

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

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Title:	Report - External Organisations

Cuttle Brook Management Committee (Cllrs Jones & Stiles)

The notice boards are now at the entrance to the reserve by St Joseph's School, at the tip site entrance off the rec and at the entrances from Cedar Crescent. The paths, where muddy, have had a layer of chippings put on them and low hanging branches have been pruned. The volunteers report really good use of the bins by the public. There was a picnic for the volunteers before Christmas which was well attended despite the rain. The new leaflet about the Cuttle Brook is being progressed.

Thame Carnival Committee (Cllr Emery)

Thame Carnival 2018 is taking place on Saturday 9th June 2018. The theme will be the Countryside. Chosen charities, the PTFAs of the three Thame Primary Schools and Lord Williams's School.

The first meeting of the Thame Carnival 2018 organising team took place in the bar at Racquets Fitness Centre

Float parade through Thame needs to be bigger. SM-D spoke to Dave Wybron very briefly about LWS building a float for this year. There is a "make a float" section in the DofE handbook. Justin Eyre (JHS TA) has agreed to run a float workshop to encourage other schools / businesses to build floats. St Joseph's to run workshops after school as in previous years. Thame cows in the parade. Parade to be more varied, encourage children to go on floats with their clubs maybe instead of their schools.

Prospective Stalls / floats:

Natalie Rushton – Starlight Theatre Group, Chinnor Rugby Club – AD to ask about a float and stall, Racquets – SM-D, JHS – Sharon to talk to Mr Hankey, St Joseph's – EH & RL to organise float – tractor & trailer, Barley Hill – SS to speak to the trustees about nominating a school Liaison, Fire Service – Andy Ford, Flash Mob – Sandra Brooks?, Young Farmers – Tractors, SM to contact John Anderson about the Parade, AGRI Social – AD to speak to Jess Smith to get involves with their Tractors, Farrols – RL, Pearce – RL, Yoga for kids – RL knows someone who can do this, Emma Stevenson – Gin Stall – *going to look at website with view to booking a stall*, Amy Spicer – Red Kite Family Centre – SS going to ask her about face-painting, Tea cups and trampolines – 25 years at Carnival – Charmaine Bacon, Sweets stall – 25 years at Carnival – John & Anita's refreshments, Zorbs by Craig – SS to contact, Crazy Golf – SS to contact, Selection of Food stalls, Ruby's Street Food – SS to contact, Stocks – from JHS – run by volunteers, Splat-a-rat – run by volunteers, Beer Tent – run by volunteers, Egg throwing – run by volunteers, Welly throwing – run by volunteers, Sobell House helped set up & ran 4 stalls last year.

Businesses to be involved by: Having a float in the parade; Advertise in the programme; Banners advertising the Carnival; Offer their services; Sponsorship; Run a stall.

Stalls: All stalls must provide an activity for the children at a reasonable price.

Carnival – FREE – activities for children & profits for the carnival

Thame Football Partnership (Cllr Dyer)

Following promotion last season Thame United have consolidated their position at the higher level, currently holding 10th place and are pursuing an outside chance that they could qualify for play-offs at the end of the season. Promotion has also served to boost attendances, which are averaging almost double the previous season's figures.

Off the pitch, significant changes in structure, staffing and cost control have transformed their finances, which are performing better than budget and resulting in a trading surplus and healthier cash flow even before factoring in the new income stream from the facility hire agreement with Travelodge.

Planning permission has been granted for earthworks to extend pitch provision and, subject to finalising any necessary modifications to the lease, it is hoped that this work can be completed during the Spring.

Twinning Association (Cllr Emery)

Continued success with Thame Twinning with Montesson.

£3000 in the Bank to fund the Montesson 11th to 13th May visit.

Quiz Night in November. A record 13 teams competed.

Attendance at the Montesson Christmas market generated £435 net profit; improved margins from B&M low cost purchases and homemade cake sales. Thame Christmas market trading profitable and Xmas party broke even.

45 members attended our Saturday Christmas Party at the Town Hall. Soup and desserts were provided by our members. Treasure hunt was a great success. The evening finished with Carols in French and English.

A complete programme is in place for 2018. The May 2018 Montesson visit has a new format with a buffet meal on Saturday night with an Irish Band.

Thame Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Midwinter)

Nothing additional received as at 5.2.18.

Thame Town Cricket Club (Cllr Champken-Woods)

Covered under item 7 of the main agenda.

Chinnor RFC (Cllrs Bretherton & Dixon)

Nothing additional received as at 5.2.18.

Music in the Park (Cllr Stiles)

Nothing additional received as at 5.2.18.

Thame Sinaia Friendship Association (Cllr Bretherton)

Nothing additional received as at 5.2.18.

Thame Museum Trust (Cllr Emery)

Accounts to 8th December 2018 indicate net income YTD of £300 above budget. Membership income 10% above full year budget.

Special Trustees meeting called to review the funding submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund. A brief outline of the project was given by David Bretherton & David Dodds. Project falls within the £100k to £2m band.

Additional three years Museum Accreditation obtained. The Museum re-opens after the winter break on 13th February. There is a full programme of monthly talks throughout 2018 starting with "I'm Jimmy Figg from Thame" by David Bretherton. The exhibition from November 2017 "It's Behind You" is open until 4th April.

Need for additional voluntary Stewards ongoing.

Thame Remembers (Cllrs Bretherton and Dyer)

As we enter the final stretch of our challenge it is worth reflecting on the fantastic achievement to date by the people of our town. Thame Remembers crosses or wreaths have been delivered in memory of 177 men who made the ultimate sacrifice in times of conflict, taking the project to 104 separate locations in 14 countries and across four continents.

We have 34 still to go but 20 of those are already allocated so we know the who, how and when by which those will be achieved. That leaves us with 14 still remaining, some of which are eminently doable and for which we hope new volunteers might come forward to visit Jerusalem, Pakistan (Karachi), Denmark (Lemvig), and three in northern Tunisia which has now re-opened as a tourist destination.

Cllrs Bretherton & Dyer will be visiting Egypt during February to commemorate men at El Alamein and Suez, and it is also intended that they, with other members of the Project Steering Group, will visit Gallipoli in June.

A recent presentation to St Mary's Masonic Lodge was very well received, and a similar event is scheduled for Thame U3A on 5th April. Other significant events planned for Thame Remembers during 2018 are :

- Saturday 17th March - visit to the Forces Cathedral at Aldershot (all welcome, own transport).
- Sunday 22nd July - Coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire (open for bookings, £ 10.00 per person).
- October - Book launch, hopefully at Thame Literary Festival.
- Oct through Dec - Exhibition at Thame Museum.
- Fri 9th & Sat 10th Nov - Revue 'Ten Tommies from Thame' at the Player's Theatre.
- Nov 11th - Full participation in the Remembrance Service and Beacon Lighting, followed by an end of project celebration event.

Towersey Festival (Cllrs Bretherton and Lambert)

Report attached as item 6I.

Thame Town Music Festival (Cllr Wyse)

It is proposed to hold the Festival this year in 10 venues including the outdoor main stage. The Festival will take place over two days Friday 13 and Saturday 14 July 2018. Friday evening will stage classical

music in St Mary's church and a song writing competition in the Barns / Masonic Lodge. Saturday events will start at 12.00 noon and finish at 23.00 at the various venues.

Thame Shed (Cllr Wyse)

The group are still trying to obtain some land, the Agricultural Society seems to be the best possibility. Waiting for their AGM when we may be able to put forward our plans.