



## **MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

### **REPORT TO AREA BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2013**

#### **South West in Bloom**

Melksham Town Council have agreed to enter South West in Bloom 2014.

Anyone wishing to help please contact the Town Hall on 01225 704187 or email: [townhall@melkshamtown.co.uk](mailto:townhall@melkshamtown.co.uk)

#### **Great War Centenary**

Anyone who has a project or a plan for the great war centenary commemorations during 2014-2018 please contact Miriam Zaccarelli on 01225 704187 or email: [miriam.zaccarelli@melkshamtown.co.uk](mailto:miriam.zaccarelli@melkshamtown.co.uk).

#### **Food and Drink Festival**

It has been agreed the 6<sup>th</sup> Melksham Food and Drink Festival will take place for one day only next year on 15 June 2014.

Anyone wishing to help please contact Miriam Zaccarelli (details above).

#### **Walk-in X Ray Facility, Melksham Hospital**

Melksham Town Council have requested consideration is given to a walk in X-Ray facility at Melksham Hospital as currently the nearest walk-in facility is Bath RUH.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

A steering group has been formed consisting of various representatives from the Melksham community. The group are currently seeking a representative from the business community and it is hoped this will be filled shortly.

Wiltshire Council will be approached shortly to designate the parishes of Melksham Town & Melksham Without Parish as a neighbourhood area.

#### **Leekes – Coach Parking Facility**

The Town Council are currently in talks with Leekes regarding the provision of coach parking on their Beanacre Site in addition to that on offer in King Street.

## **Post Office**

A new franchisee for Melksham Post Office has been identified and the proposed business would occupy currently vacant premises on Bank Street. The prospective franchisee is Crabb & Andrew who currently have premises in Bristol that provide Post Office services allied to a retail offer that includes stationery products and cards.

The Post Office is currently undertaking a consultation exercise in relation to this proposal until 20 January 2014. A Customer Forum is due to be held on 9 January 2014 at the Kings Arms.

The Town Council have welcomed the news and expressed the hope that any franchise arrangement would prove successful; but seeking clarification as what would happen and what steps the Post Office would take if the franchisee cannot, for whatever reason, continue to trade; and whether the proposed franchised post office would continue to offer the range of facilities such as the foreign currency/driving licence booth that currently exists.

## **Visit Wiltshire**

Melksham Town Council have agreed to become a partner with Visit Wiltshire. It is hoped by enhancing Melksham's profile within this publication, more visitors will be encouraged to come and visit Melksham.

## **Melksham Branding**

It is intended to invite those organisations holding events in 2014 to a meeting in the new year to look at beneficial ways of promoting their events throughout the summer.

## **Community Clean**

With funding from the Area Board, the Town Council are running a scheme whereby volunteers would carry out litter picks in their community in exchange for tickets for events at Melksham Assembly Hall.

## **Civic Awards**

Nominations are sought for Civic Awards 2013.

There are 3 types of award, a Community Service award, an Enhancing Melksham award and a Sports Award.

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 31 December 2013.

Nomination forms are available from the Town Hall, Melksham Tel: 01225 704187 or email [lorraine.mcrandle@melkshamtown.co.uk](mailto:lorraine.mcrandle@melkshamtown.co.uk) or download from the Town Council's website: [www.melkshamtown.co.uk](http://www.melkshamtown.co.uk)