



MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT TO AREA BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2013

South West in Bloom

As you may have already read in the press Melksham won Silver in their category (Nellie Sargent) Cup. A huge thank you to all those who helped, especially as we only had a few weeks to get ready for the competition!

Representatives from the South West in Bloom Committee attended the presentation ceremony in Truro. It was noted by judges that "Melksham had achieved so much, in such a short space of time and should be proud of their achievements and should go far in the competition in future".

Aloeric School and Conigre Mead Nature Reserve received awards in the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' categories. Well done to them both.

The Bear Pub and Mr Petty – Overall Winner Melksham in Bloom 2012/2013 were both nominated by the judges for awards in the 'Best Pub Floral Display' and 'Best non Municipal Display' respectively, unfortunately they did not win, but out of all the towns/villages who take part in the South West in Bloom Competition, it's a great achievement.

The committee will be meeting shortly to prepare for next year, if anyone would like to join the committee please contact the Town Hall.

Melksham in Bloom

The Melksham in Bloom presentation took place at Melksham Assembly Hall on Sunday 8 September as part of the Open Flower & Produce Show.

The Mayor – Cllr Chris Petty presented winners and runners up with their awards and prizes. Prizes were kindly donated by Leekes and Whitehall Garden Centre for which the Town Council are extremely grateful.

Those receiving awards included: Mr Bruce Petty who received the inaugural Sheila Wilkinson Cup for Overall winner of the competition.

Melksham Town Council had agreed to rename the overall winner's cup, after Sheila had decided earlier in the year to stand down as councillor, after serving for over thirty years as a Town Councillor and in recognition of her enormous contribution to the community of Melksham. Unfortunately Sheila was unable to attend the event to present the award.

Melksham Market

The market in Church Street has been going for several weeks now on a Tuesday and seems to be attracting a steady flow of visitors.

The Town Council are helping Wiltshire Council with the promotion of the market.

Litter Bins

10 new bins have been purchased to replace old bins throughout the town centre; six of them are sponsored by local businesses.

Great War Centenary

The Town Council will be looking into holding centenary commemorations in Melksham in 2014, in consultation with other organisations.

Food and Drink Festival

The 5th Melksham Food and Drink Festival took place between 6th and 15th September. The festival itself was well attended, even given the predicted weather on the day. There were over 50 stall holders involved, including several local organisations. Stalls ranged from 'The Greatest Little Coffee Shop' to a 'The Route Monster double decker bus' – selling refreshments.

Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 10 November at 3pm in St Michael & All Angels Church, Canon Square followed by the wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Assembly Hall.

Market Place, Road Layout

A working group of Councillors, including a representative from Melksham Without Parish Council has been formed to liaise with Wiltshire Council officers reference the layout and design of the Market Place in light of the Campus development and associated traffic flows.