

Kettle & Fish AGM – 26th Sept 2013 - 28 volunteers present

Over View: Opening with 1 Kings 19:10 Malcolm Offord reported we had held 37 sessions this year but were aware numbers were dropping both in St Peter's and in town. Various organisations had joined us eg Trefoil, Age Concern, Lifeboat and we expected Police and Friends of St Peter (FoSP) to exhibit shortly. We had provided refreshments for Christmas Tree Festival, Historic Churches Cycle Ride etc increasing community awareness through our logos and aprons! We were well respected in the community.

Fish Report - Listening: Eleanor Ridge said we had volunteers who came regularly every week, those who booked by rota and those who came when they could. We have had new volunteers join us recently and Eleanor had produced a simple guidance card quoting from Fr Benignus O'Rourke "Ministry today is much more about listening than about preaching. Paul Tournier describes priesthood in our time in these words: 'To listen, to understand, to love, to pray'".

MO asked whether we were doing the Prayer Requests justice by only praying for each one once at Prayer Breakfast and asked what happened to them after that. ER said as she handed them out to individuals she assumed they took them away and continued to pray over them. Discussion followed and it was decided as usual to take them to Breakfast, pray over them then collect them and bring them back to the next K&F meeting to pray again. That would mean more K&F volunteers would be involved in the praying too.

Kettle Report – Refreshments: Judith Offord said that as many volunteers had dropped out for various reasons, she had found it very difficult to keep the rotas filled but was surprised over and over again as there was always sufficient help. Where it had been custom to ask folk to do 'once a month' it would be easier if some could come a little more regularly. It is no longer possible to provide Home made soup but the Ainsley Harriet cup-a-soups were very popular and it was decided to just use them. It was suggested the rota be put on to the CTIS&D website with request for new helpers.

Setting-up: 4-5 pm Wednesdays prior to K&F Malcolm reported again numbers were fluctuating and if any names came to mind could we be sure and ask for their help. Chris Proffitt suggested MO contact Colin Mannion. Storage by the organ is not only extremely difficult (and dangerous as proved by Ken Steel's accidentally falling down the stairs) it is also damaging the organ itself. It is hoped to store only valuable items by the organ and second-hand Books, Prayer and Display boxes behind red curtains as suggested by Roger Green FoSP. This will make setting up and clearing up much easier.

Finances: Thanks expressed to Ken Riches and Peter Heard for sterling work! Figures for the year:

Net sales amount banked		£7,967.85	(£7,169.00 - 2012)
Less: 10% Tithe to Dorcas Fund	741.98		
Purchases	<u>3,339.38</u>	<u>4,081.36</u>	
		<u>£3,886.49</u>	(£2,800 - 2012)

MO explained again that this final balance went to CTIS&D and helped to fund all joint events in town; consequently it was not necessary to beg for financial help from our Churches.

Elections: Malcolm Offord was re-elected to Chair and Judith Offord to Manager on the understanding that the workload would be shared with three team leaders ie Offords, Steels and Glyn Jones plus partner.

Suggestions:

- 1) it was agreed our notice boards outside church doors needing updating. Vi Bandy offered to consult her son-in-law who is a graphic artist for his advice. Flag banner was also considered.
- 2) Should be made clear we are charitable organisation not commercial.
- 3) Name labels needs alphabetic storage – JO to provide.
- 4) Cannot stick anything on walls – large name labels could be stood on window sills above side tables