

Legacy projects in Melksham

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To provide an update on legacy events in Melksham.

2. Background

2.1. In 2012 communities came together and celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Olympic games and followed the Olympic Torch relay as it came through Wiltshire.

2.2. The Legacy Steering Board to make sure we continue building on the momentum from 2012 so that we create a real legacy for the future; focussing on:

- i. Keeping the economy invigorated
- ii. Bringing communities together
- iii. Getting more people more active through sport and leisure
- iv. Increasing access to arts and culture

3. Clean for the Queen

3.1. A special clean-up weekend will take place on March 4–6 2016. The campaign looks to rally volunteers across the country to help clean up in their local areas.

3.2. Through working in partnership with Melksham Town Council, Melksham Without Parish Council, Bowerhill Scouts, Selwood Housing, Bowerhill Residents Action Group, Broughton Gifford Parish Council, Young Melksham, and the Queensway Community Group, Melksham will be delivering the following events:

Date	Time	Organisation lead	Meeting at:
Saturday 13 th February	10 – 4pm	Bowerhill Scouts	Canal path between picnic benches and Giles's Wood
Friday 4 th March	2 – 3.30pm	Queensway Community Group	Pembroke Road, outside the Co-op
Saturday 5 th March	10 – 12pm	Young Melksham	Canberra Centre, Spa Road
Sunday 6 th March	10 – 12pm	Melksham Town Council	Town Hall
Saturday 5 th and Sunday 6 th March	Various	Bowerhill Residents Action Group	N/A
Sunday 6 th March	TBC	Broughton Gifford Parish Council	Broughton Gifford Village Hall

4. Queen's 90th street parties

- 4.1 Melksham will be holding a Queen's Tea Party Picnic in King George V Playing Field on Sunday 12 June between midday and 5pm, organised by a Melksham Town Council working group.
- 4.2 The event will be very informal, with everyone invited to bring along picnics to share in the celebration. There will be tea and coffee and soft drinks available to buy, and people are welcome to bring their own tables, chairs and blankets to enjoy their picnics.
- 4.3 Large groups (10 or more) can reserve a pitch by booking with the Town Council on their website www.melkshamtown.co.uk or call 01225 704187.
- 4.4 If residents would like to organise their own smaller street tea party events then please get in touch with Rhys Schell on 01225 716752 or rhys.schell@wiltshire.gov.uk.

5. Road to Rio – get active

- 5.1 The Road to Rio is a community challenge to get people active. You can enter as a team or as an individual and your distance can be covered by walking, running, swimming or cycling.
- 5.2 All 18 community areas in Wiltshire will be in competition to see who can travel the furthest and make it all the way to Rio de Janeiro.
- 5.3 The Road to Rio challenge will take place between 4 June – 29 July and registration is open from 2 May 2016.
- 5.4 When signing up you will be asked to enter your postcode, this will allow all your activity to be added to your community total.
- 5.5 The first 1000 entrants will receive a free pedometer. Once you have entered, you can continue to log your activity online to keep a record of your individual achievement. To measure your distance you can use a health/activity tracker or download a free smartphone app. As you add your distance you will be able to see how far you have travelled, along with how far your community has gone. You will also be able to see how your community is getting on compared to the other 17 areas.

A number of schools, community clubs and groups have already expressed an interest and we'd like to get as many Melksham participants as possible to be the most active community area.

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