

Occold Village Groups Forum

On the evening of 29th April 2009, 21 people representing various groups from the village, met in the village hall to share information and ideas.

At this inaugural meeting, Steve Tarrant (ORAC), was the chairperson. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with matters concerning ORAC and the New Village Hall.

The date of the Grand Opening had been set for Saturday 19th September 2009. Various ideas were put forward and discussed for activities at the open day, at which it was hoped that as many groups and individuals as possible, from the village would be involved.

Other groups/people represented, then shared things that were planned, among which were:

Andy and Terri Andrews – to host a Sentimental Journey Evening in the village hall on the evening of 14 November 2009. There will be a £10 charge, which includes a meal and appropriate entertainment. However a certain number of free places would be available for villagers aged 75 and over.

Frank Sherman – The Red Feather Club were holding a Grand Open Day on 17 May 2009 at which many World War II attractions would be represented/present. There would also be a 1940's themed dance on the evening of 16 May 2009.

Gill Richardson – A cheese and wine evening would be held at St Michael's Church on 15 May 2009. This would be followed by a plant sale on 16 May 2009.

Brian Hull – The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is being re-started in the village. More details would follow shortly.

Friends of Occold School – The Summer Ball will be held on 26 September 2009.

Following discussion and refreshments, it was agreed that further meetings between all groups would be beneficial, and these would be held approximately at 6 monthly intervals. However, the next meeting was set for 19 August 2009, so that each group could confirm how they would like to be involved at the Grand Opening of the New Village Hall.

Steve was asked to Chair the next meeting – to which he agreed.