

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

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Title:	Report - External Organisations

Cuttle Brook Management Committee (Cllr Jones)

The new dipping platform (made from recycled plastic) is almost completely finished with just the access ramp and the netting to be done. The meadow is due to be mown soon but the number of plant species established in it is still very healthy. In the grassed area below the Southern Road Rec and the Scout Hut, snakeshead fritillaries have been found.

The litter bins are being used beyond expectations. Is it possible that we can ask for them to be emptied more frequently? It is great they are so well used but frustrating that they overflow. The bird survey was completed in May; nothing startling but good numbers and variety. The usual water sampling, litter picking, path maintenance and general management continues to be carried out by the volunteers.

Thame Carnival Committee (Cllr Emery)

A beautiful day, excellent attendance from the residents of Thame and District. A much bigger parade than previous years. All local schools and other community participants commented on how much fun the parade was. This year's winner of Annual Best in Parade were St Joseph's RC School.

More stalls this year will result in increased revenues. The financial accounts are being prepared and the final results will be published later in the year and are expected to be satisfactory. The four local schools will be the beneficiaries.

A few suggestions on making the event even better next time e.g. marshal co-ordination including maps and debrief. Clear up was done well and quickly. Thanks to Linda and Becky helping with the parade and Dan East for all his hard work. Any further comments on the event or feedback please email thamecarnival@gmail.com

Thame Football Partnership (Cllr Dyer)

On the pitch Thame United, following promotion into a higher division last season, finished with a creditable mid-table position.

There has also been a significant turnaround in the Partnership's financial situation as a result of the Travelodge deal, management restructuring, and an increase in volunteer activity. The financial year only ended a few days ago but a surplus of over £ 20k is anticipated, after depreciation and after £ 20k+ expenditure on renovating the main pitch. There are sufficient losses carried forward from previous years to offset any tax liability, and next year's budget will begin to address other known issues.

I am aware of some concerns in the community resulting from restricted community access due to block booking of the facility and also the need to allow the new playing surface to establish itself before permitting heavy use, and will ensure that the Board are made aware of these at the next meeting.

In the meantime TFP are also proceeding with a planning application for a 3G all-weather pitch, towards which they hope to secure some of the S.106 sports facility funds.

Twining Association (Cllr Emery)

Montesson visit 11 to 13 May was a great success.

Visits to Oxford a walking tour was arranged. Ashmolean Museum and Worcester College were also included as part of the tour. This year's entertainment programme changed with the introduction of a Barn Dance on Saturday evening. We had a significant donation to fund the Barn Dance that helped to the overwhelming success.

Thame Carnival £196 was raised. The main event was the Champagne Treasure Hunt was a great success. All Champagne donated.

In September we will be visiting Montesson the arrangements are being organised.

AGM will be held on 7 August at Christchurch, Thame.

Thame Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Midwinter)

The GNS continues to provide a much needed service with Town Council Officers efficiently matching volunteers to help with the requests received.

Thame Town Cricket Club (Cllr Champken-Woods)

Covered under item 7 of the main agenda.

Chinnor RFC (Cllr Bretherton)

A planning application for the new covered tiered sports stand has been registered with the District Council and will be discussed at the next Planning & Environment Committee meeting on 24 July 2018.

Music in the Park (Cllr Stiles)

A very short report this time, but I will provide a more detailed one for the next CLR. As you all probably know MiTP this year was a very successful and enjoyable event and the weather was very kind. There have been two meetings of the committee since – the first being the “wash-up” meeting and the second took place last week, when plans started for MiTP 2019!

Thame Sinaia Friendship Association (Cllr Bretherton)

Nothing further to report.

Thame Museum Trust (Cllr Emery)

The AGM was held on 30 June 2018. Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 were presented.

Total income £27,213 which was £1,487 below previous year.

Total payments were £39,363 which produced a deficit for the year of £12,150. A total of £27,810 was spent on projects, an increase of £18,572 over the prior year.

Our initial bid for the Heritage Lottery Fund for our extension plans was turned down.

Change in the Charitable status of the Museum Trust. The AGM was the last meeting of the old charity and the first of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Charity.

Regular talks continue; standalone items or related to exhibitions. We are also introducing walks including links to Midsommer.

Thame Remembers (Cllrs Bretherton and Dyer)

There is a lot happening as the project enters its last few months – far too much to include here – so please keep in touch through the website and the monthly newsletters.

The remaining crosses and wreaths will be delivered during this month, which will see a fantastic 100% success rate in delivering this very ambitious project.

Upcoming events for your diaries are:

22 July	Coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum (just a couple of tickets left)
11 Aug to 19 Dec	Thame Remembers Exhibition at Thame Museum
21 Oct 2018	Thame Remembers Book Launch at the Thame Arts & Literature Festival (5.00pm at the Barns Centre)
9 & 10 Nov	‘Ten Tommies from Thame’ – a theatre production in association with Thame Players – tickets on sale from 10 July

Towersey Festival (Cllrs Bretherton and Lambert)

Update from Joe Heap:

1. Planning is going very well and once again we are supporting Air Ambulance through helping them fundraise. We are also sponsoring a race for them at their Windsor Race day next week.
2. Thame Resident tickets are still on sale in the town through Bizzie Lizzie flower shop at a 25% discount to residents of the Town. We are thinking about extending this further to a wider postcode area next year to include some outlying villages.
3. The Festival Taster tickets (what many refer to as Showground Tickets) will be on sale soon at a discounted rate if purchase in advance. These are the low price tickets that get people into the middle of the festival where there are stalls, bands in the bar and displays. More on this soon.
4. We have recently given tickets to a number of local events and charities for raffle prizes including the Oliver Race day last weekend as well as to Beacon Fest and all of the local primary schools.
5. We are looking for some people to help distribute leaflets locally in July. This work will be in return for full festival tickets if anyone is interested.
6. We have recently met with the Rugby Club to establish stringer links between the two organisations.
7. Following some customer research we carried out at the festival and using figures from a Visit Britain report into Festival, we have been able to calculate that the Towersey Festival

contributes around £250'000 into the local economy through visitor spending, festival buying and the repeat visits of festival goers back to the town.

8. The Festival runs with no national sponsor but is keen to develop mutually beneficial sponsorship opportunities locally. Attached is our Partnership Pack. Please feel free to distribute. Opportunities include advertising space in print and through banners at the festival.
9. We will shortly be applying as we do annually to the council for the usual sign locations for Festival signs to go up in the run in to the event. These will all be removed in the few days following the event.

Thame Town Music Festival (Cllr Wyse)

Thame Town Music Festival is rapidly taking shape, venues and acts have been booked.

Events start on Friday 13th July at St Mary's church and also at the Barns Centre.

I have volunteered to help out on the merchandise stall and Michael Swan would be very grateful for any other councillors and council staff who would like to volunteer for a few hours to make this a great event.

Thame Shed (Cllr Wyse)

Nothing to report – the search for a suitable site continues.

Thame Sports Club (Cllr Jones)

The Sports Club is the umbrella organisation for the Bowls and Tennis Clubs which share the club house facilities and both of which pay a stipend to the Sports Club which is responsible for the maintenance etc of the pavilion.

There is a need to replace the 90 year old building. The cost is estimated to be around £550,000 incl. VAT. A grant which will amount to 46.13% of the total cost and not exceeding £250,000 has been applied for from SODC plus around £100,000 of s106 monies. They are busy raising funds to cover the difference.

The club house is widely used by a wide variety of other clubs and organisations throughout the year and is a useful facility for the entire town as it is only £6/hour to rent.