



FLAG News

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Dates for your Diary 2019

24th January
Drop-in

31st January
Drop-in

7th February
Drop-in

14h February
Drop-in

21st February
Tea, Coffee, Cake
Social Afternoon

28th February
Committee
Meeting

7th March
Drop-in

14th March
Harry Potter trip

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Winter

Winter is upon us, thoughts of Summer long gone.
But don't stress, it'll be Summer again before long.

The heatwave of twenty eighteen, has now been.
The forecast for twenty nineteen, has anyone seen.

Whatever the weather I don't care a bit.
As long as its sunny for our FLAG trip.

**Harry Potter
Studio Tour trip
14th March 2019**

Flyers will
be coming
out soon

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Next Year's events.

Fundraiser, Thursday Afternoons.



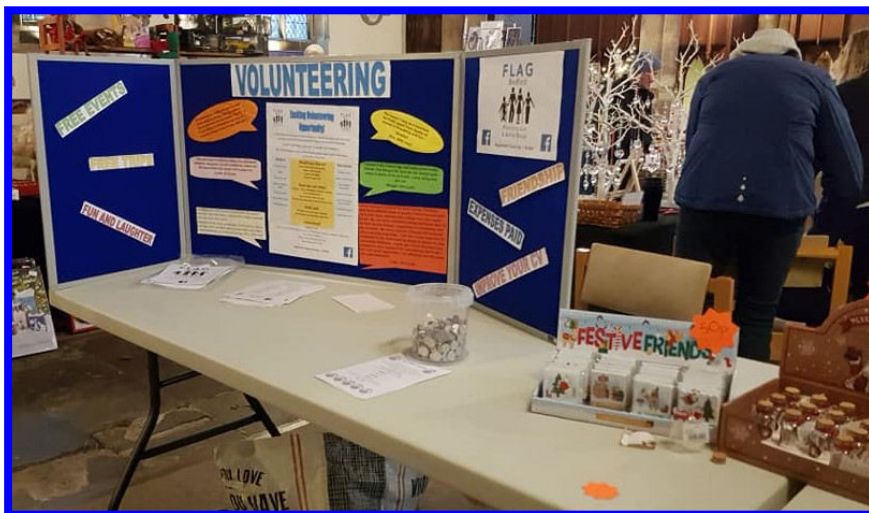
Priory Methodist Church Autumn Fair - 3rd Nov 2018

We raised £52.70 for FLAG.



St Paul's Church Winter Fair - 24th Nov 2018

We raised £48.00 for FLAG.



FLAG Committee Meeting

29th November 2018



This was the first meeting in a while that all of the Committee were able to attend, so we took a break during the meeting to have a photo taken to mark the event. A big thank you to Kayleigh who took the photo.

The Committee meet every six weeks, which means eight meetings per year, with one of those being the AGM in May.

At each meeting we begin by going over and agreeing the Minutes from the last meeting, next it is my turn to give the Treasurers Report, which gives an idea of FLAG's present financial

status. We then go on to discuss Funding and Fundraising, we go over Previous Events to see if they went smoothly and members enjoyed them, we go on to look at the plans for Future Events, this time it was the Christmas Meal and Harry Potter. On top of that we then decided on the list of possible Events for the year 2019/2020. Members will get to pick their favourites at the Christmas Meal. We talked about New Members and trying to Recruit Volunteers. We discussed a few minor things and then closed the meeting.

FLAG Committee

Laura Peggs

Linda Clements

Tracey Brightman

Bernadette Frisby

Ros Graham

Brendan Gaunt

Gordon Cooke

FLAG employee

Linda Payne

Job Description

Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer, Newsletter, Fundraiser

Community Co-ordinator

Committee Support

Community Fundraising Support

Member Liaison

Job Description

Administrator

Tracey Brightman

St Pauls' Church Bedford - Christmas Tree Festival 2018

This year's theme - CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

This is FLAG's 5th year decorating a Christmas Tree for the Festival. As the theme this year was "Christmas around the World," it was decided that we should make Baubles and add flag's from all countries around the world to them. Over 4 FLAG Drop-ins the baubles were made. Firstly, members painted some polystyrene balls of four different sizes with two coats of paint, leaving them to dry after each coat.



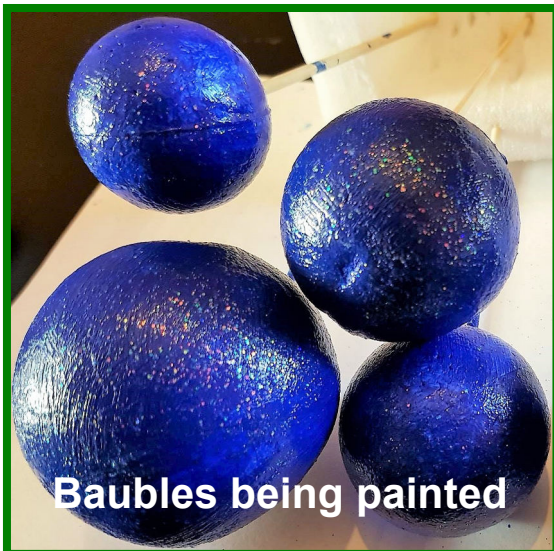
Secondly, members painted the Baubles with a sparkly varnish called Mod Podge that paints on white but dries clear. Ribbons were then added by glue and pins and finally a different country's flag was added to each bauble.



