

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	5 February 2019
Title:	Report - External Organisations

Cuttle Brook Management Committee (Cllr Jones)

The new dipping platform is finished as is the second fish refuge. Ash dieback has reached the reserve and falling deadwood is a potential risk. There is a plan to offer infected trees for chainsaw courses which will enable them to be felled safely at minimal cost.

Cash has been allocated from Cuttle Brook funds for a new rotary mower.

The group is aware the hard paths are getting overgrown at the edges and there is a plan to scrape them with a mini digger to stop the encroachment of plants.

One of the new notice boards has been vandalised.

Thame Carnival Committee (Cllr Emery)

The organisation of the Thame Carnival 2019 is starting. It's going to take place on **Saturday 15 June 2019**. The theme will be 'Save the Planet' - all about recycling, reusing etc.

The first meeting for the organising team is on 30 January, 7.30pm at Racquets Fitness Centre. As ever the carnival needs a team of about 12 to run smoothly and then about 100 helpers on the day.

Do you think you could help or know someone who would like to give a few hours to make this another successful Carnival?

Contact: <mailto:thamecarnival@gmail.com>

Thame Football Partnership (Cllr Dyer)

Continuing to go from strength to strength. Thame United are riding high in fifth position in Southern Division One Central, already secure from relegation and with an outside prospect of making the play-offs. They have a young squad, average age 23, so future prospects also good and junior (Thame Boys) registrations remain healthy.

Revenues are good, up on last year and up on budget; costs are firmly under control; money in the bank and zero overdue creditors; administration much improved, and bookings to use the facility continuing to increase.

Progress continues towards securing planning consent and Football Foundation funding (in addition to S.106 monies) to facilitate the installation of a full size artificial pitch.

Twinning Association (Cllr Emery)

A record fundraising year.

Montesson Market visit raised £380

Thame Christmas Market & Party £390

Successful Quiz Night in November 55 participants

2019 programme in place.

French Twinning Visit 10 to 12 May. Adventurous entertainment planned.

Primary School links made between schools in Thame and Aston Rowant and Montesson.

Thame Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Midwinter)

Thame Good Neighbour Scheme continues to provide a befriending and transport support service for those in need in our community, with almost 600 jobs requested since the scheme launched in March 2015 – the majority of which continue to be transport requests for appointments. To thank the volunteers and to celebrate the scheme's 4th birthday, a tea and cake afternoon for the volunteers is being held on Wednesday 6 February in the Town Hall.

Thame Town Cricket Club (Cllr Champken-Woods)

Things are moving ahead. The builders are now in building the Office for the Manager. All the required equipment apart from a couple of minor items have either been delivered or will be in the next couple of weeks. Everything is on track for a move to operational at the beginning of March.

I am pleased to say that The Day Centre has been able to secure grants to cover both the equipment and the office building costs.

Chinnor RFC (Cllr Bretherton)

Nothing further to report as at 30 January 2019.

Music in the Park (Cllr Stiles)

A very short report, as you will have seen the article in last week's TTC newsletter with the latest news.

This year's headline act will be the very popular Dung Beatles and early bird tickets are already on sale on Eventbrite.

The committee continues with planning for 5 May and is well on track.

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

Nothing further to report as at 30 January 2019.

Thame Museum Trust (Cllr Emery)

Last meeting held on 14 January 2019.

We are considering re-branding the Museum using an outside consultant which will make us much more marketing orientated and help to increase our community awareness.

Scottish Power has taken over as our electricity provider; 30% increase in costs. Previous supplier in receivership.

Museum lighting upgrade, £2500 grant from SODC.

David Dodds standing down as Chairman; nominations ongoing.

Financials:

3Q figures available.

Income is already £600 above the annual budget due to membership income.
Expenditure is well below annual budget including utilities.
The annual surplus will be well above the £100 budget.

Thame Remembers (Cllrs Bretherton and Dyer)

Job done! Far exceeding our wildest expectations, Thame Remembers crosses have been delivered with 100% success. A few statistics are:

- over 300 people from Thame travelled more than 150,000 miles to commemorate 212 men
- in 23 countries across four continents
- at 102 cemeteries and 31 battlefield memorials
- 165 soldiers, 18 sailors, 28 airmen, and one diplomat
- 6 Boer War, 142 WW1, 62 WW2, 1 Korean War, 1 Cyprus Conflict

The legacy publication '*Thame Remembers, the Fallen*' was launched at TAL and has subsequently flown off the shelves at Thame Museum and Thame Book House, with copies being donated to the Imperial War Museum, Oxford History Centre, Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and the National Memorial Arboretum.

The stage production '*Ten Tommies from Thame*' was performed to full houses on two nights in November and has received universal acclaim, and the project celebration event on 11th November was very successful, attended by more than 100 people who had contributed to the project in various ways.

Thame Remembers also worked with the Town Council in facilitating the display of poppies in the windows of houses from which men departed for war, and in the roll of honour featured on large screen video at the Armistice Remembrance Service.

This four year project is now concluded and this should therefore be the final report to CLR, though we will continue to liaise with TTC towards adding thirty new names to the town's war memorial. Many thanks to Thame Town Council and its officers for support throughout, and to all those individual Councillors who have contributed personally to the project's success.

Towersey Festival (Cllrs Bretherton and Lambert)

Tier Two tickets for our next festival are on sale 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!

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

Thame Town Music Festival (Cllr Wyse)

The Music Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday 12/13 July 2019. Concert in St Mary's Church on Friday evening.

Luke Concannon will host a song writer's seminar in the afternoon followed by the final of the song writer's competition and a Luke Concannon gig in the evening.

On Saturday the music festival with main stage in High Street and six other venues as per last year. The acts are still being progressed and will be announced when the line ups are finalised.

Thame Shed (Cllr Wyse)

I am sorry to say that we have made no progress as yet. Interesting that Thame Show people have met to arrange the movement of the show to another location, but we have had no feedback on our request for use of a small piece of ground.

Thame Sports Club (Cllr Jones)

Both applications for s106 monies and a grant from Sports England towards the cost of rebuilding the club house have been progressed; Sports England have ring-fenced a maximum potential award of over £69,000.

They have also complied with a request from SODC to check the plans for the building haven't altered since the offer of a grant from SODC was made. The project needs to be started by 2nd September or they will lose the SODC grant.