

CTC 750 Working Group

Thursday 7 April 11am-12.30pm on Zoom

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Suzy Firkin, Cllr Suzie Akers-Smith, Cllr Rob Moreton
2. **Notes of the 3 February meeting:** Approved
3. **Merchandise Update:**
Magnets in stock. Mugs are selling well – more on order. Spreadshirt online shop set up –
Jl to circulate suggested list of items to retail. Email Daz for logo with no background.
4. **Update & issues on below CTC events:**
 - a.) **Mountbatten Way Banners**
CEC granted permission on 8/4, West Rd roundabout was omitted - JMAC has gone back to CEC for consent. All the banners are sold, and sponsorship revenue has covered the project costs. Flags are in production with Bay Media. Installation in April.
 - b.) **Ale Taster & Catchpole**
Benedict Goodale aka Paul Boswell has been unveiled. Paul is doing a fantastic job making national headlines! All the characters are now in post and look splendid in their costumes.

Meeting scheduled for next week to move forward the 'Ale Trail'.

Provisional dates for a Beer Festival in the Town Hall are 22-23 & 29-30 Oct. Seeking more details on how Macclesfield runs their festival .
 - c.) **Beating of the Boundaries**

The route has been walked by MG's husband and deemed safe for the event.
JU & SAS responsible for escorting the horses.
170 sign ups to date. Registration – where Moss Lane meets Manchester Rd. Finish point moved to Havannah Lane & will be manned until 4pm.
RMC – designated first aider. **Take the defib from the Town Hall**
Self-guided leaflet produced and will be available in the CIC from Monday.
 - d.) **Platinum Jubilee**
Audley brass band booked.
Funding tbc - MAC has applied for £1400 from the Cheshire Community Foundation & £120 from CEC. Road closures will be an additional cost.
RMC leading on the Town Hall Tea Party. Andrew Bell contacted.
 - e.) **Town Hall Exhibition**
JU making good progress with the exhibition. Paul Boswell working on the 'Bread & Ale' exhibit. **JMAC to contact John Picken ref the peasant hut.**

Fire brigade are making the stocks for CTC to loan. **DB to check if the frames are stocks or pillory?**

Open to booked schools in the week. In addition: Mon 4th – Civic reception. Fri 8th ticketed event with speakers. Sat 9th public viewing.

Storage for the display was discussed and a long-term solution needs to be found. It became apparent there are lots of synergies and opportunities to link the museum in with 750. **JMAC & DB arrange a meeting with Ian.**

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

Confirmed acts: Dreygo the Dragon; Dragon Quest, Knights of Nottingham.

JM organising F&D stalls and the craft tent. **Volunteer painters are required for the heraldic flags.**

Grant application is going in.

DB advised a dedicated Safety Officer needs to be appointed, which will be their sole job. **JMAC & RMc to liase with Andrew Latham, CEC.**

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

Expressions of interest for tickets have been received.

5. **Schools Update**

Item not discussed.

Point from previous minutes which needs to be addressed:

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

6. **AOB**

MG to contact Ian ref the museum's Priesty Path walk.

The group approved JU's idea to make unisex medieval costumes for children to 'dress-up' in at the park event. Approx. £3 per costume to make. Grant applied for.

Comms team to book photographer Judie Tingle for events.

Date of next meeting- Thursday 5 May 2022, 11am.