

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Title: Report - External Organisations

Date: 8 February 2022

a) Cuttle Brook Management Committee (Cllr Jones)

The Rycote Meadow has been planted with hedging and trees as planned, in conjunction with Thame Green Living. Regular work parties continue to meet twice a month.

b) Friends of Elms Park (Cllr Champken-Woods)

FOEP in discussion with Thame Concert Band about a couple of performances in the Park this year.

c) Thame Carnival Committee (Cllr Emery)

We have confirmed the theme of the Carnival 2022 will be The Queen's Platinum Jubilee to tie in with the long Bank Holiday weekend, on Saturday 4th June 2022.

Theme - The Queens Platinum Jubilee

- Logo - The students at Bucks College have created a logo for us. Cassie Hooper's was the successful design and we will be including the other designs in the Carnival brochure. The students are also designing some social media graphics and an online brochure for us. We decided that an online brochure would be both more environmentally friendly and a great way of local businesses linking to their websites via the adverts.
- QR codes can be added to advertising posters and the house signs.
- James Tipping from Penguin Studios has agreed to be our official photographer and suggested as the advert bookings come in he will take photos for the social media campaigns.
- The charities being supported are Thame Guides, LWS Young Carers and Thame Senior Friendship Centre, which have all been informed.
- The request for a flypast has been submitted by Peter Harris.
- The Thame Wombles have agreed to walk behind the parade and work the Recreation Ground to keep the litter to a minimum.

There are several positions that we would like to fill to assist in the production of the Carnival:

Social Media

- Creation of posts and images to gain traction in the community, both for stall holders and attendees. Across multiple social media channels.

Website

- All stalls, parade participants and sponsors book through the Thame Carnival website. An individual or two to monitor bookings and ensure no duplicates (e.g. two burger vans) are booked.

d) Thame Football Partnership (TFP) (Cllr Dyer)

All quiet at Thame Football Partnership but no news is good news. Operations continue to run at a surplus, membership continues to increase, a new under-10 girls' team has been set up, and preparations are going ahead for the annual Festival of Football in June.

e) Twinning Association (Cllr Emery)

Nothing to report as there has not been a meeting since last report.

f) Thame Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Midwinter)

Since the beginning of November, we have received 33 requests for help which have been a mixture of transport, befriending and help with shopping. Several of our volunteers visit/shop for residents on a regular basis which they arrange directly with the client. There are very few requests for help that come through the Blue Hearts helpline now as most come directly through to the Information Centre with residents either popping in for help with transport to an appointment they have received, residents or their family phoning/emailing for help, or referrals usually by phone/email from agencies such as Age UK or hospital wards looking to discharge patients and checking that a volunteer can drop off some essential groceries.

g) Thame Town Cricket Club (Cllr Champken-Woods)

Nothing to report.

h) Chinnor RFC (Cllr Bretherton)

Chinnor Rugby Club continues to work in the community and successfully puts out teams in eighteen sections from U7s to seniors. The First XV is having a mixed season often winning away and then narrowly losing at home. They now sit comfortably mid-table.

The ground development is continuing with the flood lights installed, bore-hole nearing completion and a planning application for a new stand having been submitted to SODC.

i) Music in the Park (Cllr Jones)

The committee is definitely planning for the event to go ahead this year - even with the continued lurking presence of Covid. The necessary insurance has been taken out against the demise of the monarch which, at this stage, is the only event which might cause cancellation. All the bands have been booked and the stalls and attractions have been lined up.

j) Thame Sinaia Friendship Association (Cllr Bretherton)

Sinaia Friendship Association continues to meet online. This year a group plan to visit Sinaia especially as it will be ten years since the signing of the Twinning Charter.

k) Thame Museum Trust (Cllrs Cowell & Emery)

- New Museum exhibit opened on Thame Park and Hall.
- Removal of items from the accession register, some of which will be offered back to local historical societies.
- Outside storage to be placed at side of building when scaffolding removed.
- Roof repair completed, now requires regular maintenance of gullies to ensure there are no blockages to allow rain run off – discuss with Council.
- Internal building damage due to water ingress, work with Council on having repairs completed.
- Budget and Financial status. Review of Budget 22 / 23, there is a need to look at operating cost vs Income as currently Museum has 4 years of reserves to cover the gap.
- Fund raising, a need to look at new opportunities and ways to expand revenue generation.
- Look at Arts Award Scheme (similar to DoE) for young people.

- Live streaming of talks etc, considered too expensive at this point especially with reducing COVID regulations await feedback from Henley.
- Re accreditation of Museum ongoing project on track to achieve April submission.

l) Thame Town Music Festival (Cllr Wyse)

Nothing to report.

m) Thame Shed (Cllr Wyse)

Waiting for agreement with the Agricultural Association to empty the barn.

n) Thame Sports Club (Cllr Jones)

External organisations are rebooking the club house. Indoor bowls is taking place and the tennis courts continue to be well used. Nothing else to report.