

# PAGODA, SELWYN AND BEAUMONT AVENUE'S STREET PARTY UPDATE

Many thanks to all those who attended the meeting in The Crown pub on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> about the street party.

This is an update to let everyone know the current plans and arrangements for the street party, which will be held on Monday June 4.

## Current plans

The streets of Selwyn and Beaumont will be closed to traffic for the day, and we will have a party which involves Selwyn, Beaumont and Pagoda residents. We would ask all residents to move their cars in the morning, so that the roads are free for activities, games and socialising.

There will be events and music during the day, and in the evening, we'll have tables stretching down the roads for supper, and more music (and dancing?).

We have already applied to the Council for permission to close Beaumont and Selwyn Avenue, whilst keeping Pagoda Avenue open and this permission has now been granted.

## Timings

We had a discussion at the meeting about the timing of the party on the day, as we are able to decide a 12-hour slot for this, and it was generally thought that 11am till 11pm would be best. This means that all cars will need to be moved by 11am, but can go back on the street after 11pm. Please let us know if you disagree with this or can foresee any problems.

## Organisation

We haven't got that much time to plan events, and we thought it would be good to divide up into different groups to manage the tasks ahead.

The groups we discussed setting up were the following:

1. Parking and transport
2. Children's entertainment
3. Adult entertainment
4. Music
5. Food and refreshment
6. Decorations (bunting)
7. Tables and chairs

## Funding

At the last party, 16 years ago, we asked for a voluntary contribution of £5 from all adults which will go towards various bits and pieces we will need. At the meeting, we already started a kitty with donations, which is being held by Jill Barnes at 2 Selwyn. If people are happy to pay towards this, that would be great. Any money

not spent will go to a charity of people's choice. This is what happened with the funds left over from the party in 1996.

In terms of spending, there were two ideas floated last night. One was to have an ice-cream van, which we thought would be popular with everyone. We'll look into the feasibility of this. It may be necessary to buy a few bits for the decoration of the street. Gill from 33 Selwyn and Sarah from 26 Selwyn Avenue have kindly offered to oversee the decoration elements, and their email is below for any further help.

**Parking**

We'd like to give people as much advance notice as possible of the need to move cars, so it's really crucial that we get help on this. Jonathan from 71 Selwyn has offered to be on this group, so perhaps if people are happy to contact him, they can help with this. On the morning itself, the barriers to go at either end of the roads will need to be picked up from Richmond Council depot, so we need to consider this too.

**Visitors**

There was quite a discussion about how we manage visitors to the party, as many people will have relatives or friends who may want to celebrate with us. What happened last time was that the events of the daytime were kept to the three streets, but then visitors joined in the evening, particularly for the meal and the dancing. There was a general feeling that this might be a good idea again, but it really would be useful to canvas all of your views on this. One suggestion is that we could give residents in each street coloured wrist bands so that you will know who neighbours are, and then each household tells us how many guests they would like to invite along for, say, after 6pm, so that we can have an idea of numbers.

It's also clear that several families will be away for the half term week and again, if you're able to give us an indication of this, that would be useful for numbers. It was also agreed that some local restaurants, shops and surgeries should be given some guest tickets, as they were part of the local community.

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