

Friends of Palani Bulletin No 3

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Once again there was a good attendance for the third meeting of the Friends of Palani. The meeting was opened with prayer by Ruth.

We discussed upcoming and recent events:

14th June - Curry Evening raised £1096.72. This is not the final figure as we still have some card payments to clear and a promised donation.

18th August - Jenny Butterworth's Open Garden, 2.30-5 pm. Val and Margaret Tracy have agreed to help with refreshments.

21st September - Palani Fun Day, 2-5 pm. This is to be an afternoon of fun and games for church member and friends. Bee, Carol and Val will form a sub-committee to organise games and light refreshments. Ruth will look at sourcing Indian style cakes. It is hoped that we can arrange a video link with the Palani mission.

Craft Fair - 2nd November. This year Bee will run a Palani stall rather than the usual bric-a-brac stall. Ruth has spoken to Deborah from the Sewing Project and she will make some small items, such as table runners, cushion covers, bags and napkins which can be brought back from India for us to sell. A suggestion was put forward that we produce some Christmas cards and notelets for the Craft Fair and Saju suggested that he could produce some Indian recipe books to sell, along with spices.

We all viewed the designs for the Palani Logo competition, which were mostly from Footsteps and the 8th Fleet Brownies. The winner was Mahima by a unanimous decision. Christine will speak to Mahima about some minor changes. Carol to purchase an art box as a prize.

Future events suggested:

Possible Coffee morning in early October.

Ruth has decided to do the Fleet Fun Walk in May 2020 in aid of Palani. Anyone wishing to join her would be most welcome.

John then explained the finances. We need to send out £1200 for the two nurses' fees for next year. Deborah has been sent £300 to purchase materials for the items the Sewing Project will make for the Craft Fair. This will leave us approximately £2000 for supporting future and existing projects. Ruth told us that she has been discussing with Deborah a project of bead and jewellery making for the younger women. Once again these would be smaller items that could be brought back and sold here.

There is also £614 to go to the Kerala Orphanage.

Saju also asked the group if we could extend an invitation for some of the Palani personnel to come to Fleet for a visit. There would be no cost incurred by Fleet URC but we would need to offer accommodation for their stay. Ruth will talk to Sheeba, Mary's sister to discuss this.

Next Meeting: **4th September at 7.30 pm** at the home of Christine and John Gibbons

The meeting closed with a prayer and the Grace.