To consider proposal for the Promotion of Community Events in the Almonry.

Issue: In the run up to European Year of the Normans, residents are asking for information on the events.

Reason: There is a lack of suitable community display notice boards:

- Council ones are for council notices and events only.
- There is a single site available at the bus stop. Unfortunately this gets hogged by businesses, who often take down community notices to get their own private advertising on (dogwalkers, cake makers, services etc). In some cases, I have seen posters being take down the day after going up, when it is clearly printed that the event when the event has not yet taken place.
- The same issue relates to the small number of shops which do allow posters (e.g. Age UK, Co-op)
- Memorial Hall, which used to provide room, no longer does so, unless the event is at the Memorial Hall (understandably).

This matter has now been discussed at Battle Chamber of Commerce, which has recently identified a potential site in the town for a community notice board and will be taking that forward with the property owner, but it may take some months to achieve this, depending upon whether planning is required. Levelling up funding has been made available for this community-benefitting requirement.

In the meantime, given the crucial few months run-up to Year of the Normans, it would be very helpful if some space to promote this event was found in the Almonry, using the images prepared for the Annual Parish Meeting. If a reduced display is required, we would also request to use the existing Council boards, rather than larger free standing ones. It is a matter for TD&ER where the display would sit – Buttery or Council chamber.

We would further request that there is a promotion in the next July newsletter of the event, and that a display is available in the Almonry.

Proposal 1. To allow a small display for Year of the Normans in the Almonry (either Buttery or Council Chamber).

Proposal 2. To provide some information on Year of the Normans and that the display will be in the Council, and to otherwise support with online promotion.

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