

THE CRESDENTS

OF WIMBLEDON PARK

Minutes of AGM held on 19th May 2015 at 17 Crescent Gardens

Present were: Bob & Christine Ball, Shirley Hatherly, Mary Healey, Tom Riddell, Beate Eberhardt, Janet Carter, Joy Smith, Susanna Thompson, Ruth Turck, Bernadette Rutherford and Ute & Douglas Dallimer.

Apologies were received from: Peter & Robin Rhind and Vincent & Veronica O'Sullivan.

1. Minutes of previous AGM

The Chairperson opened the meeting, asking everybody to peruse last year's minutes. These were then adopted as correct, after amending Susanna and Aron's address from 10 Crescent Gardens to 12 Crescent Gardens: proposed by Shirley H. and seconded by Beate E.

2. Chairperson's Report

The Chair welcomed everybody present and thanked Tom & Beate for their hospitality. He went on to state that our 4 social events last year were all very successful, a quiz, a wine tasting, the switching on of the Christmas Tree and the New Year's Eve Party, each one allowing old and new neighbours to meet. For the planning of the New Year's Eve Party we had co-opted new committee members: Aron and Susanna T. who entertained the children till well after midnight. It was a great evening; not a money raiser. The Chair went on saying that there are a lot of new neighbours in our area and that he will try to get in touch with these to make them aware of The Cresdents' aims. He reminded us that the lift appeal is still on hold and that the 3 year contract we have with the Council regarding our Christmas Lights in Arthur Road came to an end with last Christmas. He will approach the Council regarding the renewal shortly. The lights are likely to cost around £2500 and this will mean contacting all local businesses and shops for contributions. For future plans the Chair would like to see a toy swap in the church hall. This suggestion was well received.

3. Presentation of accounts

Copies of the accounts were circulated. The treasurer pointed out that although she "keeps" the books, Tom Riddell then checks these and types them up. The main financial activities during last year were our donations to the 3 local churches: St. Mary's, St. Luke's and Christ The King. In addition we sent a £250 donation to the Home of 3 Little Sisters where Father John is convalescing. The treasurer then circulated the expenses of the New Year's Eve Party, pointing out, the event cost us £1. The accounts were adopted: proposed by Mary H., seconded by Ruth T.

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4. Election of Committee Members

The Chair explained that he had received no new nominations and asked the present officers if they would like to continue. This was accepted with Aron and Susanna T. becoming full committee members.

5. Future Events

A possible toy swap was well received. Susanna will check with the local schools regarding the date for their Fayres before we will make a date for ourselves. The logistics of the toy swap will be discussed at our next committee meeting. Other dates made were:

- *Quiz in September, action Tom & Beate
- *Wine Tasting in November, action Douglas
- *Tea Party and Sale of tea sets in Summer Holidays, action Ute
- *"Formal" Dinner (Tapas or Medieval) late January 2016, action Douglas.

Ruth T suggested the possibility of another concert in the church hall. Ruth T will contact Nigel Foster and ask him if he would like to be involved or even take the lead with our support. The concert should be classical, not Rock Music.

To the suggestion that there could be another New Year's Eve Party, Tom R. replied that we should have a break so that these parties did not become an expected regular event. This was accepted. The successful "Ladies Night Out" of 2 years ago was remembered. Ute will ask Eve/Yvonne/Sabine if they are interested in organizing another one.

6. AOB

Virginia from 22 The Crescent has sadly passed away. The funeral will be held on Wednesday, 27th May at Kingston Crematorium. We agreed to send a £50 donation to The Royal Marsden and Shirley H. will write an accompanying letter with a copy to Virginia's husband John.

Date for the next committee meeting was set for: 2nd June 2015, 7pm at 17 Crescent Gardens. The Chair closed the meeting at 8.15pm.