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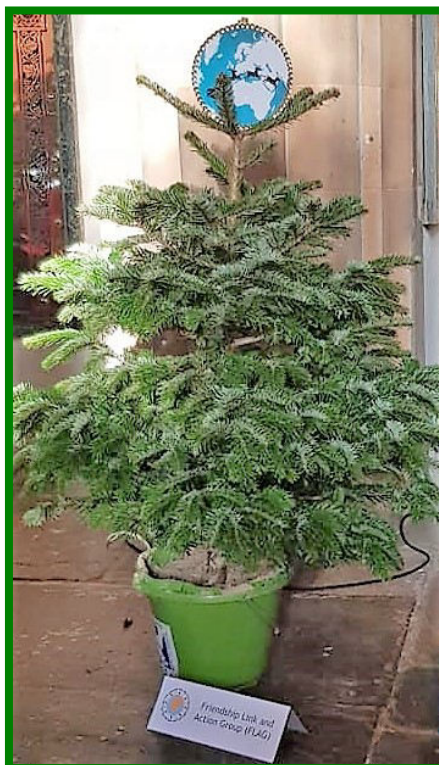
The last decoration to do was the globe to put on the top of the tree. This was done by Laura P, who did a great job as usual.



St Pauls' Church Bedford - Christmas Tree Festival 2018

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CHRISTMAS AROUND
THE WORLD**

Lastly the tree had to be decorated. Laura P and Linda C met at St Paul's church with the Baubles and attached them to the tree. A set of lights and a bit of tinsel was added and the FLAG Christmas Tree was complete. Well done all.



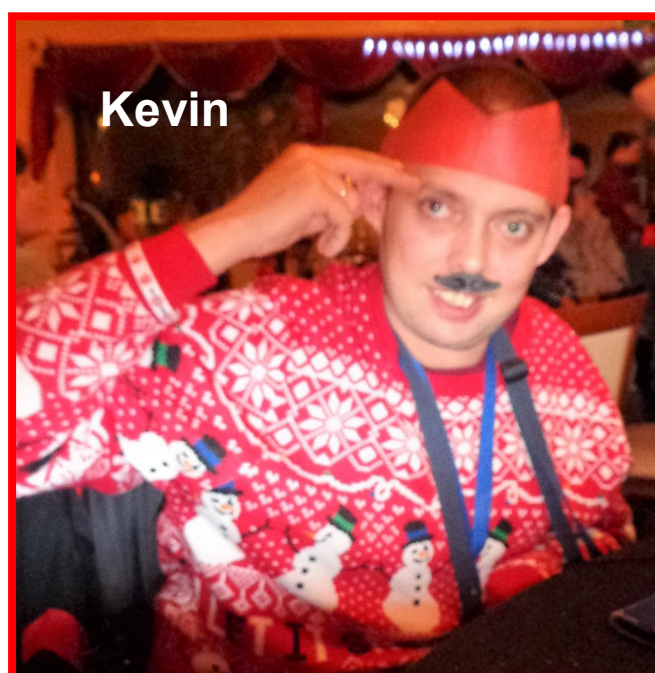
Finished Christmas Tree



Linda & the Christmas Tree

Christmas Meal**12th Dec 2018, Tre Fratelli's, Wood End**

Forty-two FLAG Members and friends enjoyed a three-course Christmas Meal at the Tre Fratelli restaurant in Wood End Kempston. I arrived first and looked around at the wonderful function room we had for the evening. The tables were laid out beautifully, it was decorated for Christmas, there was a bar at one end and a dance floor the other end. Other members began to arrive and it was beginning to feel a bit like Christmas.

**The Function Room****Maggie & Carole****Kevin**

Christmas Meal**12th Dec 2018, Tre Fratelli's, Wood End**

We were supposed to start eating at 7.00pm but we waited until 7.30 as some members were running late. I had the soup for starters, which was really nice. The service was very good and we were soon on to the main course, turkey for me.

