



**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
1 MARCH 2011**

Present: Ralph Maloney (Chair)
Jane Maloney
Dave and Jo Blackett
Martin Bell
Mary Edwards
Nanda De Rosa
Carol Wyles
Michelle Deller
Gareth and Susan James
Louise Sullivan
Richard Malachowski
Marcia Bird
Will Ruddell
Alison Hares
Steve Pratt
Jacqui Hedington
Justine Eldred
Eileen Le Voi
Jane Brown and Kelly Huntingdon, First Responders
Dave Dennis, guest speaker

Apologies: Martin Owen
Bob Finegan
Neville Diss
Adam and Clare Merton
Brian Williamson
Chris Deller
Kim Burberry
Paul and Krystyna
Hayley Gillespie

1. **Apologies:**

Apologies are noted as above.

2. **Introductions:**

Introductions were made for the purpose of all members present.

3. **New members' details:**

SSBP membership currently stands at approximately 26 members with the possibility of 3 joining soon.

4. **Website update:**

Adam Merton was not present at this evening's meeting. Agenda item to be carried forward to next month's meeting.

5. **News and updates - First Responders in Sawtry:**

First Responders is an emergency service run by volunteers in Sawtry. Jane Brown and Kelly Huntingdon are the volunteers who were present this evening to talk about the service First Responders provides. Whenever an ambulance is despatched to Sawtry for someone with cardiac/breathing problems First Responders are contacted and are usually on site prior to the ambulance arriving. They have one medical bag between them and are holding a charity night to raise £2,000 to enable them to buy another one. The charity night will be held on 2 April 2011 at the Sawtry College. Tickets are £10 each. Entertainment for the evening includes comedians and a magician. For anyone wishing to have more information either on the service First Responders provides or the charity evening please contact Ralph Maloney.

Ralph Maloney has details on the Nectar Business Awards. Some of the prizes include £2,000 cash and Nectar bonus points. Please contact Ralph Maloney for more details

Ralph Maloney wanted members to be aware that he recently picked up an envelope from the Post Office and was charged £1.32 as the letter was not stamped. The envelope was from AA Accountants promoting their services. The company have been contacted and notified.

Members were told of a vet by the name of Martin Pengelly who provides his services in Sawtry at the WI Hall each Tuesday between 2-3pm should any member be interested in using his services. Please contact Ralph Maloney for further information.

Local radio DJ Martin Jeeves may be attending next month's meeting and may also be involved in the charity night on 8 April 2011.

Members were encouraged to join two further websites:

Plugin2peterborough.co.uk
www.trade.co.uk

6. **Advertising leaflets - Sawtry Eye distribution leaflets:**

A few members have had business as a direct result of the advertising leaflet. It was suggested to redistribute the leaflets during May 2011.

Louise Sullivan has kindly offered to ask the doctor's surgery if we are able to leave advertising leaflets in their waiting area.

Jacqui Hedington has kindly offered to speak to the Sawtry Working Men's Club regarding advertising on their TV.

7. **Charity night Friday 8 April 2011:**

Current ticket sales stand at approximately 60. Target ticket sales is 120. Members were asked to ensure that they can sell as many tickets as possible for the night. **Action: All**

Funds raised from the ticket sales and auction will go to CARESCO and funds raised from the raffle will go to SSBP.

Yaxley Gazette has kindly agreed to run an advert for the charity night.

Members have kindly donated prizes and vouchers.

Thanks to Jacqui Hedington who has managed to secure a list of prizes for the night from a variety of businesses/organisations.

Entertainment for the evening will be Tampa Road Blues and another local singer has been booked to entertain in between sets.

8. **Guest speaker: Dave Dennis "Your legal responsibilities as a small business":**

Dave Dennis provides advice for small to medium businesses in respect of their legal requirements eg health and safety and personnel issues. He kindly gave a talk to the members this evening.

Please contact Ralph Maloney if you would like further information.

9. **Yaxley Gazette - Justine Eldred:**

Justine will be distributing 11,000 copies of a Little Black Book advertising businesses.

Anyone wishing to advertise in the book needs to speak to Justine by the beginning of April at the latest.

There will only be 5 businesses in each category included in the book on a first come first served basis.

The advert will be designed for free and the costs are determined by whether the advert is a single box, half page or full page.

Ralph Maloney to circulate further details plus costs. **Action: Ralph Maloney**

10. **Sawtry carnival Saturday 11 June 2011:**

The theme for this year's carnival is Kings and Queens.

Ralph Maloney to send members an email to see who wishes to demonstrate as this will decide the size of the marquee. There is a restricted plot size. **Action: Ralph Maloney**

The organisers are asking for sponsorship in order to hire a climbing wall for children on the day. If anyone wishes to be a sponsor please contact Ralph.

Raffle prizes are needed.

11. **Next quiz night Friday 16 September:**

As already noted in previous meetings, Adam Merton has kindly agreed to set the questions for the night.

Zoe Ruddell will be asked to provide the catering again at approximately £5.50 per head.

Tickets for the evening will cost £2.

It was suggested to look into other local charities that could benefit from funds raised. If anyone would like a local charity to be considered please contact Ralph Maloney. **Action: All**

12. **Any other business:**

Will Ruddell will be doing the 3 Peaks Challenge in 24 hours on 1 June 2011 in order to raise money for Sudden Infant Death. Members will be able to sponsor Will through www.justgiving.com/willruddell

A quiz night is being held on 24 March 2011 at the Greystones to raise funds for the infants' school. Entry is £1. Please contact Jacqui Hedington for further information.

There will be a quiz night on 15 April 2011 at the Sawtry Working Men's Club. Entry fee is £5 and all proceeds will be going to the Royal British Legion.

A member recently used the services of a local company called Plug Test who specialise in PAT testing. Plug Test's services are being recommended to anyone else who may wish to use them. Further information can be found on their website www.plugtest.co.uk.

Next meeting: Tuesday 5 April 2011 at 7.30pm