



FRIENDS MEETING

Meeting minutes

Wednesday 11th June 2025, 7.30pm

In Attendance

Rachel B (RB), Clare D (CD), Paula M (PM), Maria G (MG), Elaine L (EL)

Apologies

Sarah M (ME), Karen B (BU), Miles M (MM), Gill R (GR), Charanjit S (CS),

Alcester Street Market – Sunday 8th June

Thank you on behalf of ME for supporting the Street Market. Thank you to RB & CD for co-ordinating this and to GR and Steve on behalf of PM for volunteering on the day. RB and CD also wished to thank ME and BU and Cari Haynes for supporting on the day too!

It was a huge success. Raising £400.65 after expenses. (£462.51 last year (- £64.86), although LY we only deducted £30 for the pitch fee).

Well done to CD and RB for making the costumes and a huge thank you to Mr Yarrington (Art) and Mr Kirby (DT) for making our Queen of Hearts mascot. We won first prize for the second year in a row in the groups category.

The tombola was a success, and it worked well with organising alternative arrangements for tables and the gazebo. Thank you to 1st Alcester Scouts and to Alcester Court Leet who loaned us tables and a gazebo this year. We do have bottles left which we will sort through and keep what we can ready for next year. Anything we are unable to keep due to dates will go back into the bar/tuck stock for our next event where possible.

Next year's approximate date will be published in the calendar of events. We will be looking as support commitment a little earlier next year to enable us to ask non-members for assistance if needed.

Item	Cost
Pitch Fee	£30
Whiskey	£20
Costume Materials	£17.92
TOTAL	67.92

Income
£468.57

Total
£400.65

Staff Funding Requests

MC has put in a request to fund badges for Year 7 students for completion of the Character Education Programme. All Year 7's will receive a badge to recognise their hard work and growth. The cost of the request is £84.50.

After discussion the Friends unanimously agreed to fully fund this believing that this will be really useful.

Charlie McKenzie	Character Education Pin Badges (Gold Stars)	https://www.schoolbadgesuk.co.uk/colle ctions/school-badges/products/3d-star-badge?variant=11094013702	£0.65	130	£84.50	No	As part of the Character Education Programme, all Year 7 pupils each achieve a certificate of achievement and pin badge at the end of the scheme, to recognise their hard work and individual growth across their first academic year at Alcester Academy.
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End of Year Meeting - July

The friends discussed venues for our next meeting. The meeting will be held at the start of our meal to mark the end of the academic year and Friends fundraising events for 2024/25.

We agreed that the meeting would be held at XXXXX on XXXX July and we would meet at XXXXpm.

AOB

- XXXXX

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on online on **XXX**. A link will be sent out with the agenda a week before.