**Parish Council to PCC Liaison – 16-7-15**

On behalf of ERPC I attended the Church’s Parish Awareness meeting on Sunday 17th May. The purpose of the meeting was to make villagers aware of the Church’s difficult financial position and to elicit ideas and suggestions as to how the Church might be safeguarded for the future.

The attendance (circa 20), feedback, and commitment from the village was quite poor however some useful ideas and suggestions were put forward. The most significant was to increase the volume of planned giving (regular monthly payments) which with the addition of gift aid would make a noticeable difference to the finances. It has subsequently been agreed to form a committee to action this although it is disappointing to note that no progress has been made to date.

Other ideas from the floor were:-

* Starting a choir
* Special services i.e. pet services to encourage families
* Lectures and discussion groups
* 100/200 club
* A nativity play
* Christmas tree festival
* Children to do readings

In the meantime there is further investigation into the addition of a toilet (deemed necessary for future fundraising events) and also the PCC are actively looking for new members.

The Pimms party and Fete on the 5th July was a great success with £515 being raised for the church

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