

Update for the Melksham Area Board Meeting

Update From: Melksham Town Council.

Date of Area Board Meeting: 11 February 2015

Headlines/Key Issues:

- **Britain in Bloom South West**

Melksham will be entering South West in Bloom for the 3rd year. The group organising the entry is looking for volunteers to help with planting, tidying, sponsoring and supporting the preparations.

Britain in Bloom South West will be holding one of their regional seminars at the Assembly Hall on 12 February. Arrangements have been made to get Melksham ready to welcome approximately 300 people to the area.

- **Neighbourhood Plan**

Melksham Town Council and Melksham Without Parish Council are currently working on a joint Neighbourhood Plan for Melksham.

A launch event will be held on 27/28 March at the Assembly Hall, to which members of the public will be invited to help shape the content of the plan.

Projects:

- ***Flood Plan***

Melksham Town Council, with the help of Wiltshire Council are starting to formulate a Flood Plan for Melksham.

- ***Assembly Hall Survey***

In order to develop a strategy for the development of the Assembly Hall, a survey is being carried out with detailed questions to gather views on what could be done with the hall. The survey is available at the Hall and on line at www.melkshamtown.co.uk.

- ***Time Credit Scheme***

Melksham is now participating in the national Time Credit scheme. When volunteers give one hour of time to particular projects they are rewarded with one Time Credit which can be spent at participating establishments for an hour of activity.

Melksham Town Council are participating in the scheme by awarding Time Credits to people who sign up and join in litter picking and Tidy Town Day activities around the town.

Time Credits can then be exchanged for cinema tickets at Melksham Assembly Hall and DVD hire at Melksham Library. More partners are being sought and the scheme is expanding throughout Melksham.

For more information about the scheme call the Town Hall on 01225 704187 or email miriam@melkshamtown.co.uk.

Future Events/Dates for the Diary:

- 30 April: French Twinning Welcoming Reception
- 14 June: Civic Service
- July: Melksham in Bloom
- July: Britain in Bloom South West assessment day
- 18 July: Carnival/Party in the Park – King George Playing Field
- Two days a week in the summer holidays: Sports Roadshow in the park
- 29/30 August: Melksham Comic Convention - Melksham Assembly Hall
- 5/6 September: Food & River Festival – King George Playing Field
- 13 September: Gardener's Society Flower and Produce Show – Assembly Hall
- 5 December: Melksham Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch on

Signed: *Steve Gray, Town Clerk*

Dated: 28 January 2015