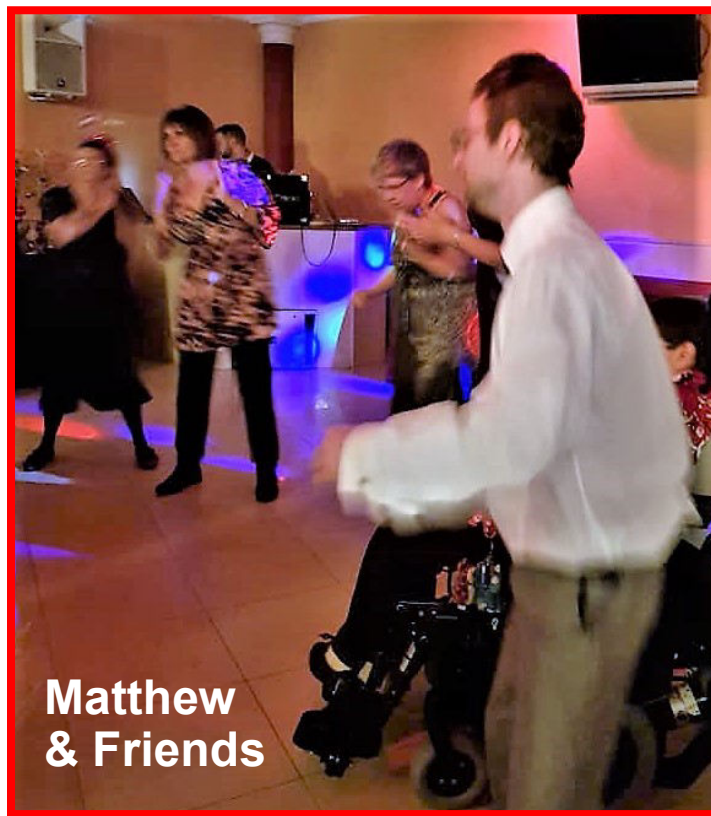


Christmas Meal**12th Dec 2018, Tre Fratelli's, Wood End**

Lastly the dessert was served. I had a delicious Chocolate Brownie. Laura P had a Cheesecake but was a bit worried about the decoration on top of it (see photo). After a bit of asking around and Googling she found out it was a Chinese Gooseberry.



Chinese Gooseberry



Matthew
& Friends

After pudding the DJ started up and we enjoyed a bit of a dance until it was time to go home. Let us know if you would like to go there again this year.

Tracey Brightman

Christmas Tea/coffee Cake afternoon

We raised £34.00 at the Christmas Tea/coffee cake afternoon.
Thank you everyone.

FLAG Administrator

Linda Payne is resigning from her job as Administrator in September. Happily Linda will stay on as a Volunteer though. Do you know anyone who might like the job. They would need to have a computer and computer skills and preferably be able to drive. Let us know.

2019/20 FLAG Events.

It has become customary for the FLAG Trustees to gather ideas from members for FLAG trips during the year, then ask Members to select their favourites. The three most popular Coach Trips and the most popular Local Events win. FLAG Trustees will endeavour to put the other events on next years list.

This year the survey was carried out at our Christmas Meal and Christmas Coffee Afternoon by Linda Clements and her daughter Katie. A big thank you to them.



We can now confirm the results as follows:

Coach Trips

	Votes
Milton Keynes Theatre - We Will Rock You	25
Bekonscot Model Village and Railway	16
Canal Boat Trip	15
Sandringham House	14
Wembley Stadium	11
Garden Centre / Afternoon Tea	11

Local Events

	Votes
Halloween Party with Magician	11
Quiz Night	8
Beetle Drive	7

Therefore FLAG's exciting 2019/20 programme will include trips to Bekonscot Model Village, a Canal Boat trip and, the most popular by far, a trip to see We Will Rock You, the musical at Milton Keynes. Tickets are already reserved so no fear of disappointment. The local events will consist of a Halloween Party and as always our scintillating AGM and Christmas Meal.

Laura Peggs

2019/2020 events



AGM / Supper

30th May 2019

Priory Methodist Church

(Evening event with food)



Canal Boat trip

July 2019

To be arranged

(Day Trip)



Bekonscot Model Village and Railway



September 2019

To be arranged

(Day Trip)



Halloween Party & Magician



October 2019

To be arranged

(Evening event with food)



Christmas Meal

December 2019

To be arranged

(Evening event with food)



"We Will Rock You" the musical



Milton Keynes Theatre

24th Mar 2020

(Evening)



The above are proposed events, dates and venues and are subject to change.

**Dates for your
Diary 2018****21st March**Tea, Coffee, Cake
Social Afternoon**28th March**

Drop-in

4th April

Drop-in

11th AprilCommittee
Meeting**18th April**Tea, Coffee, Cake
Social Afternoon**25th April**

Drop-in

2nd May

Drop-in

9th May

Drop-in

16th MayTea, Coffee, Cake
Social Afternoon**23rd May**

Drop-in

30th MayAGM / Supper
(evening)**6th June**

Drop-in

Please note dates
and times may
change.**2019 Summer Fundraiser**

Our annual Summer Fundraiser this year will be on Thursday 23rd August from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. Last year we had Cakes and the year before we had Scones and Cream. Let us know what you would like this year or if you have an idea of something else we could serve let us know.

Support at Drop-ins/Coffee Afternoons.
1.30pm to 4.00pm, see dates for your diary.

The Committee would like to remind members that unfortunately we cannot offer volunteer support at or to and from our Thursday afternoon gatherings.

Our volunteers are very dedicated and their contribution is invaluable at our bi-monthly trips and events. It is for this reason we do not ask them to commit to weekly events, which occasionally means there is no volunteer support at a Thursday afternoon. It is great to see people at our Drop-ins and Coffee Afternoons but please ensure you can get there and get home safely by your own means.

The FLAG trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers who often drop-in to see us.

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