

Update from Events WG – 7th October 2025

(5) Meeting action log was noted; it was positive to see the log is mostly green with actions having been completed. It was noted that the Saxilby Wildlife Support Group is still 'on hold', we will look to progress this. It was also noted that there has been no further information brought to us regarding the Dutch Football exchange.

(6) Discussed items on the draft 2026 calendar and gave feedback on all proposed events, we will look to be finalising the calendar next month ready to take to November P&D committee. A Preloved Sale was positively received, and it was thought one or both rooms upstairs could be used.

The Yard Sale could be a twice-year event.

A picnic on the recreation ground would be a good idea for The Big Lunch in June; ideas include a teddy-bears picnic and some garden-type games to encourage families to come down – to discuss more at next meeting.

Agreed to talk to the history group about whether they would do a Blue Plaque walk next year. See if the cycling event is brought up again by the previously interested party.

A Craft Market in October could be popular. It was felt that people could pay to hold a stall, and we could charge a small entrance fee – to go towards a future project. Still to be decided whether to hold in rooms upstairs or see whether the Village Hall could host. Cllr Saunders will informally talk with Jackie from Village Hall.

We need to liaise with other groups/organisation in the village to see what other events are happening to add to the calendar to ensure no clashes.

(7) After discussion it was agreed that a regular monthly coffee morning would be too much, but holding four during the warmer months would be more feasible. They would be in liaison with the SIGNS/Welcome Hub on a Friday morning. We could ask for cake donations or raffle prizes. Agreed for March – RNLI, May – BHF, Sept – Macmillan, with one more in July for the upcoming Wildlife Support Group.

(8-9) All members present were also in attendance for the Christmas meeting, so no further discussion needed. For The Remembrance meeting, it was noted that Cllr Bowden will no longer be present to read the WWI names, so it will go to committee to agree another councillor to do this, also need to nominate a councillor to lay a wreath. Councillors will direct the wreath layers; Cllr Saunders has volunteered to greet/sign residents in for the coffee/cakes upstairs after the service.

(10) Still waiting for feedback from the groups who attended, but in the meantime our feedback was:

- An events plans needs to be in place
- More signage – first aid, lost children, where the groups are, what times the sessions are on.
- Better advertising and encourage the groups to self-advertise
- Need to follow-up on bookings so they are confirmed
- Need to plan a lot earlier so the event isn't put together last minute
- Need to advertise more widely – include the school, Wispington, shops, Scouts,
- Need to also focus on health not just sports
- Would be better held May, subject to where we are with the MUGA build.

Recommendations and actions

To note the update

To note the action log

To note the draft 2026 calendar.

(11) To propose organising and hosting an Open Sports Day next year. Date to be confirmed subject to where we are with the MUGA.

(12) To recommend in principle to hold four coffee mornings to raise funds for the specified National/local organisations/groups.

(13) To propose all (willing) councillors on the Events WG to undertake a First Aid course and to have DBS checks, to better assist with future events.

(14) it was agreed not to proceed with this recommendation.