

Forest Row Business Forum

Date: 27 October 2015		Location: Chadder & Co 5.30pm
Attendees: Martin, Nick, Jennifer, Pippa, Dave, Andrew Mitchell, Lindi & Andrew, Maria & Gary Y, Katherine, Gary T Council: David, Sara		Apologies:
No	Topic	Action
1	Summary of last year's event Introduction of St Nicholas Committee Update from Pippa on this year's plans	Info
2	It was agreed it would be a good idea to have music where possible.	All
3	Nick & Pippa have produced draft posters. It was agreed to include a map as last year. If anyone has any comments or amends, please let Nick & Pippa know. Crossing points to be included. Nick to forward poster & map to Jennifer for distribution and comments.	All NS/JS
4	David gave an update on the village hall and the status of the scaffolding.	Info
5	Parking to be included on the map, David confirmed Rydons let visitors use the car park on market days.	Info
6	It was suggested that the competition could be centred around collecting a letter from each business to make a word/horses name.	Info
7	Angela Martin from Holy Trinity would like to be involved. To ask for her e mail address to add to the distribution list	Pippa
8	Mandy Chadder & Sophie to go around businesses in early November to make sure everyone aware of the St Nicholas event and take posters around.	Mandy Sophie
9	It was agreed that the more lights the better, ideally a shade of white. Last year's lights available on first come basis.	All

11	Dandelion will have chestnuts to give out. Everyone to email Pippa & Jennifer what they are offering and if there is a charge. Katherine looking into Morris Dancers	All Katherine
12	Wealden, the East Grinstead Courier and Forest Row local know about the event. What's on summary attached. Please could everyone e mail any publications they are aware of and let Jennifer & Pippa know. (wording attached)	All
13	David to confirm if there will be a Funfair and bands. He hopes to have confirmation about the closure of Hillside shortly. David will let PCSO know about the event.	David
14	Story tellers – Nick, Gary Y and Maria contacting those they know. We need a plan B if it is too wet for some outdoor activities. Clive Christian one venue for story telling	Info
15	Hop Yard is closed for 6 months for refurbishment.	Info
16	To ask a celebrity to attend.	Andrew
17	St Nicholas event to be promoted on FRBF website. Martin to update info early Nov.	MC
18	All members to promote on websites and Social media.	All
	Informal FRBF meetings to start next week. First Thursday of the month. To e mail members	JS
19	Nick gave an update on the progress of the survey. It was agreed that it would be delayed to give businesses an opportunity to comment. To forward draft to members.	NS/JS
	Next meeting TBC	