

Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

From: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Sent: 28 October 2019 13:20
To: 'Red Lion Swaffham'; Cllr J Anscombe; Cllr L Beech; Cllr S Bell; Cllr W Bensley; Cllr P Darby; Cllr G Edwards; Cllr B Holmes; Cllr C Houghton; Cllr S Matthews; cllrpilcher.swaffhamtc; Cllr Keith Sandle; Cllr Les Scott; Cllr Jill Skinner; Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Subject: RE: Town Events and Monument and trees

Dear Rob,

I acknowledge your e-mail of 20th October 2019. I can confirm that the three items you have raised will be dealt with as follows: -

1. DADS ARMY

The date provisionally booked for next year is Saturday 25th July – as you are aware, this event was one of many trying to increase the footfall to the Saturday Market, which predominantly it achieved. However, nothing is set in stone, the Market, Events and Tourism Committee next meet on Monday 18th November, so your suggestions can be discussed by the Committee on that evening.

2. HOWARD CARTER/TUTANKHAMUN STATUE

You state you have started 'a petition for the Council to back a proposal to have a statue of Carter as soon as possible to be in town at least before the tuts centenary'. It would be useful to have a copy of the wording at the top of the petition prior to the Full Council meeting on 13th November, which is when your proposal will feature on the agenda. Swaffham Heritage will also be making a presentation to the November meeting, mainly about a proposed exhibition in 2022, they are also asking for an in principle decision on a permanent recognition of Howard Carter, which could be a plaque or sculpture.

3. TREES IN THE TOWN CENTRE

The trees on the East side of Market place are on Norfolk County Council and Breckland Council land respectively, I will put this on the Traffic, Access and Environment Committee agenda for next Tuesday's meeting 5th November. Our local Highway Engineer would have to inspect the trees and report further up the chain for any action that might be necessary.

I hope I have covered all the points you have raised, no doubt you will inform me if there is anything I have missed.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop
Town Clerk



Swaffham Town Council, Town Hall, 4 London Street, Swaffham, Norfolk, PE37 7DQ
 Tel **01760 722922** Fax **01760 720469** www.swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk



You can also follow Swaffham Town Council on Twitter
 @**SwaffhamClerk** and our Traditional Market @**SwaffhamMarket**

From: Red Lion Swaffham <redlionswaffham@gmail.com>

Sent: 20 October 2019 12:28

To: Cllr J Anscombe <CllrAnscombe.SwaffhamTC@gmail.com>; Cllr L Beech <CllrBeech.SwaffhamTC@gmail.com>; Cllr S Bell <CllrBell.SwaffhamTC@gmail.com>; Cllr W Bensley <CllrBensley.SwaffhamTC@gmail.com>; Cllr P Darby <CllrDarby.SwaffhamTC@gmail.com>; Cllr G Edwards <CllrEdwards.SwaffhamTC@gmail.com>; Cllr B Holmes <CllrHolmes.SwaffhamTC@gmail.com>; Cllr C Houghton <CllrHoughton.SwaffhamTC@gmail.com>; Cllr S Matthews <CllrMatthews.SwaffhamTC@gmail.com>; cllrpilcher.swaffhamtc <CllrPilcher.SwaffhamTC@gmail.com>; Cllr Keith Sandle <CllrSandle.SwaffhamTC@gmail.com>; Cllr Les Scott <CllrScott.SwaffhamTC@gmail.com>; Cllr Jill Skinner <CllrSkinner.SwaffhamTC@gmail.com>; Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <deputyclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>; Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <townclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Town Events and Monument and trees

Dear all

I am writing to you all in order to answer some questions that my regulars have put to me.

1 DADS ARMY.

As you are all aware the past 2 events have proven to help bring footfall into the town and its not time to create this to be a permanent annual event for the town.

Taking onboard the comments of the public and most important the people that actually do this event.

Can you confirm when the next event is planned for?

It was strongly suggested to hold the event as a 1940s event in SEPTEMBER and pref on a SUNDAY.

This makes complete sense and should be arranged and followed as such.

Having the past events on a Saturday did not help the market traders in increase of trade and in fact proved to be the opposite as those who came to see the dads army and relevant stalls only came for that..

Can I urge you to make a date for what is now suggested as a preferred and taking the advice from those who know. SEPTEMBER SUNDAY 1940s

2. HOWARD CARTER/TUTANKHAMEN STATUE

As im sure you are all aware I have taken to petition the council and having many local business on board with having the petition at their place or work to strongly request that the council back a proposal to have a statue of CARTER as soon as possible to be in town at least before the tuts centenary.

I started this petition after reading in the local paper that our museum manager sue did not want to have anything to do with this idea which I personally found weird as the museum has a great exhibition dedicated to king tut and even refers to carter as well.

We all know that he did have ties with the Swaffham town and relatives here and I for one of hundreds would like this to be recognised. And having a prominent statue that links carter and tut will help visitors to the town when the museum is closed for an extended period.

I have quoted in my petition ref to thetford for one example reasons to having this.

Capt Mainwaring the fictions character and Thomas paine.

I believe that if agreed this process must be started as soon as possible so as to meet the dead line in a few years time.

I know that most cllrs as well as the public are fully behind this and I would like this to be raised as urgent matter to be started asap.

The petitions was highlighted in the lynn news and paper versions are in establishments about town.

As well as online.

We all know about the successful event we had for the 800 years and with this monument will only add for reasons for visitors tourists etc to visit the town and all the business will benefit from it.

id also like to raise a concern about the trees lining the road which are in a pityful state and in many views require replacement asap several of the trees look very weak and dont seem to be growing at all.

Howard Carter Statue for Swaffham Norfolk



Decision makers

Swaffham Town Council, Breckland Council, Swaffham Museum, Norfolk County Council, Swaffham Councillors, Heritage

Howard Carter (9 May 1874 – 2 March 1939) was a British archaeologist and Egyptologist who became world-famous after discovering the intact tomb (designated KV62) of the 18th Dynasty Pharaoh, Tutankhamen (colloquially known as "King Tut" and "the boy king"), in November 1922.

Howard Carter was born in Kensington on 9 May 1874, the son of Samuel John Carter, an artist, and Martha Joyce Carter (née Sands). His father trained and developed Howard's artistic talents.

Carter spent much of his childhood with relatives in the Norfolk market town of Swaffham, the birthplace of both his parents.

As its nearing the centenary of this historical find Swaffham needs and wants to recognize the carter connection and to bring this to attention of the world.

We would like to have a statue which would not only highlight the carter connection but also his connection with king tut, and letting the public interact with the statue by having a photo and information as well.

In order to do this we must petition the local council to proceed with this idea and make sure its completed before the 100 year anniversary.

So please share and add your name to this and lets make some local history ourselves.

<https://www.change.org/p/swaffham-town-council-howard-carter-statue-for-swaffham-norfolk>

<http://chnng.i/ZP5fw8qr4H>

