

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	4 April 2017
Title:	Report - External Organisations

Cuttle Brook Management Committee (Cllrs Jones & Stiles)

Thanks to the generosity of the local Rotary Club the Volunteers have been able to buy a hand-held, digital microscope. Water sampling continues. The level of the pond has risen slightly and input has been increased which should help further. A tawny owl nesting box has been put in the woods near the Scout Hut. The Bring and Share Christmas picnic was a great success. The waste bins are being well used by the public. A new scythe bar cutter and trailer have been ordered and the shipping container has been tidied and sorted to make sure there is space for them to be stored. The volunteers continue to work hard to maintain the reserve.

Thame Carnival Committee (Cllr Emery)

Meeting minutes for Thursday 23rd February 2017

Sue chaired the meeting & Mike Bradley took the minutes. Sadly Kevin Schleising has stood down in his active role, he hopes to rejoin us when he is available again. We all miss Kevin & thank him for his contribution last year and so far as he was able this year.

No business stalls unless a fun element, food or drink

Emails out

1) To confirm this meeting, we all welcomed back Kieron Blanco from last year. We were pleased he is taking on the booking of the WC.

2) For advertises within the programme

Ignite confirmed quickly to back outside cover

Kubota also replied after above, Sue to sort but Mike to reserve the inside back cover for Kubota

The Practice health clinic manager Catherine Lock ½

Thame Music Academy 1/2 page

3) Stall holders

Thame Music Academy, Kubota, Racquets, Duck race, Sobell House

Carnival stalls - Emma Fotherby

Area required - Thame Classic Cars

Area required - The Lions Land Train

Lord William's Pimm

Who's in the Parade

Fire Service, Kubota, Thame Classic Cars, Barley Hill, John Hampden, St Josephs

Simon to magic up more schools from the local area

Natalie Bright Creative Haus has been touch with Sue, and we thank her for the work completed so far. She has designed TC2017 logo, which we all agree is good & distinctive. All adverts should be sent across to her asap. Mike to send copy of 2016 programme.

Mike Bradley

TARGET DATE next meeting Thursday 30th March 2017

Contact Gregory's for trucks on the Parade Day 10th June 2017

Contact Vaughan Humphries – Thame Classic Cars reference Marshall's for road closure

To have a cash float on the day to provide soft drinks & tea (a pint of beer) to marshall's & committee. A small budget to be agreed.

Mike Bradley has booked:

- The Recreation Field with Thame Town Council Office TTCO
- The Planters with TTCO
- The railing outside the CAB with TTCO
- The Road Closure with the transport office SODC

Mike Bradley has contacted Block 9 they are giving us TEN free boards.

Mike Bradley has contacted My Vinyl Frontier asked them for TEN free boards. Not yet had a reply.

Note we are **NOT** having the kite flag at £99 each as would need ten & they are **NOT** value for money.

Rob Ellis

TARGET DATE next meeting Thursday 30th March 2017

To confirm availability The Lions Land Train

To bring to next meeting last year Spreadsheet for road closure

To printout burger vouchers 60 or 80

Dan East

TARGET DATE next meeting Thursday 30th March 2017

Has asked four companies for quotes - one no longer trading

To contact Thame Classic cars

To confirm radios from MRZY (mersy)

To advise TCC2017 if and when EYAI establish its Charity status. To take responsibility for associating TCC2017 with EYAI regarding the raffle & to advise TCC2017 of treasurer for EYAI.

To advise TCC2017 of charity number asap.

Kieron Blanco

TARGET DATE next meeting Thursday 30th March 2017

To arrange port a loos WC

Can get eggs again for £2-50p per tray 30 eggs per tray So 480 eggs for £40 Need to check if Sobelle House can better this price

Simon Markland

TARGET DATE next meeting Thursday 30th March 2017

To contact local schools in addition to Barley Hill & John Hampden & St Joseph & Lord Williams

To contact a number of Street Entertainer with a target budget of £600

Andy Ford

1) To lead the parade

2) Fire Service to do an event in show area will it be different from last year if possible

3) To provide a band on a float

4) Spread Eagle event on the evening of Saturday 10th June 2017

5) Parade event certificate

Peter Harris

Update next meeting Thursday 30th March 2017. Has applied for a fly pass if possible on Parade Day.

