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**Subject:** Grant Application for Coffee on the Close

Hi Donna,

Please can this be added to the agenda for consideration for a grant.

I'm currently running Coffee on the Close voluntarily on a fortnightly basis.  
It's attended by around 18-25 parishioners of a certain age demographic (Over 65's)

I recently secured funding to cover the cost of the village hall hire for the remainder of the financial year, as well as a soup kettle.

Coffee on the Close is priced so that residents can attend, have a hot lunch and drink with biscuits, in a heated building for £3.00pp. I'm able to do this thanks to Cllr Adam's generous donation.

The group has proved a valuable space for 4 parishioners who have recently become widowed. I have arranged transport for residents to hospital appointments & helped residents with internet support.

The police have recently attended to offer reassurance to parishioners and hear their feedback & Hereford and Worcester Fire Service are attending in November to talk about home safety.

Looking forward to Christmas, I'd like to ask the Parish Council to consider a donation of £100 towards a Christmas Party.

I have spoken with Rob and Vicki at the Masons Arms & they are happy to put a Christmas buffet on at the cost of £6.50 per person. This would enable the parishioners to have a social event and use the facilities at the pub. My hope would be they'd then feel comfortable enough to use the pub as a social and warm space over the Christmas period when Coffee on the Close would take a 4 week break

£100 towards this would subsidise a big majority of the cost, therefore I'd be able to charge £2.50 to the attendees for a Lunchtime buffet which is a cost I know fits into everyone's budget that currently attends.

Thanks  
Jodi

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