

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	23 October 2018
Title:	Report - External Organisations

Cuttle Brook Management Committee (Cllr Jones)

A new dipping platform has been installed. Weeds need to be pulled from the pond to clear it.

Ash dieback is now becoming a health and safety risk. It is being monitored. When the ashes die they will be replaced with a different species of broad-leaved tree.

There are plans to install a new bridge at Nontron meadow – probably summer 2019.

The willows near Watkins Bridge have been pollarded/felled to open up the area, get rid of unsafe trees and improve light levels reaching the brook.

There are several alders – near the rope swing – which have died suddenly. At the moment they are not unsafe but given their proximity to the main path they need to be cut down.

It was reported that there are still four different species of orchid to be found in the reserve: pyramidal, green winged, bee and common spotted plus the snakeshead fritillary had been seen flowing for the first time since its introduction.

The introduction of the gravel in the brook has increased to incidence of fish found during kick-sampling. Otter activity has increased and they seem to live on the American crayfish inter alia.

New maps and info sheets have been prepared and put in the new and existing notice boards.

The meadow survey was missed this year.

There is a plan to acquire a new rotary mower but group funds are probably sufficient to cover the cost.

Thame Carnival Committee (Cllr Emery)

With the 2018 Carnival finished, the school PTFA's of Barley Hill, John Hampden and St Josephs have each received £725. Lord Williams's Parent Association (LWPA) raised £1151 on the Pimm's stall. They retained the whole amount and an article in the Thame Gazette has been published. Thanks to all the volunteers and Town Council for their support in making this year's Carnival so successful.

Planning for 2019 Carnival is moving forward, Date – Saturday 15 June 2019, Theme – Green Living / Recycling / Eco / Plastic Free.

Thame Football Partnership (Cllr Dyer)

Everything is on the up at Thame Football Partnership.

Finances are healthy and the club is making a surplus every month; the main pitch has been completely re-laid during the summer; junior membership registrations have increased by 20% over last year; they will be running four girl's sides this season; they are hosting a number of Oxford United under 23 games which are bringing in good crowds, and Thame United's early season results have been good. In the meantime lettings for events and parties are running in excess of budget and pre-Christmas bookings are encouraging.

Site surveys have now been completed for the proposed 3G pitch and TFP are ready to move on to the planning permission and fund raising stages, and will soon be engaging with TTC to take matters forward.

Twinning Association (Cllr Emery)

Thame Twinning with Montesson continues to be successful. 19 persons attended the Pate de Carmen weekend in 14th to 16th September. The highlight of the weekend was spent in the centre of Paris and in the morning. We were treated to a guided tour of the Musée Rodin, seeing and learning about his renowned works of art, most notably, "The Kiss".

We are delighted to report that the Twinning Association facilitated the visit of 2 French girls to the Thame area to stay with local Thame families.

Plans are also in place for a link to be set up between pupils at John Hampden and a class at a primary school in Montesson. This will take the form of emails between the classes, possibly video links and shared projects. It would be wonderful if the English children could perform a French Christmas Carol at the Thame Christmas Light switch on.

Quiz Night 3 November 2018 at Thame Town Hall, this was a success for us last year and one of our main fundraisers. If any Councillors or Officers of TTC would like to join us let Linda know.

Thame Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Midwinter)

Nothing further to report as at 22.10.18.

Thame Town Cricket Club (Cllr Champken-Woods)

Covered under item 10 of the main agenda.

Chinnor RFC (Cllr Bretherton)

Nothing further to report as at 22.10.18.

Music in the Park (Cllr Stiles)

The MiTP committee has been meeting regularly once a month since May and everything is planned and on schedule for next year's event on 5th May 2019.

Two new enthusiastic members have joined the committee. One will manage and organise the team of volunteers and the other has arranged for a signer for people with hearing difficulties.

The budget has been set and the revenue has been downscaled in order to be realistic, due to an increase in some costs. There will be a significant increase in the cost of the toilets for example and there will an additional cost for security, because it was decided that 2 people are needed on site overnight.

A list of roles and responsibilities for committee members is being prepared.

Donations have been paid to the voluntary organisations that help on the day and other organisations are applying for grants.

Thame Sinaia Friendship Association (Cllrs Bretherton & Champken-Woods)

Alison and I visited Sinaia, our twin town in Romania, to help celebrate their Festival of Sinaia from the 13th to the 18th September. As our Mayor could not attend due to other commitments we took a letter

from her to Vlad Oprea the Mayor of Sinaia who understood the reason and sent his best wishes to Ann and to the people of Thame. We were made incredibly welcome by all the people we met in Sinaia who had a genuine interest in the town of Thame. We visited the town Museum where I had to apologise to the lady in charge as I said whilst all their exhibits were in Romanian and English if she visited our museum then it was only in English! They even spelt my name correctly in the room devoted to their twin towns.

