

Agenda item

Ware Town Council Events 2020/21

Cinema

At the last meeting we discussed a possible return for September. In order to do this we would need to restrict numbers by half to maintain social distancing. The provision of tea/coffee biscuits would be unlikely. Tickets would need to be purchased online to allow for less contact/cash handling which would exclude some guests.

Given the demographic of our audience I feel it would be prudent to put off reopening until January.

I would like to contact the regular attendees (those for whom we have an email address) to update them.

Summer Concerts

The Bullenbush Band, who had been booked to play on August 9th were keen to play. With a few alterations to their set, the concert went ahead and was successful. They had quite an audience, many of whom came from 'pub in the park'. The band played outside the Priory Hall on the hardstanding – the audience were able to maintain social distancing on the back lawn. Guests were asked to bring their own chairs/blankets.

At the time of writing, a further concert is planned for September 13th. I have approached Lip Service Brass Band and am awaiting confirmation. Lip Service Brass Band are professional musicians which was part of my rationale when booking them.

It has been agreed that the Carol Concert will not take place this year. This event is always hugely popular so it would be difficult to have any kind of social distancing. Ware Brass supports this decision.

Ware Festival/Rock in the Priory

I am making plans to hold zoom meetings in the coming weeks to get things up and running for 2021.

Other organisations

As I understand it Ware RBL are making tentative plans to hold a parade, service and wreath laying on 8th. There will also be the usual small gathering at the war memorial on 11th November.

The Rotary Firework Display will not take place this year.

Dickensian Evening has been cancelled, however, there is a possibility of some virtual event to take its place.

I have been in regular contact with other East Herts Towns and none have plans for community events before the end of the year.

Newsletter

The fortnightly newsletter has proved popular and I recommend that we continue with this for the time being.

Covid 19 Fund

The fund is now closed. You will have seen from the quotes from beneficiaries in the newsletter how much this has meant to the local community.

Going forward

We need to consider the following for 2021

Guided Tours of Ware

Food Festival

Programme of Summer Concerts – to coincide with ‘Pub in the Park’?

Heritage Weekend

Any new events for consideration.

September 4th 2020