

Report No. TC03521 Appendix: B Agenda Item: 6	Extraordinary Meeting 29th September 2021
OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL	
Report Author: Sally-Anne Wadsworth	Title: Councillor
Subject: Christmas/2022 Summer Events	
Applicable Strategy:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that Oakham remains a viable and pleasant environment in which to live, work and play. 2. Promote the town as an attractive place to visit and stay 	

Background

This year's Summer music events have been a great success, well attended, and the feedback Council have received has been very positive.

I would like to thank Councillors Romney, Lowe, the Deputy Clerk Kathy and their spouses who have been at most of the events this year helping out. Also, to the other Councillors who have been down to help, as and when they could. It was very much appreciated. Thank you!

This year the Events working group have decided not to have the 'light switch on' in the Market Place, but to use Cutts Close for a Christmas Music Fayre:

- Sunday 5th December between the times of 12noon – 6pm
- To invite local choirs/singers to perform Christmas songs/carols in the Bandstand
- To invite (ideally local) stall holders to stand at the event free of charge
- To invite the Grainstore to provide an outside bar

In 2022, it is the Queens Platinum Jubilee and a 4-day Bank holiday 2nd – 5th June 2022. With lots of celebrations being organised across the country, we feel this would be the ideal weekend to begin our summer events.

So far the Town Council has been asked to take part in the Lighting of the Beacon which will take place in Cutts Close on the 2nd June (time to be confirmed), also 'Party in the Park' on Sunday 5th June, 12noon – 7pm.

Proposals

- To approve the hiring of a large marquee for the Christmas event and approve the expenditure of £3000
- To approve the purchase of 6 x banners to advertise the Christmas event, and the expenditure of £300
- To approve the purchase of 3 large plastic black dustbins, and the expenditure of £45
- To approve the following:
 - A 2-day event on 4th-5th June 2022
 - A Sunday event from 12th June – 21st August 2022
 - A 2-day event on 28th-29th August 2022
- To approve the hiring of porta-loos for 4th-5th June and 28th-29th August 2022
- To agree the preliminary funding for the above events