The highlight for us was meeting Prince Nicolae of Romania, the Grandson of King Michael of Romania and his Fiancé Alina. He was extremely interested in the twinning with Thame as he knows it well having been educated at Shiplake College in Henley. You may have read that they got married the week after our visit.

Thame Museum Trust (Cllr Emery)

The 2018/19 the budget is set for breakeven. Income from Midsomer Murders Tours is good. There will be a good rebate from British Gas when the current contract changes over to Opus Energy.

The Management Committee

- have made a Trustee responsible for the Child Safeguarding policy.
- The existing museum Privacy Notice has now been included on the museum website to meet the requirements of GDPR.

AGM 2018

The AGM for 2018 was held on 30 June 2018. Main items on the agenda were:

- Dissolution of Thame Museum Charitable Trust No. (Charity No 1125432)
Proposal: That Charity No. 1125432 be dissolved at the end of the current financial year April 2019
Proposal: That the current Trustees for Charity No. 1125432 remain as Trustees until completion of the dissolution.

Both proposals were unanimously agreed.

Closure of AGM for Thame Museum Charitable Trust. This was agreed by the members.

AGM 2019

The date for next year and future AGM's was discussed, it was agreed to retain the current arrangement of the last Saturday in June. The AGM for 2019 will therefore be held on 29 June 2019.

Thame Remembers (Cllrs Bretherton and Dyer)

The Thame Remembers project is now in its final, but perhaps busiest, phase over the next few weeks and into Remembrance weekend.

The objective of delivering a Thame Remembers Cross or wreath to the grave or battlefield memorial for every man from Thame who gave his life in conflict has been achieved as over 300 people from Thame have collectively travelled more than 150,000 miles to visit 102 cemeteries and 31 memorials in 23 countries across 4 continents. This is an amazing achievement, beyond any realistic expectations, and our thanks go to all who have been involved or supported us in any way.

The book of the project – 'Thame Remembers - the Fallen' has now been received from the printers and is to be launched at TAL, after which it will be available from Thame Museum and hopefully from the Book House in Thame, or order direct from Mike or David.

Over the next few weeks we are working with TTC on the Remembrance Day events and the Poppy Project, the Thame Remembers exhibition is showing at Thame Museum until 19th December, and our

stage show 'Ten Tommies from Thame' will be performed at the Players Theatre on 9th and 10th November (virtually sold out, only 7 tickets remaining as at 15th October).

Towersey Festival (Cllrs Bretherton and Lambert)

A greener Towersey

Working closely with power supplier Flying Hire, we're proud to reveal that we cut fuel use by almost 25% across the site in this year.

The introduction of a new system involved building a miniature sub-station of synchronised generators and distributing all power from there. This led to reducing the number of generators needed to keep the site running from 14 to just eight. **Read the full story:** [Powerful Thinking: Towersey Festival](#)

Introducing new reusable cups across our bars also meant that we had a full skip less of waste this year too. Green issues have been very much part of Towersey's ethos since the very early days, and rest assured that as part of our 2019 planning, we'll continue to explore new ways to reduce our environmental impact further ...

Towersey Festival 2019

Tier Two tickets for our next festival are on sale now!

After Tier One sold out in a flash (wow!), Tier Two offers amazing value at just £129 (Adult) / £90 (Youth) / £65 (Child) / £120 (Concs), with under 5yrs FREE!

We're still not allowed to tell you who we have lined up yet, but we can tell you there'll be plenty of amazing acts, old and new, including some of the hottest names in folk and roots, as well as lashings of that Towersey magic. In other words, everything you expect from a classic Towersey!

The dates for your diary are **Friday 23 to Monday 26 August 2019.**

Thame Town Music Festival (Cllr Wyse)

It was another fantastic weekend for the Festival in 2018. The date for 2019 has been confirmed as Saturday 13 July 2019.

Thame Shed (Cllr Wyse)

The search for a site for the Shed continues. One possible site could be on the Agricultural Association land but will have to wait for their next AGM to try to get agreement

Thame Sports Club (Cllr Jones)

The Club is still making progress with the clubhouse rebuild project. However, pledged grants and funds cannot be accessed until the project is fully funded. They are awaiting the result of an application to Sport England so they were unable to start the rebuild this Autumn as hoped. However, they have been informed that Sport England will let them have a decision on this within two weeks. They are also in discussion with SODC about the pledged s106 funds. This is progressing but not all of the monies have yet been received by SODC from the developers.

Both the playing clubs, tennis and bowls are thriving and have both have increased their membership numbers over the past year.