

PLATINUM JUBILEE WORKING PARTY

Date: Thursday, 28th April 2022

Title: Platinum Jubilee Programme of Events

Contact Officer: Communications & Community Engagement Officer - Polly Inness

Background

As the date for the Jubilee celebrations approaches it is important the Council starts promoting the programme of events and those activities organised by others that it has agreed to support.

Current Situation

This is the final opportunity to make any last-minute additions to the programme and to finesse any details. In addition to those events already agreed by the working party, please find further additions and amendments below.

Chatterbox Senior's Coffee Morning (Thursday 2nd June)

The organisers have said that they will be theming their Thursday 2 June meeting with The Queen's colours.

Beacon Lighting (Thursday 2nd June)

The scheduled timing for this event is 9:45pm which seems very late for families with young children so the working party may like to consider an earlier slot. Although it will still be light the Town Council's beacons are fairly low key.

West Oxfordshire Academy of Performing Arts have agreed to perform at the Leys as part of this event. Could ask Park Run/Junior Park Run to do a baton relay run from their site at West Witney down to the Leys to hand over for the beacon lighting?

Children's Activity Day (Saturday 4th June)

Cllr Liz Duncan has suggested an activity in the Corn Exchange on the Saturday afternoon along the lines of the popular annual Advent Fayre. Children could be encouraged to come in fancy dress. There is a budget of £250. Activities to include decorating crowns, corgi hunt, green canopy decorated paper leaves, photo props

Museum Artefacts

Cllr L Duncan has supplied a contact at the Museum to discuss having an exhibition of some of their Royal Memorabilia in the Corn Exchange.

Legacy Project

Please see the attached report from the Project Officer

Financial Implications

Budget for the Children's activity day of £250 will come from the existing budget. There is currently a balance of around £250 remaining.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

Any projects should be sustainable and have some lasting legacy impact where possible. Events should be climate friendly and not have single use plastic or lots of printed material involved.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability. By involving the community and supporting their projects there should be no big drain on resources at the Town Council.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

1. A change of time for the beacon lighting to make it more likely that families attend
2. That park run is invited to perform a relay torch/baton run.
3. Running a children's Activity Day on Saturday 4th June