

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Title: Report - External Organisations
Date: 5 April 2022

a) Cuttle Brook Management Committee (Cllr Jones)

The volunteers are keen to get the Rycote Meadow officially incorporated into the Cuttle Brook Reserve. Tree planting, path improvements and water sampling have all been taking place. The felling of diseased trees in Cox's Wood is scheduled to take place in the autumn.

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

Nothing to report.

c) Thame Carnival Committee (Cllr Emery)

- Theme - The Queens Platinum Jubilee
- Logo - The logos have now been uploaded to the Facebook page.
- We have sent out a mail to all previous stall holders and advertisers, to start booking their spaces. The bookings are starting to gain momentum. There is a special deal if advertisers book with both the Thame Platinum Jubilee brochure and the Carnival digital programme. email us for details.
- [Thame Bathroom Solutions Ltd.](#) have generously offered to be a sponsor of the Carnival this year. They have provided sponsorship to cover half the cost of the PortaLoos, we'd like to say thank you from all the team. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor the other half of the cost of the PortaLoos and have your logo on them, please [email us](#).
- We have applied for a grant from the Arts Council, we will hear in April if we are successful.
- OX9er's have volunteered to do the street collection, during the parade.
- The equipment has been ordered from [Thame Equipment Bank](#).
- We have a volunteer interested in taking on the Social Media role, Sharon has set up a meeting with her.
- Carnival Brochure - The students at Bucks College are designing an online brochure for us. Further meetings are happening this month.
- We need to look into contacting the Zorbs business to attend again.
- Need to source some short wave radios. - Thame equipment bank have sourced these.
- Estate agents signs. - Contact Jo Dinnage
- Penguin Studios - photographer.
- The charities
 - Thame Guides
 - LWS Young Carers
 - Thame Senior Friendship Centre.
- Flypast - Peter Harris.
- LWS PTFA - Pimms Tent tbc.
- The Round Table - Duck Race Tickets and Bar.
- Thame Wombles to attend.
- Brookes Uni students are helping with the Project Management.

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

- 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. Overview by myself.
- Posters & Brochure Creation and layout of posters and brochure for the day. - Buck college are creating these for us.

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

Nothing to report on Thame Football Partnership as there hasn't been a recent Board Meeting, nor is one scheduled for any time soon.

The Community Services Manager will be meeting with the contractors who installed the artificial pitch on 24 March 2022, for a final inspection and intended sign-off.

e) Twinning Association (Cllr Emery)

Montesson are visiting Thame for the Queens Jubilee over the long bank holiday week-end.

The Thame visit to Montesson in September is under discussion.

The reciprocal Xmas markets are unlikely to go ahead due to changes in VAT regulations and import bureaucracy created by Brexit.

Fund raising is ongoing with Carnival, quizzes, charity stall and film nights.

Funds are in place for future exchange visits.

f) Thame Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Midwinter)

Thame Good Neighbour Scheme is now in its 7th year and has just recruited its 60th volunteer! We have taken on a few new ones in the first quarter of 2022 including several older people who have moved into the town to be near family, but who want to be involved in the community and get to know people so they are not just reliant on their families. These volunteers are retired teachers, nurses, carers etc so will be an invaluable addition to our team, particularly to help out with our requests for befriending. Most of our requests are for transport and just recently many are for last minute/cancellation appointments as the NHS desperately try to catch up and fill all available slots. Residents have often been waiting for months for a consultation/operation and are desperate to be able to take up these appointments with only a few days' notice.

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

Nothing to report.

h) Chinnor RFC (Cllr Bretherton)

Nothing to report.

i) Music in the Park (Cllr Jones)

Everything is in place for the 10th Music in the Park. The committee are actively trying to make the event as environmentally friendly as possible.

j) Thame Sinaia Friendship Association (Cllr Bretherton)

Nothing to report.

k) Thame Museum Trust (Cllrs Cowell & Emery)

- Successful recent programme on Thame Hall has been extended.
- Way Forward document and policies continue to be worked on with a goal of April completion.
- Budget for 2022/23 agreed.
- Awaiting Consultant report on increasing Museum appeal / interactivity due early May.

l) Thame Town Music Festival (Cllr Wyse)

On Saturday 9th July the entertainment will be organised with 10 stages and 70 acts taking place in various pubs etc.

Headlining act on the main stage by the Town Hall is Big Country.
At St Mary's on Friday 8th July will perform the Rat Pack Experience.

m) Thame Shed (Cllr Wyse)

Things are moving on, the President of the Rugby Club has agreed to write to the Chairman of Thame & Oxfordshire Agricultural Association stating if equipment stored in the barn is not moved we will move it ourselves starting on 25th April.

n) Thame Sports Club (Cllr Jones)

Outdoor bowls is due to start again next month. Tennis continues year-round. The club is in good heart.