

WOTTON UNDER EDGE CHAMBER OF TRADE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE STAR INN 22nd NOVEMBER 2006

1. Welcome

Claire Wilkinson opened the meeting on behalf of Alex who was unable to attend.

2. Apologies

Received from Alex Wilkinson, Julie Parry, Michael Rigby & Assoc, John Dancy, Nicky Train, Nicola Jotcham-Brown

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Unfortunately, these had been mislaid and so were unable to be approved.

4. Report on Bonfire Night

the Chamber decided to run a stall selling toffee apples and gingerbread men. This was organised by Jacqui and run by Jacqui with help from Claire and Alex. We made a profit of £40.

5. Christmas under the Edge

Preparations are well under way for the trees and lights to be put-up. We have received a cheque for £1000 from the Town Council as a contribution towards this. Letter of thanks has been sent. Jacqui discussed all outstanding arrangements and details of who would be doing what. Full page colour advertisement to go in The Gazette. Hopefully, we will get some editorial coverage after the event. Advert also went in the Wotton Directory and included a programme of events.

6. Christmas Party

All tickets have been sold, with a number of members inviting additional guests. The Swan Inn has recently changed hands, but Nicky is confident with the arrangements.

7. Memorial Service

This was attended by Alex Wilkinson and a wreath was laid by him on behalf of the Chamber.

8. Date and venue of next meeting

7.30 on 25th January at The Royal Oak.

9. Any other business:

- Cookability reached the finals of the Gloucestershire Business Awards. Another impressive achievement for them which helps raise the profile of small businesses in Wotton.
- Another reminder for shopkeepers to beware – there have been a number of robberies recently. Business owners should ensure they have adequate security measures in place.
- Wotton is to host its own radio show in the New Year. Jeanette will contact people, inviting them to take part.