



FRIENDS MEETING

Meeting minutes

Wednesday 12th March 2025, 7.30pm

The meeting date has been updated to try to enable more members to join. New date and time to be tried. Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

In Attendance

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

Apologies

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

Rock Academy Acoustic Night Bar

Overview: Approximately 85 tickets sold so far. CD checked volunteers were still able to help with the bar. Follow up with those not present. Volunteers to arrive for 6pm please. Break approx. 8.00pm.

Refreshments: Bar stock has been topped up in preparation for our upcoming events.

Costs	£
TEN	21

Easter Bingo Planning – Easter Bingo Friday 4th April

Sales and Advertising: Tickets are live on the online store for pre-orders. RB launched several posts over socials over the past few weeks to drive interest.

Bingo Caller: Chris has said he is available to call the numbers for us this event. Thank you. It's great to have more people who are able to call numbers and will look at rotating this for events.

Bar & Tuck: Minimal stock needed to replenish. Fanta and White wine mostly. Any short-dated items left over will be sold at a reduced price to staff in the staffroom. Thank you to MG and CS for offering to sort the cakes again, it's very much appreciated.

Prizes: Easter prizes the same as previous years. CD has sourced the stock, thank you.

- 1 line – medium egg and bag of mini eggs
- 2 lines – small mixture of eggs
- Full house – Easter egg hamper

Non-Uniform: Non-uniform to support the Easter Bingo will be on Friday 28th March. Year 7 to bring in egg donations and the other 4 years to make a donation to charity on the Gateway. We discussed which charities to support at the previous meeting and agreed that we would support both the Shakespeare Hospice and Acorns Hospice who work with the school to support students with bereavement and are local to us. RB has already shared this poster on socials and it has been shared with students.

Finance: Overview of cost so far

Costs	£
Books & Dabbers	41.78
TEN	21
Tuck Carry-over	177.98
Prizes	148.42

Raffle: We do have some prizes ready for the raffle. PM volunteered to put the hamper together. We will also make an “afternoon tea” hamper using the tea and basket GR has donated. We will purchase some extras to go into it.

Prize Packing: Monday 31st March. RB, CD and PM volunteered to help pack prizes. RB to then share prize images on socials

ACTIONS:

- **MG and CS to source cakes**
- **PM to arrange fruit hamper**
- **RB to source additional items for afternoon tea hamper**
- **RB to post prize images on socials**

Christmas Raffle 2025 Planning

RB proposed a Christmas raffle which could run during the autumn term and be drawn at the Christmas bingo night. This would also give us an opportunity to sell raffle tickets for this during the autumn events and reduce the need for us to source additional prizes for these. All present agreed to Christmas raffle.

We already have an EPSON printer and towel set from John Lewis that have been kindly donated. Cash prize to be offered. RB to approach Classic Ibiza organisers and the organisers of the Midlands Air Festival to see if they will support. Team discussed other possible organisations to approach. RB to create a list of organisation and approach them during the summer term.

Alcester Street Market – Sunday 8th June

The theme for this year is TV and film from the 70’s to the present day.

The stall has been paid for. Further details about the location and exact timings will be sent to us nearer the time. RB discussed costume theme and stall decorations which will be supported by the art dept.

Costs	£
Pitch Fee	30

No TEN is needed for this event. The provision of bottles of alcohol as prizes in raffles and tombolas is exempt from the licensing regulations, provided the raffle/lottery fulfils certain conditions (The Licensing Act 2003 [Section 175])

- No other business raised

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on online on **Wednesday 9th April at 7.30pm**. A link will be sent out with the agenda a week before.

Upcoming Meetings:

- 9th April – Strategic with SLT
- 14th May – No SLT
- 11th June – Strategic with SLT
- July – TBC – end of year meal out proposed