



# WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Summer 2010

## Schools in Bloom 2010



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**This** year, once again, local schools took part in Schools in Bloom. It's a firm favourite in the calendar of events with both schools and judges alike. The competition promotes environmental awareness and encourages children to play an active part in improving their surroundings.

**Judge**, Cllr Chrissie Curry said, "It's one of my favourite things, it's absolutely phenomenal. When you see what the children do every year, you are so proud, and the kids absolutely love it."

**Witney** Town Council arranges for the schools to be given a grant towards seeds, plants and equipment and the pupils record their progress in a portfolio as their project unfolds.

**The** judging is very thorough, with marks awarded for criteria including:

- \*Visual Impact
- \*Standard of Maintenance
- \* Seasonal Planting
- \* Anti Litter Initiatives
- \*Vegetable and Fruit Production
- \*Recycling and Reuse of Materials Including Water
- \*Wildlife Conservation/Consideration
- \*Tree and Shrub Planting

**Amenities** Manager, Janine Howells, remarked, "It's always apparent that a high degree of enterprise and hard work has been required of pupils, staff and parents to achieve such outstanding results from quite meagre resources. The inventiveness applied to creating quite beautiful wind chimes and bird feeders from old materials is just amazing."

## And the Winner is...

... **Congratulations to Witney Community School** who were adjudged to be overall winner of the competition this year. They wowed the judges, scoring well with their ingenious use of old milk carton planters filled with bright marigolds and their diligence in watering during the long dry spell.

With no easy access to water even the little ones in the nursery were busy watering their precious planting at playtimes.

Sunflowers in baths and the hull of an old boat sporting colourful blooms all added to the impact. The knowledge and enthusiasm displayed by Charlotte and Jordan who showed the judges round was also deemed very impressive.



## 100 years of Bowling in Witney

As Witney Town Bowls club celebrates its centenary it is launching a £300,000 fundraising appeal for a new pavilion. The club has a rich history in the town and it is hoped the new clubhouse will provide a haven for a new generation of members for the next hundred years.



As part of the celebrations, the club will play a centenary match, in July, against a team of representatives from clubs across England (Bowls England). These kinds of matches are reserved for clubs commemorating big anniversaries. It's a big year for bowls here in the South with 3 other clubs celebrating 100 years.

### Famous names and interesting facts

Club Secretary: local blacksmith Charlie Jackson

Fred Ford (local Soccer),

R A Jones (Furniture Store)

Club President: international footballer Mr Herbert Smith

In 1910 members paid the princely sum of one shilling for their annual membership fee.

Current membership is over 100 and this is a 50/50 split between men and women members

The team are current holders of the West Oxfordshire Division Triples Championship

### History of the Club

**1908:** Work starts at the Leys to create a bowling green

**1910:** Forty people formed the membership of Witney Bowling Club

**1950:** Witney Ladies Bowls Club formed

**1986:** Club changes name to Witney Town Bowls Club

**1990s:** Club house built

**2004:** Introduction of Short Mat Bowls

### To help with fundraising contact:

Bryan Buckingham on 01993 882107 or Mel Cameron on 01993 704161.



## Madley Park Community Hall



Building work has finally completed at Madley Park Community Centre and this has been marked by a topping-out ceremony, at which Witney Town Councillor, Roger Curry had the honour of placing the final roof tile.

Councillor Curry, chairman of the Town Council's Public Halls Committee who has overseen the project from start to finish, expressed his delight at the milestone moment.

Councillor Curry said, "***The hall is looking great, and will be a very important community asset for the whole of North Witney. It's extremely gratifying to see the project at this stage, where the building is up and looking good.***"

Groups wishing to use the halls should register with the Town Clerk 01993 704379



## Reports and Accounts continued

Trees

£ 1,196

Parks and open Spaces

£ 43,294



# WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

## REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2010

Witney Town Councillors	Ward	Tel No
Town Mayor—Cllr J F Mills	East	01993 700884
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Cllr A J Adams	South	01993 772098
Cllr C J Adams	Central	01993 704965
Cllr D S Barnes	East	07792 795240
Cllr R W Barton	North	01993 706136
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Cllr Mrs L J Chapman	East	01993 773560
Cllr M F Chapman	East	01993 837643
Cllr Mrs B J Churchill	Central	01993 704752
Cllr Ms M J C Curry	South	01993 706501
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Cllr P Dorward	West	01993 705359
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Cllr A D Harvey	South	01993 706501
Cllr J S King	West	01993 778081
Clive Knowles	North	01993 779547

<b>PLANNING</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	25 May 8 June 22 June*	6 July 20 July 3 August*	17 August 31 August 14 September 28 September*	12 October 26 October 9 November 23 November*	7 December 21 December 4 January 18 January 1 February*	15 February 1 March 15 March* 12 April 26 April 10 May
<b>PUBLIC HALLS - 7pm</b>	<b>Monday</b>	17 May	5 July	6 September	1 November	10 January	28 February
<b>AMENITIES - 6pm</b>		24 May	12 July	13 September	8 November	17 January	7 March
<b>GENERAL PURPOSES - 6pm</b>		7 June+	19 July	20 September	15 November	24 January	14 March
<b>POLICY &amp; FINANCE - 6pm</b>		14 June	26 July	27 September	22 November 8 December*	31 January	21 March
<b>COUNCIL - 7pm</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	23 June	4 August	6 October	1 December 8 December*	9 February	30 March

N.B. Meetings of the Personnel Sub-Committee will be called on an ad hoc basis in consultation with the Chairman.

**Annual Council Meeting** – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**Annual Town Meeting** – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.30pm

**NOTE:** CHRISTMAS BREAK Meetings will not be called between 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 unless deemed necessary

\* Indicates main Planning Committee Meeting, remainder for plans

+ Sequence changed due to Public Holidays, etc.

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