

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	10 April 2018
Title:	Report - External Organisations

Cuttle Brook Management Committee (Cllrs Jones & Stiles)

The plan to replace the dipping platform at the pond was postponed due to adverse weather conditions but all the materials are in place and work will be carried out in the near future. However the existing platform has been made safe. Ten new trees have been planted in Nontron meadow and all the new notice boards are now in place. The volunteers continue to carry out the usual bin emptying and litter picking.

Thame Carnival Committee (Cllr Emery)

Date of Carnival 9th June 2018 – Countryside Theme

Key points from last Committee meeting 22nd March 2018:

On the “Day Team”; Sue Martin Downhill, Simon Markland, Kevin & Sharon Smits, Ashley Dearlove, Natalie R, Linda Emery, David Laver, Lucy W.

Booking form for stand holders now available.

Helpers and advertisers needed.

Simon Markland agreed to be music and stage organiser.

Waste organiser – Ashley Dearlove contacting Biffa.

Bar organiser – Neil Shorter – Roundtable.

Compere – Dan Blaser.

Event Risk Assessment in place.

Thames Valley Police notified.

Distribution of posters.

Gather sponsors for programme.

Production of stall plan in place.

A full list of details and updates are on Facebook.

Thame Football Partnership (Cllr Dyer)

Nothing to report as next quarterly Board Meeting is not until 30 April.

A single issue is that I am aware of the issues experienced on the evening of the Mayor’s Quiz Night when TFP seemed totally unprepared for the booking and caused a lot of issues with Councillors, Officers, and the Maintenance Team having to step in to make it happen. Nevertheless a good night was had by all, with significant funds raised for the Mayor’s charities, and the problems experienced will be taken up at the TFP Board Meeting.

Twinning Association (Cllr Emery)

Actions are in place to achieve the 2018 programme.

The Montesson visit to Thame 11th to 13th May has been organised; walking tour of Oxford and Museum visits have been organised in French. Celebratory meal has been moved to Towersey Manor House on Saturday evening after being previously held for over five years at The Three Horseshoes for a Sunday lunch.

Thame & District Twinning will be represented in the Carnival parade on 9 June and will have a fund raiser stand to create awareness for new members.

AGM meeting will be at Christchurch, Thame on the 29 June at 19:30.

Plans for the September visit are at an advanced stage; date still needs to be confirmed by Montesson Twinning.

Quiz night with Sue Boyle on the 2nd November will not clash this year with Barn Centre quiz, Patsy has been contacted and advised.

There is a potential clash of Christmas Markets not yet resolved.

Thame Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Midwinter)

Jane and Lizzie continue to efficiently run this scheme.

Requests have increased for lifts to doctor's surgeries and hospitals.

The befriending side has increased showing that some people just need a visit and a chat.

So we progress with thanks to the volunteers who work with Jane and Lizzie to help the people of Thame who require support at this time. A big thank you to all those who help to run this scheme for our Town.

Thame Town Cricket Club (Cllr Champken-Woods)

Covered under item 7 of the main agenda.

Chinnor RFC (Cllr Bretherton)

Nothing additional received as at 6.4.18.

Music in the Park (Cllr Stiles)

Everything is on track for this year's Music in the Park. It would help if a few more people could volunteer to help in some way, but particularly with the bar.

Tickets for the event are now on sale on-line and will be available at the Town Hall on the two Saturdays prior to the event – 28th April and 5th May and also at the market on the community stall on 24th April and 1st May.

The charity application was once again rejected by the Charities Commission and the committee has decided to defer deciding whether to pursue the application or not until after this year's event.

I encourage everyone to come along to Elms Park on Sunday May 6th for what will be a very enjoyable day.

Thame Sinaia Friendship Association (Cllr Bretherton)

Nothing additional received as at 6.4.18.

Thame Museum Trust (Cllr Emery)

Projected Income and Expenditure for 2017/18 indicates;

- Income 96% of budget due to reduction in planned events and no school income or school visit income.

- Expenditure is £557 above budget with utilities £1200 above budget.
- Nett deficit being £832

In 2018/19 the budget is set for breakeven.

Proposed actions; increasing income from events to be pursued. Reducing electricity consumption with LED versions for lighting.

Application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for funding has been unsuccessful. Resubmit application.

Collections Management Team carried out a pest control survey. Nothing of significance was discovered. Concern was expressed re the dust and dirt entering the Elizabethan Wall-paintings Room via the over-head grill. Further action on-going.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Implementation has been started.

Display on "The Role Women Have Played" over the past 100 years was created by the Collections Management Team.

Thame Remembers (Cllrs Bretherton and Dyer)

The latest Thame Remembers newsletter, which features our recent trip to Egypt, is now available to download from our website www.thameremembers.org

Just eight crosses or wreaths now remain outstanding with 203 already delivered or allocated for delivery over the next few months. Those outstanding will most probably have to be achieved by finding appropriate alternative sites during our trip to the National Memorial Arboretum on Sunday 11 July. This trip is proving extremely popular and only very few seats remain available.

The main focus is now on leading up to the Armistice Centenary Remembrance in November which will include the Thame Remembers book launch, an exhibition at Thame Museum, a theatre revue 'Ten Tommies from Thame', and an end of project celebration. The Thame Remembers team are also working closely with TTC in planning and coordinating various community projects over the same period.

Towersey Festival (Cllrs Bretherton and Lambert)

Cllr Lambert had spoken with Joe Heap, Festival Director and there was nothing further to report at this time.

Thame Town Music Festival (Cllr Wyse)

Plans for the Music Festival on 13 & 14 July are well underway. Johnnie Littler is to make a presentation at the Full Council meeting on 24 April 2018.

Thame Shed (Cllr Wyse)

The search for a suitable site continues – nothing further to report.