

**Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations
Notes of Steering Group meeting
Tuesday 12 January 2016 at 7.30pm
Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem.**

In attendance: Tim Wilton Morgan (WRPC and Wem Scouts), Carole Warner (WRPC), Tom Edwards (Wem Methodist Church), Alyson Owens (Wem WI), Kath Shaw (Wem WI), Sue Thomas (Shropshire Council), Sue Holliday, Mandy Meakin (Wem Town Hall), Revd Nick Heron (St Peters and Pauls Church), Edward Towers (WTC), Rosemary Dodd (Wem Methodist Church)

1. Welcome: Tim Wilton Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies: John Murray, Penny O'Hagan (Wem Town Council) and Val Good (Eckford Sweet Pea Society)
3. Notes from meeting 8 December 2015: agreed
4. Events: the following programme of events were proposed to mark the occasion:

Sunday 5 June	Methodist Church	90 th Anniversary of Church Building
Sunday 12 June	St Peters and St Pauls Church	United Church Service at 11.15am
Sunday 12 June	Parade from Church to Wem Recreation Ground	12.15am
Sunday 12 June	Wem Recreation Ground	'Picnic in the Rec' 1pm to 4pm
Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 July	Methodist Church	Commemorative Display
Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July	Sweet Pea Society and Wem Garden Club	Sweet Pea Show

The Methodist Church is planning a Flower Festival – date to be confirmed.
Other societies and groups should be approached for events to add to the programme.

5. Actions: the following actions were agreed:

United Church Service	Order of Service	Revd Nick Heron
Parade	Ask Ian Thompson to coordinate parade	Edward Towers
	Ask Clive Shingler to organise rolling road closure	Sue Holliday
Picnic in the Rec	Wem Sports and Social Club to agree Entertainment – ask Tim Bamford to	Penny O'Hagan Edward Towers

	coordinate (Suggested: Wem Jubilee Band, School Choirs, Sing Out Aloud, Wem Kayobi Taiko Drummers, Alisha-Jayne Dancers)	
	Entertainment – ask David Ford for 2 trailers	Tim Wilton Morgan
	Facilities to include:	Sue Holliday
	Children’s entertainment	
	Charity Stalls	
	Refreshments (to Include Wem WI cream tea tent)	
	Toilets (Tennis Club and Bowling Club)	
	Bunting and flags (to include decoration of High Street if possible)	
	Seating	Sue Holliday and Edward Towers
	Set-up, stewards and litter pick	Wem Cadets
	First Aiders	Edward Towers
Parade and Picnic	Insurance	Penny O’Hagan

CW/ST to contact The Wemian for deadline for Spring edition. Depending on publication schedule to include advert for event / request for other commemorative events.

6. Next meeting: Tuesday 26 January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Roden Suite.