

Forest Row Business Forum		
Date: 30 September 2015	Location: Brambletye Hotel 5.30pm	
Attendees: Martin, Nick, Jennifer, Indra, Andrew, Orla, Matt, Lindi, Clio, Nathia, John, Sonya, Dave, Council: David, Jane	Apologies:	
No	Topic	Action
1	<b>AGM</b> <b>Committee re- elected</b> Martin Chadder – Chairman Jennifer Sharma – Secretary Nick Shearer - Treasurer	
2	<b>Forum meet ups</b> First Thurs each month from November – members can meet for a drink and a chat. Brambletye Hotel bar 5.50pm/6pm. Matt Cole from Coles estate agents is the contact.	All/MC
3	<b>Forest Row Business Survey</b> Nick gave everyone an update on the work he has been doing on the survey A Neighbourhood Plan can take up to 2 years, they are part of a Government initiative. Lingfield have started the process. The FRBF are keen to be part of the process. The first stage is to put together the survey and gauge opinion. The survey will be confidential – both electronic and paper based. The survey to be up & running in October. It is hoped to identify some quick fixes as well as longer term aims, info also to be fed back to the Parish Council. Jane (chairman of amenities) advised the Parish Council is currently identifying areas to improve throughout the village.	All/NC
4	<b>Forest Row Flood Network</b> The Parish Council asked for a representative from the FRBF. Martin Chadder volunteered	Martin C /JW

5	<p><b>Parish Council Parking Committee</b> The Committee would like to invite a FRBF representative to attend. Please let David, Jane and Jennifer know if you would like to offer your services</p>	All
6	<p><b>St Nicholas event – 5<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	
	<p>To add Dandelion to the stopping points for the Carriage &amp; Horses/Choir. All stopping points need to have electricity for the choir and a safe place to stop.</p>	JS
	<p><b>It was agreed a maximum of 2 businesses for each</b> type of food/drink given to visitors e.g. mulled wine.</p>	
	<p><b>Donations</b> – it was agreed to collect for a local charity. Forest Row play school was suggested. Please e mail any other suggestions to MC/JS/NS</p>	
	<p><b>Meridian Radio</b> Check if they can attend</p>	JS
	<p><b>Photographer</b> Orla to check with her contact, any other suggestions welcome</p>	OC All
	<p><b>Lights from 2014</b> These are available for loan on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. There was a discussion about the problems with the lights going up at the village hall last year. To check with if village hall may wish to use them.</p>	All  D O'D
	<p><b>Road closure near Bishops</b> To contact highways</p>	D O'D
	<p><b>Window completion</b> Needs to be publicised. Businesses would need to let FRBF and Parish Council know the item in the window for competition entries. Trying to encourage visitors to going to businesses throughout the village.  Suggestions for other competitions welcome</p>	All  All
	<p><b>Lights</b> It was suggested having white lights in the village</p>	All
	<p><b>Grotto</b> Please let us know if you would like the Grotto at your business (you would need to arrange it)</p>	All
	<p><b>Promotion</b> AFTA - To ask for the event to be included on website Wealden are aware of the event</p>	JS
	<p><b>Signs around the village (similar to those for Forest Row Festival)</b> 1 by Friends, 1 on the Green by Park Crescent and 1 by Priory Road. (Matt has boards which can be used) Parish Council to liaise with Matt)</p>	Matt C/D'OD

	<b>Small Business Saturday is 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Info
	<b>Promotion of the event</b> Facebook etc., local business website	All
	<b>St Nicholas Committee</b> Indre, Nick & Gary formed the committee in 2014. Volunteers needed to pull everything together for 2015	All
	<b>Posters for the event</b> Matt Cole kindly volunteered	Matt C
	<b>Thank yous</b> Dave & Pippa at Ballard & Shorthall for arranging the Carriage & Horses. The Parish Council for giving the event £200 towards expenses.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Next meeting TBC</b>	