Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Update from	Royal Wootton Bassett
Date of Area Board Meeting	Thursday 25 th September 2013
Headlines	

 The new Royal Wootton Bassett Rugby Club officially opened its Clubhouse and grounds in September with an extremely well attended weekend of community celebration, with a focus on the youth of the town.

The weekend raised funds for BLESMA (Limbless Veterans) and Wooden Spoon, a children's charity partnered with the rugby community. The Rugby Club aims to attract new players and supporters.

The Rugby Club's newly built grounds bring excellent sport and venue facilities to the town and will be the venue for the Mayor's Charity Run & Fun Run in April 2014. The Rugby Club offers a calendar of events for members and non-members.

A Town Crier Exhibition is open at Royal Wootton Bassett Library.
Officially opened by Town Crier Owen Collier and Mayor, Councillor
Linda Frost on 23rd September 2013, the exhibition will be open until 14th
October 2013.

Fully costumed mannequins, a set of replica stocks and thumbscrews will help to tell the little known and often surprising history of the Town Crier. Visitors even have the opportunity to see the sword up close, under supervision from Owen. Please see our flyer. Further information and a timetable of talks by Owen is available on our website at www.royalwoottonbassett.gov.uk

The Exhibition also includes a *Write A Town Cry* Competition open to children. There are two age categories – 7 years and under, and 8 – 11 years.

 Town Crier Owen Collier hosted a Wiltshire Town Crier Competition on 21st – 22nd September.

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Projects

 Councillor Steve Bucknell and Royal Wootton Bassett's Neighbourhood Planning Group devised and distributed special beer mats to inform residents of a survey and encourage participation.

The beer mats carry a QR (Quick Response) code, which can be scanned for instant access to the survey online.

For further information regarding RWB Neighbourhood Planning survey, contact Mark@CommonPlaces.co.uk . Further information is also available via the Wiltshire Council website at www.wiltshirecouncil.gov.uk or the Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council website atwww.royalwoottonbassett.gov.uk

Dog Fouling – please see a report from Emily Maiden.

Future Events/Dates for the diary

- Royal Wootton Bassett Christmas Lights and Shopping Event will be held on Friday 6th December 2013. Street and stage entertainment, free workshops, stalls and carol service. Our popular annual Christmas Card Competition will also be run.
- Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council will be contributing to a Remembrance display in November, alongside The Royal British Legion. Images from the Appreciation Parade will be on display in commemoration of all those who have served in our Armed Forces, past and present.