

CTC 750 Working Group

Thursday 9 June 11am-12.30pm on Zoom

Attendees: Cllr Margaret Gartside, Cllr Suzy Firkin, Jenny Unsworth, Jackie MacArthur,
Debbie Coxon

1. **Apologies:** Cllr David Brown, Cllr Kay Wesley, Cllr Suzie Akers-Smith, Cllr Rob Moreton, Jo Money, Rachel McCarthy
2. **Notes of the 5 May meeting:** Approved.
3. **Merchandise Update:**
Badges, magnets and tea towels selling well. Key rings are slow moving, possibly due to the poor quality. Option to use as giveaways at schools exhibition.
4. Update & issues on below CTC events:

a.) Medieval Festival in Congleton Park

Things we can take on board from Jubilee:

Attendance was in the thousands! Visitor numbers for Medieval are expected to be even higher, so the event doesn't need to be marketed outside Congleton. An influx of visitors from outside the catchment area poses greater complications around travel and car parking (we don't have the facilities for park n ride) and max numbers/H&S in the park. To control numbers, explore free tickets on Eventbrite.

D.Brown asked the group to address max nos in the park and suggested a meeting with the CEC Safety Officer. **ACTION: JMAC and RMc arrange a meeting with A.Latham, CEC.**

Jousting arena to be barriered off. Lost children's tent with dedicated staff (contact local nurseries). More volunteers (investigate running a recruitment event). More toilets and a second first aid point, hire a skip. Some visitors offered to make a donation - under the remit of his role, the Catchpole with assistants could collect on the day.

ACTION: JMAC apply for collection licence. Identify potential candidates to assist the catchpole.

JU will make additional costumes.

b.) 'Behind Closed Doors' Exhibition

JU advised more costumes are required. **ACTION: JMAC/RM order dresses off Amazon.**
Timetable of volunteers required.

JU requested a sample noticeboard to work on at home. JU to meet with Celeste to discuss printing requirements. **ACTION: JMAC order x10 boards.**

8 of the 9 sessions have been booked by schools.

Gingerbread to eat on the day – **ACTION: JMAC liaise with the Commercial Partner. Send ingredients list to schools to check for allergies.**

A sealed charter was also discussed to present to the children.

Seats are needed for the court scene. Benches would be ideal.

ACTION: DC contact the Leisure Centre to see what happened to their benches. Bring in the mayor's chair.

VIP night, Mon 4 July – ACTION: JMAC co-ordinate invites to sponsors, teachers, councillors, burgesses, volunteers & their families.

SF emailed the high schools ref the essay competition.

John Picken has quoted £1700 for the shed.

Discussion over the long-term storage of the Diorama. Jenny can't and doesn't want to keep it! Jenny has received an offer to sell. The group gave their full support to this. Another option could be to display it in a public place either the library or TMC (formerly B&M). The display would need to be fully protected ideally with Perspex. **DC to explore.**

c.) Ale Trail

JMAC gave an update - Daz is working on the design and Mark Rogan is taking the pics. Leaflet will be based on the 'What Pub Guide Template'.

JMAC will produce a 'Coming Soon' flier for the F&D Festival.

Ale Trail t-shirt – anyone can purchase regardless of whether they have completed the trail or self-selected pubs to visit.

d.) Beer Festival

RMc & JMAC arrange a meeting with Mark Bailey (Commercial Partner).

g) Medieval Banquet at Town Hall

ACTION: SAS confirm menu costings with Mark Bailey asap so ticket sales can commence.

JMAC advised the ticket price is likely to be around £30 with 120 max no's. Daz will design an official ticket.

5. AOB:

- a.) Priesty Path Walk** – tickets are selling well. Rev Anne Marie Naylor is due to come into town in medieval dress to promote and sell tickets.
- b.) Medieval council meeting, 10 Nov** – approved by the Chief Officer. Items for inclusion could include sending people to the stocks and reports from the Ale Taster (no of pubs supported, pints sold, boost to the economy etc.) and Catchpole (funds raised).

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14 July 2022 at 11am, Spencer Suite, Town Hall.