick, Charlotte Cooper, Becky Davies, Maureen Douglas, Stephen Haward, Janet Smith, Brien Wilde, Derek Williams.

Abygayle Baird-Smith, Andy Giles, Pep Hill, Leonard Hughes and James Pickersgill had given apologies.

### **Report from meeting at Tresham College**

Christopher had met earlier with Abby and technician Paul. They discussed integration of cameras and other equipment with the screen. Three cameras will be used. Paul suggested that modular LCD screens might meet our needs and would follow this up. He thought the price would be no more than the quotations Christopher had obtained last year. They could be erected in Sandersons' trailer, so it is important that we keep this option open.

Christopher emphasized the helpfulness of the Tresham technical team, which would leave him responsible for the busking band sound only.

### **Report on content and craft**

Lizzie reported that Abby is developing the drama content, keeping it as physical as possible. The drama needs to be delivered mainly by capable dancers and actors. Charlotte asked about roles for local young people. Lizzie would ask Abby to put out a call to churches and The Cube for those interested in other roles.

As previously reported, one craft activity will be painting stones and then forming a cairn. An additional activity was discussed to give people another way of getting involved. Lizzie suggested having large words probably painted on separate all-weather hessian screens, which people could decorate with ribbons. Everyone could get a piece of ribbon with their handout to encourage maximum participation. This was agreed.

### **Practicalities**

It was agreed that three would be needed. The two Council gazebos will be for admin/stewards/first aid; and prayer. It would be most helpful to have a big tent for the craft. Lizzie thought she could source one.

Brien reported on his plan for the Prayer Tent and asked the group about 'prayer' and 'healing' flags. It was agreed to display the 'prayer' one only.

Maureen reminded the meeting that we will require two First Aiders and reported that her own certificate was expired.

### **Wet weather**

Heavy rain or very high winds would make it impossible to run the event as planned. After exploring a number of fall-back strategies, it was agreed that for the event to have any point it needs to be in a public place. Therefore it is a (reasonably) fair-weather event and prolonged heavy rain or storm conditions would mean cancelling.

Given the investment this year, we will need to get cancellation insurance and brief Forum about this matter. [Stephen would speak to Rose Williams about this.]

### **Sight-Loss-Friendly and Signing**

Becky gave some examples of small adaptations that are helpful (like not saying 'the stewards are wearing red sashes' without saying where they are to be found). If she is sent the event script, then she will be able to make suggestions. With sufficient notice Torch will also be able to provide braille and large print print-outs of songs and other words needed.

Lizzie agreed to invite Pam to sign for us again [and has done so!]

### **Finance**

Stephen reported on the pledges made by Harborough churches to support the event. These were reported to the January Forum meeting as £3, 026. Ideally he would like us to secure hire of the screen(s) first, paying any deposit required out of CTH funds initially, and then calling in only the amount of pledged money that is actually required to cover the whole cost. This would show good stewardship.

### **Publicity and Hand-outs**

Derek reported on a planned handout which he felt should be as helpful as possible to newcomers to Harborough who might be seeking a church. It was agreed that this should be one double-sided A5 sheet only. All song words would be projected, so words would not be printed (except as above by Torch).

Stephen would write a welcome message to say what was happening and Derek hoped to use John Ball's fine map again with the church locations and brief details of Easter services. It was agreed that a single information point would be given: CTH website.

Pep would be asked if she would obtain a supply of Hope magazines again. [Stephen will do this].

At Forum we had promised to give advance notice to churches of songs to sing on the Square.

It was agreed that some work might be needed to help churches understand the nature of the event. After the meeting Derek helpfully offered this summary description:

**"A dramatised presentation of the meaning and relevance of Easter to which we hope many church members will come to be inspired themselves, to pray for others, and to bring their un-churched and de-churched friends and relatives"**

**Next and final planning meeting**

MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 7.00 PM AT *THE CUBE*.

Stephen thanked everyone for their commitment and contribution.