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MEETING AT LEDBROOKE HOUSE OSWALDKIRK AT 1015 ON SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER FOR THE ANNUAL PLANNING AND REVIEW MEETING

MINUTES

Present were:

Shirley-Ann Collier
Mike Gray
Corinne Jeffs
John Lindley

Judith Gubbins
David Goodman
Les Helm
Rosemary Roberts
Rev Dr Kevin Waters

Ann Gray
Helen Goodman
Mary Hughes
Winifred Smith

- 1 The meeting opened with prayers led by David Goodman
- 2 Apologies were received from Fr Alexander McCabe and Anji Dowson
- 3 The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a correct record.
- 4 The Treasurer's report reflected a satisfactory position with funds in the region of £200 to hand to meet any unplanned expenses.
John Lindley reported that the merging of the two Rural Deaneries at the end of the month had released an allocation from their contingency fund of £125. He passed a cheque for that amount to the Treasurer. Mike Gray undertook to write a letter of thanks to the Lay Chairman.
- 5 In the review of the year 2009, the following events were looked into.
 - (a) Songs of Praise in late January had been successful. It was planned to repeat the event on 24th January 2010 at 1830 at All Saints Helmsley, if acceptable to that Church.
The choice of the charity to benefit from the collection was left to the organising group and the host Church to decide on.
Kevin Waters, Shirley-Ann Collier, Ann Gray and a representative from All Saints Helmsley will see to the arrangements.
 - (b) The Lent groups had been very satisfactory, and will be repeated in the coming year. The choice of material took up a great deal of time in discussion, with various sorts of

material offered and considered. The RCC will be offering ideas for groups, and will also offer a course currently in preparation by Rosemary Roberts. This latter will be on offer for inspection and assessment by group leaders in the second half of January.

It was decided to leave the final choice to individual groups.
Helen Goodman and Corrine Jeffs will deal with this.

(c) The conference in April was successful, with attendance sufficient to make the organisers feel their efforts were rewarded.

John Lindley mentioned that he found the intransigence of the Muslim woman contributor troubling, but he was assured that this difficulty was only to be expected.

The next conference will be held in April 2011, on a subject yet to be decided. This will be put on the agenda for the next committee meeting in January.

(d) A Power Point presentation disc for use when visiting churches and similar groups was shown on the RCC projection equipment using lap top control. The programme was greeted with approbation. A few changes were suggested.

(e) The coach trip had been very agreeable. The trip next year will be organised, and destination, etc, will be put on the next agenda for discussion.

(f) The Open Meeting had been enjoyed and the speaker applauded. It will certainly be repeated in 2010. It will be discussed at the January meeting. It was suggested that Rev Paul Mothersdale, new Rural Dean of Northern Ryedale which comprises the two former Rural Deaneries combined, might be invited to talk to us.

(g) The Ryedale Show in late July had been good. Many complimentary remarks had been passed by visitors to the hospitality tent. It is encouraging to note that a fair proportion of the visitors were of the younger generation. How did this happen? How can we repeat it?

The event made a surplus in the region of £500, which will be a welcome addition to our working balances.

A good number of volunteers had offered to help this year, but the problem of recruiting helpers for the whole run of the day was noted. The need for drawing in recruits from among the younger supporters was noted.

It was also noted that staffing by people qualified in the Health and Safety aspect of offering food to the public needs attention. A course in food hygiene is to be offered to the people of Kirkbymoorside shortly, and RCC volunteers will be urged to take part.

The elderly milk churn which has been used for water carrying to the tent for many years is no longer required and will be turned into cash by whatever means.

(h) The Quiet Day was sparsely attended, but those who went had found it most fulfilling. It will be repeated in Autumn 2010. Rosemary Roberts will continue to organise this.

(i) The books given to pupils changing schools were thought to be filling a needed role. About 70 children had left their last assemblies at primary school with copies.

(k) The meeting noted that Ann Gray is our appointed representative on the Kirkbymoorside Churches Together Committee. The meeting was told that Helen and David Goodman attend the North York Moors Churches Together on our behalf. Their positions in these posts will be discussed when we prepare for the Open Meeting in July, prior to confirming their delegation.