EYAI

We established that this does not have Charity status. Dan East say the application form was posted this week with four Trustees.

Beer tent to be run by The Thame Round Table headed up by Tim Lancaster again (Kieron Blanco helping serve).

Joanne Beer of Sobell House

To contact Victoria Pendleton

To get a price for 480 eggs or agree for Kieron Blanco to go ahead & order

To supply vans & men on Thursday & Saturday

To provide three or more road closure Marshall

To book St Johns ambulance

Road Closure

Rob Ellis to bring in Spreadsheet for 2016

Key location

Southern Road roundabout & Recreation Entrance

The Rising Sun double roundabout Mike Bradley & Pete Harris

HSBC roundabout

Nelson Street both ends & The Market Car park

The Cross Keys Pete & Trudy customers will cover this as per last year

Marks & Spence's Garage

The Station Yard Rob Ellis & Dan East & Hugh Tulloch

Conclusion:-

Sue asked four question for us all to think about

1/ How to improve upon the success of 2016

2/ More schools in the parade (Simon Markland to apply his skills)

3/ The crowd enjoyed the Entertainment (Simon Markland to apply his skills)

So more of the same PLUS more ideas

4/ The crowd enjoyed the activities for their children Family focused

So more of the same PLUS more ideas

Follow up status of EYAI, to confirm that TCC2017 are happy or not to be associated & give funding to EYAI and run a raffle under the umbrella of TCC2017

May be we should vote on this at a committee meeting before we become involved?

People we still need to find to cover the three roles below:

1. Parade organiser
2. Stall plan organiser
3. Celebrity to open the proceedings

Next meeting Thursday 30th March 2017 @ 7-30pm location Racquets Fitness Centre bar.

Thame Football Partnership (Cllr Dyer)

Thame football is entering a new era following the resignation of Frank Thompson to take up a position at Oxford City. Volunteers are rising to the challenge and are now covering the most important functions, albeit with a steep learning curve, and Lauren Austin has taken on the roles of Licensee, Bar Manager, and Events.

Measures have been put in place to meet the current financial challenges, with further economies and savings in the pipeline, and positive cash flow is now forecast from late summer and into next season. There is also now a consensus regarding the desirability of uniting the seniors (Thame United) and juniors (Thame Boys) as a single club with a common identity, and talks are proceeding urgently with a view to implementation before next season.

On the pitch, Thame United are now top of the Hellenic league and looking almost certain for promotion into the Southern League next season, which will further enhance the club's status both in the local community and in the wider footballing circles.

Twinning Association (Cllr Emery)

Funds now available for the Montesson visit. 19 to 21 May 2017. Planning for the visit is at an advanced stage.

We will be attending Thame Carnival to raise funds and solicit new members. Attendance at the Food Festival at the Show Ground will not be an option.

The possible merger between Thame & District Twinning and Sinaia Friendship was discussed in committee on 16 February. The merger was rejected unanimously. This has been communicated to Sinaia committee.

Thame Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Midwinter)

Nothing to report as at 30.3.17.

Thame Town Cricket Club (Cllr Champken-Woods)

Reported under Item 8 of the agenda.

Chinnor RFC (Cllrs Bretherton & Dixon)

A very successful season in many ways (so far) with:-

- The opening of the phase 1 extension providing a new entrance/foyer, shop, office, internal lift, refurbished toilets and extended kitchen to cope with larger events.
- The 1st XV are 2nd in their league and seeking promotion via a playoff with 2nd in the Division 2 North league.
- 2nd XV are 3rd in their league; 3rd XV and the Vets are top of their leagues. The Colts are in the semi-finals of the National Colts Cup (on Sunday so will know the outcome for next week).
- The u/15s won the county cup while the U/14s were runners up in their competition.
- CRFC hosted a County festival for u/12s and u/11s with 30 teams competing.
- CRFC are now in negotiations with the Thame Agricultural Association for a long term lease on 2 full size pitches on the Thame Show Ground.
- CRFC are planning to start Phase 2 of their building programme in 2018. This will include 2 new on suite changing rooms, an officials changing room, a catering service hatch with an extended members bar above.

