

Golcar Lily Day

Saturday May 6th 2006

Present (in no particular order)

Martyn Crompton, Sue Starr, Betty Taylor, Susan Whitwam, Margaret Laycock, Nore Beaumont, Trevor and Patricia Walker, Sylvia Hanson, Dilys Eastwood, Hilda Hobson, John Broadbent, Jane Venables, Joan Morton, Brendan and Denise (Neighbourhood wardens) Christine Iredale, Tanya Stagg, Flora Angus, Eileen Denton, Sally Willow, Barbara Brook, Anne and Stuart Culpen, Andrew Marchington, Pamela Gillet, Linda Eastwood, Howard Roche, Jacinta Richards, Elaine Lonsdale, Sara Jane Postill, Dorothy Holden, Susan Daker, Anne Lord, Mike and Helen Walinski Keihl.

Not present but supporting the day

Michael Thewlis, Anne Crosland, D & E Knight, Robert Iredale, Maureen Davies, Marion Hall.

Organisations represented

By and Buy Shop, St John's Golcar, Providence Methodist, Mothers' Union, 41 Club, Round Table, Lions, Colne Valley Museum, Local Councillors, KNH wardens, Winkle Club, Guides, Local Shops.

(I hope that these lists are correct. Please accept my apologies if I have missed any thing or any one)

40 people got together at St John's Church Golcar to discuss the possibility of holding a Golcar Lily Day. As the forty people present and others who had indicated their support thought that this was a good idea it was decided that we would go ahead. A provisional date was made for the weekend of 12th May 2007. This would be the weekend after the May Day weekend. A further meeting was arranged for Saturday June 10th 2006 at Providence Methodist Church at **10.30 am**. (This time is slightly earlier than originally arranged).

Everyone enjoyed tea and cakes and then took a lily of the valley home to plant.

The following is a list of ideas which were collected together. I have tried to put them into categories.

Environment

Ginnels – clearing, marking in some way possibly with floral decorations), walking through. Golcar labyrinth journey.

Visiting private gardens in Golcar / with refreshments available. Sell lilies

Walk around perimeter some book or map provided

Walking treasure hunt

Cycling events and routes around Golcar

Tree dressing

Well dressing – or work on the local wells which are being neglected

Scarecrows or representations of lilies in local gardens

School children to be involved

Greening Golcar

Rides around (we once had a local horse drawn gypsy caravan)

Dog walking / pet show

Creative events

Brass band festival / contest

Drama festival

Sing

Ballet of the lilies

Creative festival – a week before hand preparing in workshops possibly environment based. Mosaics

Photos of Golcar (possibly a competition)

Morris dancers

Band stand in Golcar

Maypole

Flower festival

Art fair Resident artist Workshops Exhibition Caricaturist

Comedy nights Open mike Local gigs

Food and Drink

Beer festival

Food fair Open air cooking Involve pubs and clubs

Food and drink in different places as we tour around

Events

Lily queen, young or old, or someone who has worked hard for Golcar (Lilies are male and female). The lily of the year. Golcar Lily Granny Queen mother. Someone young.

Barn dance

Procession

Street market

Bouncy castle

Maypole

Sports

Try out different sports available locally, bowling grass skiing Cricket Football

Open days for local businesses

SO:

From all these ideas, which are so inspiring, it seems to me that we need to form working parties. I would like to submit the following proposals for discussion.

We have already been offered a book fair to start our fund raising. This needs to be arranged and suitable date and time agreed

We need to form an organising committee (sorry a committee had to come into this somewhere!) with chair secretary and treasurer amongst others. This group to be responsible for such matters as a simple constitution for us to work by; insurance and health and safety matters; approaching local businesses and grant giving organisations for funding. There would also be the need for publicity and promotional materials which might be the concern of this group or might fall to a small group whose skills were suited to this work.

One group would be environmental

One would be creative

Another would explore the possibilities of street market and other events.

There is a very big list of ideas and it's possible that not everything would be possible in the first year. Some things might be for our second Golcar Lily day in 2008. Now that really is looking ahead!

These are just thoughts I had.

We need to drag in the schools, local police and uniformed organisations.

Outcomes

Would it be good to aim to have a map of Golcar in the car park with all the ginnels wells and other things on it?

If we made money could it be used to fill Golcar with troughs of flowers and hanging baskets?

Let us open Golcar for the day and let everyone come along to see what a lovely place it is.

Sue Starr

Please feel free to copy this and pass it to individuals and organisations who were not able to come to the first meeting.