

# Look ahead for 2020

*Discussion on future plans and what is happening in the village during the year*

MBF Meeting, Rose & Crown, 6:30pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Present: Natasha Bartlett, Abby Lafferty, Chris Lilly, Gill & Mike Marengi, Roger & Veronique Stone, Gill Weavers, Michael Wilford, Kate Wilson

In the first part of the meeting we discussed ideas for future meetings. The following were suggested:

- VAT / Accounting / Tax for sole traders and small businesses
- Local speakers e.g. from Mayfield School, the Parish Council, Classic Cottages, other businesses
- Open Evening inviting all businesses in the parish
- Networking / Social media

It was also suggested that the meetings should be publicised on Facebook.

Michael Wilford offered his help on issues of development in relation to building and structures.

We then reviewed some of the village activities planned for 2020:

**Parish in Bloom:** Mayfield and Five Ashes will not be entering this year. There had not been many people offering to help, there was no evidence that previous entries had boosted footfall in the shops, and the High Street was unlikely to be at its best due to scaffolding and the sink hole.

However, there will still be planters installed in the High Street and an entry to the competition in 2021 was likely.

In the meantime the Parish Council are looking at ways to promote the fact that we have won gold medals in previous years, including the possibility of white gates at the entrance to the village> This would provide a site to highlight the awards.

**Mayfair and VE75 activities:** the Mayfield Mayfair will not be held this year. Instead on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, which is a bank holiday, there will be a series of events to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day. These will include a street party in the High Street at lunchtime, The Last Post, A Toast to the Heroes, a Cry for Peace and an evening WWII-themed dance. There will be more details in the coming months

Shops are invited to offer food and refreshments during the day, and especially during the street party.

**House of Commons visit:** 6 of those present were interested in taking up Nus Ghani's offer to arrange a visit for us. Anyone else who is interested should please contact Chris Lilly or Roger Stone.

Other items: the **red telephone kiosk in the High Street** is awaiting a contractor to cement the base before being used for tourist information. It was also suggested it would be a good place for offering books to read.