(l) Shirley-Ann Collier and Ann Gray are watching out for relevant Health and Safety meetings.

6 After lunch, Rev David Emison and a few others joined us and led a discussion on "What is Church?" and how should we seek to incorporate fresh ideas of worship in the coming months and years.

As always, Rev David stirred up our minds; and many new and innovative ideas were hatched. May they continue to the point of fledging.

7 The meeting closed with prayers at 1515.

**MEETING AT LEBROOK HOUSE, OSWALDKIRK
AT 2000 ON MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2009**

MINUTES

Present were:

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| Shirley-Ann Collier | Judith Gubbins | David Goodman |
| Helen Goodman | Corinne Jeffs | Les Helm |
| John Lindley | Meg Moore | Winifred Smith |
| | Rev Dr Kevin Waters | |

The meeting welcomed Rev David Emison, who attended to discuss the letter received relating to the position of other ecumenical bodies in the area. See item 8 below.

Opening prayers were led by the Chairman

1 Apologies were received from

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| Anji Dowson | Ann Gray | Mike Gray |
| Mary Hughes | | Rosemary Roberts |

2 The minutes of the meeting of 24th March were received and agreed as correct.

3 Under Matters Arising from the Minutes, it was reported that the service booklets had been revised; 250 copies printed and distributed to sources likely to find them valuable, such as tourist venues and accommodation. It was noted that attention is needed to see to the regular amendment of this list, which had got out of date to the tune of 10 years before the 2009 revision.

4 Due to the absence of the Treasurer, the 2008/9 accounts were perused without the opportunity for questioning. As it is necessary, to present approved accounts to the Open Meeting in early July, the accounts were accepted without dissent.

5 The Officers positions had not been challenged nor nominations for other incumbents received before the meeting, and the present incumbents were re-elected en bloc, nem con. All were prepared to continue to serve.

The office bearers are

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| Chairman | Rev Dr Kevin Waters |
| Vice-Chairman | Les Helm |
| Treasurer | Mike Gray |
| Hon Secretary | John Lindley |

6 The Ampleforth Conference was reviewed with some satisfaction. Books left behind by the protagonists of the Muslim faith are available on loan for anyone wishing to borrow them. A positive feed-back had been received.

The outcome of the days event will be brought up at the R.C.C. Open Meeting in July. A strong attendance had resulted in only a modest shortfall.

7 The Spring Service at Cropton was reviewed. It was felt to have been all that could have been hoped for except that there had been virtually no publicity in the Parish among any of the traditions, and attendance from the locality had been very sparse. The one object

of these services is to bring into prominence to smaller parishes, the work and aspirations of the R.C.C, a greater scale of publicity needs to be pursued in coming years.
The Chairman is composing a response to the letter.

8 A letter from the Methodist Circuit asking for information about various bodies claiming to represent ecumenical groupings in the wider area had been received. The writer, Rev David Emison, recently appointed as replacement Methodist Minister in Helmsley, was present. He explained his puzzlement as to the relative position of the R.C.C, Churches Together in the North York Moors, Churches Together in Kirkbymoorside, and other parties whose ecumenical relationship is not always immediately clear. The Council, in general discussion, clearly suffers a similar degree of bafflement. The Chairman is composing a response to the letter.

The casual attitude of several of the clergy was noted with regret.

In the meanwhile, the work of the R.C.C. will continue unabated.

9 The Secretary reported that he had sold enough tickets for the coach trip to Durham on 27th June to proceed without fear of not meeting the cost of the coach. It only remains to detail off a member to lead the prayers at the chapel of St Johns College at 1400. This will be seen to on the return of Mike and Ann Gray, who have arranged that part of the trip.

10 Arrangements for the Open Meeting on 6th July at St Chads are in place. An agenda will be required. This will be seen to.

