



Town of Culture Competition

It was a great pleasure to work on our bid for the UK Town of Culture competition, along with other councillors. This was submitted shortly ahead of the deadline on March 31st. An announcement on which UK towns have been shortlisted, and will receive £60,000 to develop a full bid, is expected by the end of the spring. We received some excellent, very creative ideas and contributions from residents and local organisations and whether or not we are shortlisted, it will be great to see which of these ideas can be taken forward.

Town photo trail

I reported on this at the last meeting and can update that the Photography Group are underway with taking their photos so that a photo trail can be produced for use by visitors and residents.

Kindness Festival

Along with other councillors, I attended the launch event of the Kindness Festival in March, held at the Hub. A great programme of activities was organised for the whole weekend, and the positivity was inspiring. Many thanks to the organisers. I very much hope it will be repeated next year.

Carer Café

I recently popped into the Bradford on Avon Carer Café meeting at Timbrell’s Yard. The group meets once a month, supported by Carers Together Wiltshire and offers vital support to carers. There are many carers within our community and contact with others in the same position can bring great benefits.

Twinning Visit

The recent visit of French guests from Sully sur Loire was a pleasure to be a small part of. It was a really successful visit and lovely to see the connections across the communities including the Tow Path Singers. It was a pleasure to host two visitors and join in the evening reception.

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Agenda item 7 – Chair’s Report

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Town Council Events

With the revised committee structure, events fall within the remit of this committee, so as we are in the midst of a busy period of events, I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff and many volunteers who do so much to make them a success. I'd like to particularly plug the Duck Race taking place next Monday (May 25th) and the Live Music Festival running the following weekend from May 29th – 31st – there's a fabulous array of music all weekend, lots free and some great ticketed events too.