

Cornhill Events Team report, November 11th 2021

Festive lights: Great progress has been made mostly because Jim and Joan Manuel have taken on the responsibility; we are all very grateful to them.

Jim has checked with Paul Smith about the lamp post motifs which are now stored in the Village Shop and Lynda Waite has agreed to contact Colin McGregor to arrange a date when he can provide his cherry picker to put the lights up onto the street lamps. However, there seems to be a problem with one of the lamp posts, which we need to look into further.

A group of us walked round the village checking the tree lights. They all work except the ones on the tree that was burnt. More tree lights, have been purchased for this tree and two extra trees we identified. We attempted to contact the electrician in Berwick who put the original tree lights up, but he has not yet responded. If we don't hear from him, Gerald Piercy and Jack Milburn have kindly volunteered to help Jim put these new sets in the trees.

Jim and Joan have donated 6 new sets of 20 feet of solar lights, to be placed around two trees and a fence in the Tweed Meadows area. One of the trees is in a private garden, but Chrissy has spoken to the homeowner who has kindly given his permission;

We have also received two £100 donations. One of the donors specifically asked for lights to be placed around the Churchyard if possible, so we purchased 10 sets of solar lights using his donation, enough to decorate the external wall and a couple of bushes, subject to approval from the Church Wardens.

There is now just over £430 in the festive lights fund. Batteries have to be bought and there may be some fixing charges. However, no fund raising is needed this year.

Social History Group:

This is on-going with new material coming in occasionally. We have not held any meetings since the start of the pandemic.

Churchyard:

No clearance by the volunteers has taken place but the hedges have been cut by NCC. For the time being the idea of a chain-saw sculpture has been put on one side - Sue Lindsay and ED recently visited a stone sculptor. She will produce some rough sketches of our ideas by January. A sculpture in stone will be very expensive and before permissions and funding are investigated, the thoughts of the community will be sought.

Talks:

These could start again but ED would need some help with organisation. ED can find speakers. The people who used to help have now left the village or are involved in other ventures.

Footpath Walks:

Janet Chubb is organising these in Carham. Perhaps Mick will continue with his in Cornhill; please could someone ask him?

Monthly Lunches and the Christmas Lunch:

These were organised by Bell View with help from St Helen's PCC and Parish Council members but they are listed now under the Events Team activities. Jane from Bell View is waiting until the Village Hall committee agrees it is safe to serve food in the hall again.

Summer Fair:

Hopefully, this will be organised for next summer.