

Report to Community & Town Promotions Committee

Community Tea Event 2019 – combating loneliness, encouraging reminiscence

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To provide the committee with a brief update on the plans for a tea for the elderly residents of Malmesbury
- 1.2 To agree to broad itemised spending within the allocated budget (£200? TBC)

2. Background

- 2.1 The Tea was originally introduced for the last four years leading up to the commemoration of the 100-year anniversary of the WW1 Armistice. It has been agreed by the CTP committee to continue the tea for elderly residents, providing there is a community service aspect to it.

3. Update

- 3.1 A working group has been formed, the date has been booked as 10 October 2019, the broad theme has been agreed and the entertainer, Brian Slade, confirmed.
- 3.2 Details are to be further defined in terms of quantifying the community service aspect of the tea. See also: https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/combating-loneliness-guid-24e_march_2018.pdf.
- 3.3 The word “**CommuniTea**” is quite often used as a play on words for this type of event (possible consideration for this as an ongoing activity)
- 3.4 Cornish Cream Tea concept has been sent around to the working party:

Cornish Cream Tea



- White table-cloths, blue napkins, white plates, Cornish themed serving/presentation plates
- Little Cornish flags around
- Nautical decorative pieces with the flag
- Scones, jam and Cornish clotted cream as the main feature but supplemented with finger sandwiches and small cakes
- Servers and musician to wear striped tops
- Some seaside songs
- A read seaside poem
- A large reminiscence board near the entrance and an invitation for people to bring either an old photo of them on the beach (doesn't have to be in Cornwall), or a short, hand-written piece about a memory of going to the beach. These can be blue tacked to the Board and someone can talk about them to the group towards the end of the session.
- A poll on the board for preference between jam or cream first on the scone and a reveal of the result at the end.

4. Costs

4.1 Rough costs and itemisation of food items, which made need honing:

Morrisons

The best scone platter (pre made with jam and cream) £7 (9 on each) x 5 = £35

8 pack of plain scones £1 x 6 = £6

8 pack of raisin scones £1 x 6 = £6

Jam £1 x 8 = £8

Cornish Clotted Cream £2.28 x 8 = £18.24

Crustless sandwich platter £6 x 8 = £48

Coffee cake and ginger cake fingers, raspberry coconut slices (or other finger cakes) £1.65 ea x 8 = £13.20

Macarons x 12 on a platter x 8 x £3.50 = £28

£162.44 but will get everything for £150

5. Proposal

5.1 That the CTP Committee approve the purchase of food, as a priority, and then theming items as per the brief above, should that be further agreed by the working party.

5. Recommendations

5.1 To note the items in the proposal above and action accordingly

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