

Members discussion suggestions July 2011

Events

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 1940`s 1950,s weeeekend/day.2. Vintage fairground.3. Craft stalls.4. Victorian days.(2)5. Events to coincide with riverside festival.6. Car boot sale.7. Better advertising (2). Large posters at each gate.8. Antiques fair.9. Events involving local schools/youngsters. (2).10. Setting up park quiz.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">11. Easter Egg/Treasure Hunt.12. P.A. System.13. Involve Muslim community. Perhaps a mini Mela.14. Ice cream van franchise at events.15. Postition gazebos in the sun.16. One large event in the summer.17. Harvest(?) themed event.18. Teenage activities/
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Comments

Action has been taken on items 3, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16 (Jubilee 2012) and 18.

Concerts

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Concerts are very good.2. Good variety of music3. Brass bands are popular.4. Cleveland youth orchestra or Tees valley music service.5. Seek out free musicians. Schools/community groups (2)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6 Last night of the proms. (3)7. Donations to FoRP.8. Identify FoRP as organisers. (2)9. Need P.A.system.10. Extra seating.11. More big swing bands.12. Battle of the bands (school children)
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Comments

Action has been taken on 4, 5, 6 (Party in the Park, June) 8, 9 and 10.

Hanging Basket Project

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Not the right use of FoRP funds. (4)2. Not a very big take up.3. Leave to the council in future (3)4. Excellent idea.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Like the idea but not FoRP funds.6. Don`t pull out once started. Make into a break even scheme.7. A lot of expense for limited return.8. Supports Britain in Bloom
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Comments

The scheme for 2012 complies with all of these comments.

Something Permanent

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Memorial/Sensory Garden/Dedicated FoRP flower bed. (2) 2. Statue/Work of art. 3. Putting Green (hire from cafe). 4. Seating inside playground. 5. Extra seating with FoRP name on it. (5) 6. Rustic seating in wild flower garden (could be simple supports & rustic plank. 7. Proper roosts on the island for water birds & easy access to the islands for young birds. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Water feature on the lake. 9. Lamp posts on the main promenade. 10. Park keeper starting early. 11. Picnic tables. 12. Covered play area. 13. Gazebo type structure for warm but rainy days. 14. "Village Hall" for events, dances, to hire out. 15. Outdoor cinema.
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Comments

We have limited funds so at present only 5, and 11 are being pursued. Opening and closing times of the park are the remit of Stockton Council. We have been unable to reach agreement with the council on 1.

Cafe

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Later opening hours. (3) 2. Christmas meals. Too expensive, fewer courses? (2) more days. 3. Coffee mornings in cafe in new year. 4. Tea a little expensive A cup instead of a pot? 5. Sandwich boards giving information. 6. Brown bread. Nice tasty bread buns. 7. Christmas, Easter raffles. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Cake judging competition. Winning recipe to be baked and sold in cafe. (2) Sponsorship opportunity? 9. Access difficult during busy periods because of queue. 10. Canopy outside to provide shade. 11. Portable ice cream stall. 12. Themed nights, Pizza, Curry, Fish and chip. 13. Quiz nights/afternoons
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Comments

Cafe opening hours are dictated by our hourly takings records. Although at times we appear to be closing early, the records show that the takings drop sharply in the last hour that we are open. Finances are so finely balanced that we need to be very careful.

Christmas meals have been changed as suggested.

Queuing is a problem at busy times but even when we open the shutters at the back it is difficult to persuade customers to use it.

Fund Raising

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sponsorship from local businesses. 2. Five-a-side matches. 3. Model boat race. 4. Antiques Fair. 5. FoRP ice cream Sunday. During the Summer, every ice cream has a 10p. surcharge for FoRP. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Memorial garden. Area with tree planting for loved ones with charge to FoRP. 7. Raffle in cafe. 8. Family fun sports day. 9. Race night.
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Comments

Sponsorship from local businesses has been a great success. We have had raffles at Christmas.

