

CTC 750 Working Group

Thursday 3 March 11am-12.30pm on Zoom

Attendees: Cllr Suzy Firkin, Cllr Margaret Gartside, Cllr Kay Wesley, Jenny Unsworth, Jackie MacArthur, Rachel McCarthy, Jess Imber, Debbie Coxon

1. **Apologies:** Cllr David Brown, Cllr Suzie Akers-Smith, Cllr Rob Moreton
2. **Notes of the 3 February meeting:** Approved by Cllr Kay Wesley
3. **Merchandise Update:**
T-shirts due for delivery. Mugs are selling well. Suggestion made to expand the range of mugs using the 750 characters.
Schools to receive complimentary A2 poster & x2 pin badges for Head boy and girl. **JM & MG to deliver with support available from group members.**
KW & JI to look at Spreadshirt online shop.
4. **Update & issues on below CTC events:**
 - a.) **Mountbatten Way Banners**
SF sold banner & event sponsorship (£500) to Ezy Talk at the Breakfast morning today.
Potential for Ezy Talk to be a Gold Sponsor.
x2 banners remaining, x1 if Franklyn sign up. **Celeste to contact Ian Cotterill**
CEC not granted planning application – **JMAC to chase**

Heraldic Flags
x23 Flags will be erected on Monday. Permission for x31 brackets currently.
 - b.) **Ale Taster & Catchpole**
Interviews taking place tomorrow (4.3). x4 candidates invited to interview, x2 confirmed at the time of the meeting. To be held at Little St Beer Cellar. x10 applications received, potential for some of the strong candidates to get involved in other roles / aspects of 750.
Catchpole – outfit and duties confirmed with Doug Parker.
 - c.) **Beating of the Boundaries**
Omnify online booking is ready to go live.
Leaflet and map at the printers, due to be signed off.
CHS have offered checkpoint facilities. Refreshments will be available with funds going to the Georgia Lee Ogden Foundation.
SF reported local companies have expressed an interest to participate.
Discussion on the start point, as to whether it would be feasible to start at any point along the route as long as walkers check in at Point 1 when they pass it. CTC have a duty of care to members of the public, one official start point would make this easier to exercise.
 - d.) **Platinum Jubilee**
Fifties & Sixties band booked. Brass bands contacted are unavailable. Contact Foden's.
RSPCA are hosting a dog show and the Harriers are running traditional games.
JMAC has applied for £1400 funding from the Cheshire Community Foundation.
A Tea Party at the Town Hall for vulnerable members of the community was considered a good idea. **Book a company to host a sequence / tea dance.**

e.) **Town Hall Exhibition**

JU and team to dress the Town Hall with flags on Weds. 9 March.

JU suggested a life size peasant hut for the display.

f.) **Medieval Festival Event at Congleton Park- 13 August**

RMc book Dreygo the Dragon and Giant Egg!

JI has contacted Knights of Nottingham to see if they can recommend other acts.

JU has supplied the Dragon Quest.

g.) **Medieval Banquet at Town Hall**

Town Hall and band booked for 30th September. Tickets sales May time.

5. **Schools Update**

5 bookings confirmed. JM has got interest from Havannah & Marton.

JM to visit Smallwood & Woodcock's Well. MG to visit Bosley.

Town sports is Wed 6 July – look at cancelling the pm session for schools. Possibility of opening to the public.

6. **AOB**

SF suggested the council run a 'fictitious' meeting with councillors in medieval attire. Attendee by the Ale Taster & Catchpole. Lichfield Council are well know for this. JU volunteered to order/adjust outfits for (un)willing volunteers! **Arrange a meeting and supply Jenny with a list.**

Priesty Path walk/Astbury Church open day – potential date 3 July. MG asked if the round trail markers could be updated as the current ones look tired.

F&D Festival is Sun. 12 June. JM would like to bring a medieval aspect to the festival. **Book the characters to attend & support Jo with acts and entertainment.** JM has lost some food traders, refer any new producers to Jo.

Date of next meeting- Thursday 7 April 2022, 11am.