

The Community Engagement group has continued to meet during the last year, despite the difficulties of not being able to meet face-to-face because of the ongoing COVID restrictions. The biggest achievement has been the support and encouragement given towards the Queen's Jubilee event; Carlton Colville Primary School are providing the old fashioned fairground games/activities and the stocks - some of these things have been built especially for the jubilee celebration, with the school benefitting in the long term as they will have these for their own use. The Grove put us in touch with a choir group and suggested that we seek the help of the Air Cadets to help man stalls etc on the day. Both primary schools are taking part in the "Crowns" competition. The Scouting group is providing a gazebo for us to use for the bands to play in, they are also running stalls for which they will not charge for the activities. St Peter's is also supporting the event with hand bell ringers, a messy event and another stall. The Community Centre has been brilliant too, not least for allowing us to use the hall and field for the event without any charge. Sunrise Academy is allowing us to use their car park on the day. The pre-school group are making the bunting and running a children friendly tombola. The Transport Museum for running a bus service to allow us to get people to and from the event. The Allotment group have helped by enlisting the help of one of their group to transport equipment to and from the event.

I would also like to thank Alison for her support of the group, she takes the minutes and organises the meeting calendar and this year has been a driving force in the delivery of the jubilee event. These are all matters over and above her role as Clerk to the Town Council.

It has been my pleasure to work with the group since its inception, the group truly represents the best in our community and demonstrates what community spirit is all about. Long may they continue to meet and support each other.

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