11 The panel arranging for the Ryedale Show tent is working efficiently and all seems under control here.

12 The books for children changing to middle school, who number 70 this year, will be distributed at their final assembly if practicable.

13 Under Any Other Business,

Shirley-Ann Collier reported that due to a gap between generations and the maturing of the original leaders, the Crusaders has closed down.

There will be a quiet day under the eye of Shirley-Ann Collier and Rosemary Roberts on 12th September; venue to be decided.

The planning day, combined with the next meeting of the R.C.C. has been scheduled for Saturday 17th October, venue to be decided. A group consisting of Kevin Waters, Helen Goodman and Meg Moore will oversee this

14 The meeting closed with the Grace at 2115

**MEETING AT ST CHAD'S KIRKBYMOORSIDE AT
1930 ON WEDNESDAY 24TH MARCH 2009**

MINUTES

Present were

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| Anji Dowson | Judith Gubbins | Anne Gray |
| Mike Gray | David Goodman | Helen Goodman |
| John Lindley | Meg Moore | Rev Dr Kevin Waters |

Opening prayers were led by Kevin Waters

Apologies were received from

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| Shirley-Ann Collier | Jacqueline Crofter-Harris | Les Helm |
| Fr Alexander McCabe | Rosemary Roberts | Winifred Smith |
| | Fr Alberic Stacpoole | |

2 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct

3 Under matters arising from the minutes, Helen pointed out that the proposed quiet day scheduled for the Autumn had been omitted. After some discussion, it was accepted that this should be held on Saturday 12th September 2009 under the direction of Rosemary Roberts and Shirley-Ann Collier.

Hard copy of the talk by Caroline Dollard is now available..

4 The Chairman brought up the matter of leaflets giving the times of services at all churches in the area, which had been appreciated at the time but which were by now well out of date. It was agreed that these should be revised and re-issued to all places likely to appreciate them, such as tourism centres, hotels and guest houses; and on the web site.. The earlier issue had been made up by Rosemary Roberts, and it was agreed that she should be asked to undertake the revision, with suitable help. This will be overseen by the Chairman and by Mike Gray in his capacity as webmaster.

The Chairman also recorded the receipt of a letter from the Methodist Ryedale Circuit office. He wished to discuss this at the next meeting. It was agreed that copies of the letter will be sent out with these minutes for preliminary study.

5 The Finance report was given, showing the customary sound position with our finances on course as before.

6 The coming Conference was discussed at length. It is accepted that returns will not meet expenses and that some degree of cross-funding will be needed. No approximate figures of this default were available.

Shirley-Ann Collier has done much of the preparation, and posters have now been sent round, together with outline of the days programme, details of the speakers, etc. There will be a need for members to staff reception desks, and volunteers are looked for.

7 The spring service at Cropton on 21st May was discussed. Anji has taken it upon herself to see to the details of this. She reported that Rev Alistair Ferguson is full of enthusiasm and planning is making progress.

It was agreed that a start time of 1900 would be most suitable, as Fr Alexander who is acting as musical director has other matters to see to on that day and this suits him best..

8 The coach trip to Durham on Saturday 27th June was discussed. Basic arrangements have been made. The coach is booked and the timing will be studied and arranged to allow Fr Alexander to be available for an evening Mass at Kirkbymoorside on completion, as part of the schedule.

It was agreed that the attractions of Durham are such that there is more than enough to entertain pilgrims on the coach for the whole day, and that no diversions will be needed from the direct route.

9 The Open Meeting at St Chad's on 6th July was discussed. The main speaker will be Rev David Emison, the newly appointed Minister at Helmsley, with a talk on "Christian Community – enabling change."

10 Arrangements for the hospitality tent at the Ryedale Show on 28th July appear satisfactory at this stage. A planning group will be assembled nearer the date to see to the provisions, etc.

11 Meg Moore gave notice that the "power point" presentation is now in draft form. She would be pleased to receive more photographs about the church/RCC work. More information on this project will be made available at the next meeting.

