

REPORT TO NMPC APRIL 2025

Potential Event at Abbots Hills School

Further to the engagement visit to the school in February 2025 by myself, Councillor Nicola Cobb and Nikki Bugden as Clerk, it became apparent that there is an opportunity to explore further engagement between the Nash Mills Parish residents and the school.

The school catering team would be able to put on an afternoon tea event at Abbots Hill in the summer. We anticipate that the catering team would design a menu for which they would charge per head, and that NMPC would promote the event in the local community and sell tickets.

The school is amenable to such an event and have proposed some dates – the only 3 possible dates before summer are:

- 3 May
- 24 May
- 7 Jun

Costs are tbc but sandwiches, cake, tea / coffee is estimated at £16-21 pp – as they bring staff in on a day off etc.

We would need to pre-sell tickets. The dining room seats 120 with as many as you like outside on their own picnic blankets – the school suggests that we should aim for at least 100 if we are to proceed.

They would also set up an ice cream and a posh coffee from their trailer too – as an option for people to use (at their own additional cost).

To note that they don't normally allow dogs on site.

Questions:

- Does Council support such an event in principle?
- If yes, on what date?
- Can we sell 100 tickets? What sales platform should we use
- How would we promote it?
 - Magazine ?
 - Social media ?
 - Residents Association ?
 - Leaflet drop ?
- A risk assessment would be required.
- Any other considerations?

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