

## Item 6 Events Suggestions for 2025.

### February: Afternoon Tea & Dance

This would entail music and dancing for the over 60's with an 'afternoon tea' style lunch, the music can be sorted by the Events Officer and the council's contribution would be a £2 per head to go towards the afternoon tea lunch catered for by Sue.

The cost of this would be dependent on attendees but judging by our regular numbers I'd say £50 (based on 25 attendees)

### March/April: Easter Egg hunt at Leigh Library Gardens

This event would take place in Leigh Library gardens and was an excellent suggestion from one of the Friends of Leigh volunteers. This would entail children to be given a sheet with coloured eggs on and then set off around the gardens to find the eggs.

The cost would be based on chocolate eggs and the amount brought. Cream eggs can be brought in bulk from wholesalers or Amazon for around £50 for 48 eggs. I would suggest getting a minimum of 4 boxes which is 192 eggs this would cost roughly £200. Alternatively, other eggs can be used or brought.

### May: VE Day family fun day at Bond church road

VE Day is a day of remembrance and community! The idea is to have a fun family day at Bonchurch Park with food stalls, nik nak stalls, dancing, and fancy dress. This would be for all ages, and we'd look to have a little something for everyone. This would be a great way to involve local businesses and residents.

The cost would need to include licensing, activities, staff wages (if necessary)

Licensing for this type of event - £20/£30.

Activities for this could include:

- Art ministry (based off past events the price per child is £4.25)
- Dance and music by Quackers: £150/£200 per hour
- Balloon modelling: £100 per hour
- Storytelling (Volunteering)
- Market stalls
- Kelly's kitchen bar (usual rate is £100/£150 minimum spend)

### June: Art trail

To celebrate the art trail and do our bit to contribute and involve the community with the art trail there have been ideas to have some of our own arts and crafts sessions celebrating the animal chosen that year to sponsor. This could be done by our artists in residence or the art ministry.

Potentially volunteered and free of charge by the artists in residence and then the art ministry would be roughly £4.25 per child.

#### August: VJ Day Concert in the hall for over 60's

As a remembrance celebration, we are looking to hold an over 60's concert in the lower hall with some VJ films/videos shown on the projector. This would not cost the council anything.

#### October: Kids activities

For Halloween, we'd love to do some exciting activities for the children here at the centre!

The activity ideas include:

- Snakes Alive - The cost for 1 handler and 5 animals for 1 hour will be £195.
- Crime Scene Challenge: For up to 30 children the price will £370, for up to 40 £470, for up to 50 £570
- Cupcake/Pizza decorating in the café: Free of charge as it is a collaboration with the café.

**Snakes Alive** is a session for children to interact with real-life animals in a safe and controlled environment. Some of the animals include snakes, spiders, geckos and lizards, tortoises.

**The Crime Scene Challenge** is a local business that offers fun theatrical experiences for ages 9+. The storyline will be themed to fit with Halloween and can be marketed as a Halloween Murder where the participants will investigate a trick or treat gone wrong! The workshop will be led by a real Detective. They will all receive a forensic suit that they can take home, and they will also take home their fingerprints and a finger mark lift. The workshop will include lots of practical activities, using real equipment. For up to 30 children the price will be £370, for up to 40 £470, for up to 50 £570.

Another cost to consider is the room rate for us to rent out a room, for a large room our fee is £18.00 an hour and for the hall the rate is £24.00 an hour.

#### November: Leigh Lights

Leigh Lights is one of the biggest events of the year and is very popular with the residents.

This is to be discussed in a working party.

#### December: Art fair

The possibility of an art exhibition/ fair at Christmas time is an exciting idea that needs to be discussed further by a working party.