12 The next meeting was scheduled for 2000 on Monday 22nd June at Ledbrooke House, Oswaldkirk.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 2025

**MINUTES OF A MEETING ON THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY 2009
AT ST CHAD'S CHURCH, KIRKBYMOORSIDE**

Opening prayers were led by Corinne Jeffs

Present were

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| Shirley-Ann Collier | Judith Gubbins | Ann Gray |
| Mike Gray | David Goodman | Helen Goodman |
| Corinne Jeffs | Mary Hughes | John Lindley |
| Fr Alexander McCabe | Rosemary Roberts | Fr Alberic Stacpoole |
| Alice Brown | Rev Dr Kevin Waters | |

Apologies were received from

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| Anji Dowson | Les Helm | Meg Moore |
| | Winifred Smith | |

- 2 The minutes of both meetings held on Saturday 11th October 2008 were approved as correct record. Judith Gubbins was warmly thanked for her work as stand-in secretary.
- 3 The Treasurers report was passed round in written form. It was found acceptable.
- 4 The recent Songs of Praise service, held on 25th January 2009, was discussed. The financial results were not yet to hand, pending notification of expenses, but a surplus in the region of £275 is anticipated.
A gift for the Speaker of £50 was agreed.
A suitable contribution for heating and for the refreshments at the Methodist Church Kirkbymoorside was agreed.

Kevin Waters undertook to write a letter of thanks to the speaker.
- 5 Leaflets were distributed, giving details of all events celebrating the Lenten season.
- 6 The Spring service, to be held at St Gregory's Church, Cropton, on 21st May was confirmed, depending only on the confirmation by the Vicar.
- 7 The date of the summer coach trip was agreed as Saturday 27th June, destination Durham Cathedral. Planning for the trip will begin shortly.
- 8 The Open Meeting will be held at St Chad's at 1930 pn Monday 6th July. Rev David Emerson will be the main speaker.
- 9 A most impressive and gratifying report on the activities Barnabas project at our primary schools was made to the Council by Mrs Alice Brown.
- 10 Preliminary arrangements for the Ryedale Show were agreed. The form booking the site at a cost of £70 was passed to the Treasurer, and the other facilities will be reserved shortly.

It was agreed that the 2008 arrangements had been satisfactory and should be repeated as far as possible. The need for an improvement in the cleanliness of the marquee will be stressed to the tent hire firm.

- 11 The arrangements for the Ampleforth Conference were discussed at some length. Matters are well in hand with the Chairman and Shirley-Ann Collier. The title of the day will be "Christian Understand of Muslim Communities." A charge of £8.00 per head for the day will be made. Much of this is needed to cover the cost to be levied by the Abbey of £7.50 per head, discounted. It is anticipated that there will be a significant deficit, part of the cost of which will perhaps be borne by a collection, with any negative balance being met by funds.
- 12 There was no other business requested.
- 13 The next meeting will be held at St Chad's at 1930 on Tuesday 24th March 2009

Closing prayers were led by Fr Alberic, and the meeting ended at 2040.

Minutes of Review & Planning Meeting at the Quiet Garden on 11th October 2008 at 11.15am

Present were

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| Shirley-Ann Collier | Anji Dowson | Helen Goodman | Ann Gray |
| Mike Gray | Judith Gubbins | Kevin Waters | Winifred Smith |

1. Apologies for absence were received from David Goodman, Les Helm, John Lindley, Meg Moore, Rosemary Roberts.

Judith Gubbins was appointed minute secretary for the day.

2. Minutes of the last meeting –June 24th 2008, October 13th 2007 Planning. These were accepted. There were no matters arising not covered by this agenda.

3 Review of year/ new year – regular events

(i) Ryedale Show

The plan prepared for 2007 Show was followed.

Catering Manager role was divided in 3. Helen Goodman 8-11am , Jenny Mills 11am-2pm, Ann Gray 2-5pm. Food presentation was enhanced by a rigid perspex display cabinet made by Peter Padmore. A welcome poster & table display cards announced that the tent was an RCC project

A Fair Trade poster and display replaced the stall of former years

Smaller tent was quite adequate. Supplier had to be called in to clean the roof before use. He should be asked next year to ensure it is supplied clean. Satisfactory delivery to be checked well before use. Hot water management was to be improved.

