

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Title:	Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Date:	12 July 2022
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Purpose of this Report

1. To provide an update on the Town Council organised events to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

Update on Activities

2. A union flag commemorating the Platinum Jubilee was purchased in April and is being flown at the Memorial Gardens.
3. The flowerbed planting has been received and planted in front of the War Memorial by the Maintenance Team last week and is part of their watering programme. The budget for additional estimated expenditure of £1,150 for the bespoke flower bed planting at the Memorial Gardens was approved at Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee held on the 26 October 2021 to be taken from General Reserves.
4. The brochure "Celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee" was delivered to 5,500 homes. This outlined all the activities taking place, how to take part and useful information for holding a street party. This was designed and managed by the Market Town Co-Ordinator, who with the C21st Team gained income from the advertising which covered the costs for printing and delivering.
5. The Queen's Beacon Trail took from Saturday 30 April until Sunday 12 June 2022. Seven locations were chosen to find the whimsical characters to go on a walking adventure: Museum, Town Hall, Citizen Advice Bureau, Library, Red Kite Family Centre, Thame Players, and Southern Road Recreational Ground. The characters provided a history of the 70-year reign with 185 players talking part with the trail.
6. The first Taste of Thame event took place on Saturday 28 May 2022, which was delivered by the Market Town Co-Ordinator, C21 Thame, businesses, community groups and local volunteers. This event launched the Thame Jubilee Celebrations to provide a food trail around Thame Town Centre. This event was a roaring success with the event review regarding logistics for next year to be reported to the Town Centre Working Group and to the NPC Committee. This event enabled a substantial donation of £2,500 for Sharing Life Trust to support the food bank and English lessons for the hosted Ukrainians.
7. Beacon Lighting Event held on Thursday 2 June 2022. Thame was among the 3,500 beacons lit in unison across the UK and Commonwealth, as part of the four-day bank holiday celebrations. The Thame Concert Band and Thame Choral Society provided the entertainment commencing from 8.30pm. The Thame Choral Society Choir sang "A song for the Commonwealth" which had lyrics and music submitted from the winner of the Commonwealth Competition. The trumpet player who attends the Town Remembrance Service had learned to play "Dui Regnare" which is normally played by bagpipes and played "majesty" at 9.40pm to fanfare the lighting of the Beacon at 9.45pm. The Mayor compered the evening's events, announcing the proclamation on behalf of the Town Council, with a blessing undertaken by the Vicar from St Marys Church. Operationally, everything ran

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smoothly, with crowds turning up at the appropriate time to light the Beacon. The Security Team, maintenance team and TTC officers, enabled the event to take place as it was part of the Thame Town Council commemoration over the four-day bank holiday.

8. Sports in the Street held on Friday 3 June 2022. Event operational support for road closure equipment provided by Thame Town Council. The event was organised and run by MP Sports Development Trust, with Thame sports clubs invited to showcase their sport within the town centre.
9. Carnival held on Saturday 4 June 2022, the head womble joined six Councillors and four officers to participate within the Carnival Parade under the theme of “green canopy”. The Maintenance Team had assisted with early morning event operations at the Carnival Fete site. This was greatly appreciated by the Carnival Committee. The event expenditure for publicity was £72.00 within the £250 budget.
10. Thame Town Council received three requests to hold street parties on Council land. Permissions for free use to hold street parties was given to aid the celebrations for those who had no other safe place to run an event. No issues were raised by the Maintenance Team.

Resource Appraisal

11. The costs and the responsibility for holding the event are with the Town Council.

Expenditure	Cost	Budget
i) Planting of the two raised beds at the Memorial Garden – General Reserves as approved.	£1,150.00	£1,150
ii) Beacon Lighting – budget	£1,249.72	£1,500
iii) Carnival	£72.00	£250
Total	£2471.72	£2,900

Risk Assessment

12. A risk appraisal was completed for each Town Council event.

Legal Powers:

- Local Government act 1972, Section 145. Power to promote entertainment and the arts, village celebrations.
- General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, ss.1-8

Action required

- i) *To note this report*