



FRIENDS MEETING

Meeting minutes

Monday 10th February 2025, 7.00pm

The meeting was rescheduled due to lack of attendance due to a clash with a parents' evening volunteers were part of. Thank you very much indeed.

In Attendance

Rachel B (RB), Clare D (CD), Sarah M (ME), Karen B (BU), Elaine L (EL), Paula M (PM), Gill R (GR)

Apologies

Miles M (MM), Maria G (MG), Charanjit S (CS)

Bingo Night Review – 31.01.2025

Overview: Extremely well supported. Good feedback on prizes received and also to BU for stepping in as bingo caller. 31 pre-orders vs 19 on our previous event. We made a total of £1842 after deductions. A special thank you to Karen B for stepping in as our bingo caller for this event too. It's very much appreciated.

Refreshments: Thank you to MG and CS who again sourced the cakes and cookies. Thank you to Keith for coming back and running the bar for us.

Raffle: Thank you to PM for arranging the fruit hamper, of course a big thank you goes to Alcester Butchers for their continued support. Thank you to EL for donating a raffle prize also. £233 was raised from the raffle.

Sum Up: The recent cellular tower issue hampered our trial of putting everything through SumUp but CD has agreed to do a minor stocktake after each event to work out sales, thank you. This will make the sales process simple and still allow us to track sales.

Finance: Due to investing in re-usable glasses to reduce future spend and carry-over bar and tuck stock we have off-set some of the costs against our Easter Bingo. Prizes for this bingo were taken off the earlier fundraising via non-uniform which was done to raise money for use to use to provide prizes at events.

Costs	£
Books & Dabbers	28.44
Cellophane	5.59
Prizes – costed against non uniform fund	198

Tuck / Bar Stock	103.5
Consumables	
Tuck / Bar Stock	274.90
Bar and Tuck carried against next event	• 177.98

TEN	21
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Total	£255.45
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Easter Bingo Planning – Easter Bingo Friday 4th April

Sales and Advertising: Tickets are now live on the online store for pre-orders. Thank you to CD for updating the banners and putting these back up. RB will launch on Socials this week as we wanted a small gap before going again.

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. Some dates quite short so will look to sell at a reduced price to staff in the staffroom. Thank you to MG and CS for offering to sort the cakes again.

Prizes: Easter prizes the same as previous years. CD has already contacted Tesco who have previously supported us in getting stock.

- 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. 1 Year group 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 and agreed that we would support both the Shakespeare Hospice and Acorns Hospice who work with the school to support students with bereavement.

Finance: Overview of cost so far

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

Raffle: We do have some prizes ready for the raffle. Make a fruit hamper again. We can buy this if necessary and cost against the raffle. PM volunteered to put the hamper together. Thank you to GR who also offered to donate a prize.

ACTIONS:

- RB to launch bingo event across social media
- RB & CD to arrange top up of stock and prizes
- PM to arrange fruit hamper

Santa Route

CD and RB attended the Round Table presentation at the Holly Bush on Wednesday 22nd January. Thank you to Alcester and Stratford District Round Table for their £250 donation. We love taking part in the Santa Route each year and joining all of the other local organisations to hear about what they are doing.

Alcester Street Market – Sunday 8th June

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

We have previously discussed the idea of Alice in Wonderland with a specific theme of the Queen of Hearts scene with the card soldiers. These costumes will be easy to make and will not cost lots of money. The stall itself can be easily decorated with a boarder of cards to fit the theme.

Mr Yarrington is already on board to assist with decorations for the stall. Thank you!!

AOB

- RB proposed a move to meeting day due to lower attendance over recent meetings. Mon / Weds suggested. All present said either Monday or Wednesday works. RB will consult other group members and confirm outcome.

OUTCOME: After speaking to MG and CS Wednesday worked best and MG suggested a new time of 7.30pm which was agreed.

- 12th March – NO SLT
- 9th April – Strategic with SLT
- 14th May – NO SLT
- 11th June – Strategic with SLT
- July – TBC – end of year meal out proposed

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on online on **Wednesday 12th March at 7.30pm**. A link will be sent out with the agenda a week before.