Helpers for the rota: Several more were to be recruited earlier on an area basis.

Our prices would be raised for 2009. Takings of £800 yielded £300 profit in 2008.

To assist clear up, disposable plates and cups would be used after 4pm.

The day went well - a good buzz – and many appreciative comments

(ii) Conference 2009

The 2 speakers from Blackburn Diocese had confirmed that they would lead the day. They had agreed to meet 2 of our members soon to agree format etc.

Ampleforth Abbey venue had been booked for 25th April 2009

(iii) Songs of Praise

2008 Theme 'Pray without ceasing' at Helmsley Methodist Church was well supported and good.

2009 Planned for Kirkbymoorside Methodist Church on 25th January, 6.30pm.

Planning group proposed was Norma Davey, Anji Dowson, Mary Hughes and Ben Nicholson. Anji agreed to confirm arrangements with them

(iv) Lent Groups

2008 The York Course 'Lord's Prayer' had been recommended. That and others had been publicised and studied in the area, organised by Corinne Jeffs & Helen Goodman.

2009 Rosemary Roberts and Anji Dowson had offered to create a course but liked the proposed York Course and speakers 'Faith, Hope and Love'. They would tweak that for 2009 and plan to create a course for 2010

(v) Coach Trip

2008 Epworth Trip was reported as the best ever, particularly the guides for the Old Rectory. John Lindley's great input was appreciated.

2009 Kevin Waters undertook to ask John Lindley if he would plan a coach trip. He would accompany John on a planning trip to chosen venue. Suggestions for venue were requested for January meeting.

(vi) Open Meeting

2008 St. Hilda's, Nawton. Rev. Andrew de Smet's talk on Celtic Christianity and today was appreciated. 5 'outsiders' attended.

2009 1st week in July at St Chad's Kirkbymoorside. Kevin Waters agreed to ask Rev. David Emison to speak (20-30 mins.) Anji Dowson agreed to establish whether Church and/or Church room would be used.

(vii) Planning Meeting Autumn Meeting

2008 Those present appreciated the day's programme. Date clashed with several other meetings, hence small attendance.

2009 A Saturday later in October but before half term was suggested. Present format recommended.

(viii) School Books

2008 87 books had been presented, mostly at final assemblies, by Sue Greenwood, Helen Goodman, David Purdy and the Mayor of Kirkbymoorside (KM Friends Meeting)

2009 Schools were happy to receive books. Ideas were sought for encouragement of feedback from children to increase impact.

(ix) Barnabas Project

2008 RCC had supported by funding one Barnabas Day. 2 schools participated.

2009 Alice Brown(organiser) was in touch with schools that had not so far participated .

(x) Summer Evening Service

2008 Pockley. Appreciated by the fellowship there and by the Council.

2009 Cropton was suggested. Anji Dowson undertook to ask Alistair Ferguson and fix a date, preferably a Thursday around 21st May.

(xi) Quiet Day

2007 At Holyrood House led by Rosemary Roberts and helpers. This had been valuable to participants including several non Council members

2008 Holy Rood House was suggested. Rosemary Roberts was to be asked to lead. Helen Goodman agreed to make arrangements for 12th or 19th September if possible.

4 New Ideas

Presentation to congregations. A draft outline was circulated. Comments were invited to Rosemary Roberts or Judith Gubbins. Power point presentation was being prepared. It was agreed that 2 members would make each presentation. 4 congregations so far had shown interest.

Web site. Mike Gray suggested that members and others looked at the RCC website and used it.

5 Any other business

Recruitment of Council members according to our constitution was considered. It was agreed that our present practice of co-option on personal recommendation was successful and in order

Prayers were asked for a Catholic Mass for businessmen at York Minster for which Anji Dowson had written two pieces to be sung after communion and trained a choir. Choir members might sing one piece at Songs of Praise

The meeting closed with the Grace at 1pm.