Community Rugby Links:

- The Youth section membership has increased this year with 10 more families enquiring about membership since December reflecting TTC/SODC predicted population growth

in the area with all the additional housing and supporting the Thame Sports Facility Strategy.

- CRFC have formed a partnership with Saracens with the Mini teams playing during their half time at Allianz Park, and they ran a Rugby Camp during the February half term at CRFC for all of the Community.
- Organised a Primary School Tag Rugby Festival now postponed to May due to inclement weather in March. 13 local Primary schools are taking part.

Music in the Park (Cllr Stiles)

Unfortunately I haven't been able to attend any recent meetings of the committee, but I understand that everything is on track for MiTP on 30th April 2017.

Tickets are now on sale at the usual venues, including the Information Centre at the Town Hall; there will be a stall at the market on Tuesday 18th and 25th April and at the Town Hall on Saturday 22nd and 29th April.

Red Kite Family Centre (Cllrs Stiles & Wyse)

The Working Group (formed through the Thame Alliance Group meetings) held its last meeting on 23rd March. The Centre will now be officially called the Red Kite Family Centre, its opening date is 1st April. There will be a launch event on 26th April from 10.00am to 14.00pm and an information and fundraising day in the Co-op on 22 April.

Four of the committee members John Hulett, Mary Stiles, Sarah Roberts and Rosie Pearce have volunteered to be Trustees of the new charity.

Thame Sinaia Friendship Association (Cllr Bretherton)

Nothing to report as at 30.3.17.

Thame Museum Trust (Cllr Emery)

Thame Museum planning consent approved for extension proposals. Next step is to obtain a detailed budget cost for the works, including design and fit out of the space. This to be followed by the hard work in raising the funds to undertake the works. Any fund raising ideas are welcome. Latest Q4 accounts not yet published; available 24th April.

Thame Remembers (Cllrs Bretherton and Dyer)

This ambitious project continues to exceed expectations and during February achieved one of the more difficult cross deliveries when Wendy Townsend was able to visit the grave of Driver George Crick at Cairo War Cemetery in Egypt (see newsletter no. 25).

In mid-March the people of Britain's northernmost remote community, the island of Unst in the north eastern Shetlands, unveiled a new memorial to commemorate the centenary of the loss of HM Submarine E49 on 12 March 1917 when she hit a German mine and exploded, killing all her crew of 31. One of the casualties was Able Seaman Francis Cartland from Thame and a Thame Remembers wreath was laid as part of the commemoration event (see newsletter no. 26, out soon).

In the meantime Thame Remembers have now completed the first round of submitting names and supporting evidence, for scrutiny by a Town Council Working Group, of men who it is believed

were missed off the Thame War Memorial and who can hopefully be added at a future date. From a total of 34 names submitted, 28 have been accepted and will be taken to Full Council at a future date for final approval and to determine how and when the additions can be made. The remaining six have been deferred for further consideration, allowing Thame Remembers researchers to seek more definitive evidence of their associations with the town.

Finally, just one last reminder that we still have places available on our Battlefield Tour to France and Belgium, 19-23 May”.

Towersey Festival (Cllrs Bretherton and Lambert)

Nothing to report as at 30.3.17.

Thame Music Festival (Cllrs Deacock and Wyse)

The Thame Music Festival Committee has been very busy, some of the music acts have been agreed, the venues have been arranged and the legal arrangements are being organised.

Jon Littler gave an update at the Annual Town Meeting on 28 March and answered questions.

Thame & District Day Centre (Cllr Midwinter)

Nothing to report as at 30.3.17.