

# WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

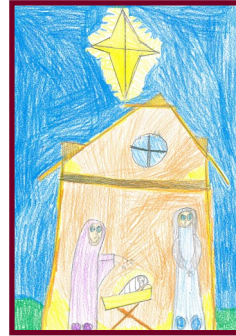
## WINTER NEWSLETTER 2017

The switching on of the lights heralds the start of the season for many Christmas shoppers and signals that Witney is gearing up for the rush. The town will be an oasis of light and festive family fun on Friday 24th November when the Christmas Lights are officially switched on by Witney's Mayor at the Switch On Event, which is supported by Witney Town Council and hosted by the Witney Rotary and Round Table clubs.

This year Witney Town Council has additional lights in Welch Way and further along Corn Street. A special light based on the winning design by one of Witney's primary school children will be installed on the Town Hall. The prizes don't stop there. Other competition winners are providing artwork for the Mayor's Carol Concert, the Advent Fayre Poster and the official Witney Town Council Christmas card.



*Jude from the King's School  
with his winning light design*



*Carols Song sheet  
by George  
The King's School*



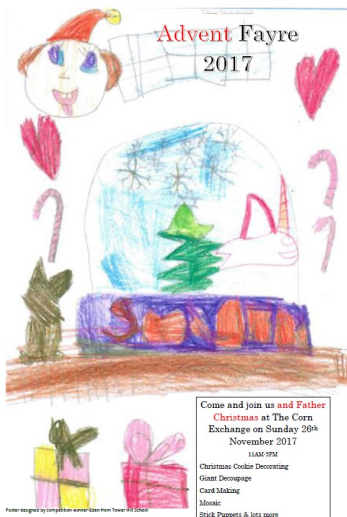
*Christmas Card  
by Daisy  
The King's School*

The Christmas competitions for best decorated house and best dressed shop window will run again this year too. Councillors will submit suggestions for winners of the house competition from within their own wards, along with shop windows that have installed festive displays. There will be prizes for the winners who will be selected by a panel of judges.

### MAYOR'S CAROLS

Mayor Chris Woodward will be hosting his carol service at St Mary's Church, Church Green on Friday 8th December. A mix of traditional and modern music will be on offer. Perennial favourites Witney Town Band and WOAPA will be providing some wonderful traditional performances.

# NEWS IN BRIEF



*Advent Fayre Poster  
by Eden  
Tower Hill School*

Good News! Our Advent Fayre is five years old this year and will take place on Sunday 26th November. We have lots of free activities for the children; cutting, gluing and a giant reindeer decopatch. Father Christmas will be joining us too. This year grown ups are invited to join us making poppies in the Gallery Room for our 2018 commemoration. Join us between 11am and 3pm. The poster for the Advent Fayre was designed by one of our Christmas competition winners, Eden who is a pupil at Tower Hill School.



A few of the activities for the children

**Advent Fayre, Corn Exchange  
Sunday 26th November**

## Citizen of the Year Awards

The search is on to find Witney's Outstanding Citizen of the Year 2017. This prestigious award goes to someone who has given their time and energy to benefit their local community usually (but not always) on a voluntary basis.

Judges will be looking in particular for selfless service to a voluntary body or the community or someone whose service is acknowledged as making a real difference to the everyday lives of others. There is no age barrier, but nominees must live within Witney.

Friends, relatives, neighbours and colleagues have the chance to nominate a special person for the prestigious title or any of the other awards which include; a Certificate of Outstanding Merit, Outstanding Commitment to Public Service and Outstanding Contribution.

Witney Town Council is looking for people who have given exemplary service, which may be paid or unpaid, who make a real difference to Witney.

Residents who go that extra mile to help others will be recognised in the annual awards, presented by the Mayor at the Civic Reception in March next year.

ANYONE thinking about nominating a deserving individual as Witney's Citizen of the Year or for any of the other awards has until January 8th 2018 to submit their details.

If you know someone who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment, energy and effort in order to achieve something of great benefit to you or your community contact the Town Hall for a nomination form or download one on line from the Town Council's website.

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## Poppy Knit 'n' Natters

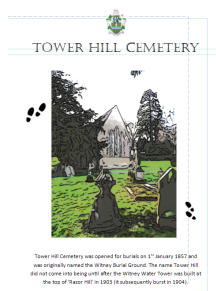


We have taken part in a couple of poppy making sessions with some very dedicated local groups. It's a lovely opportunity to share a cup of tea and learn a new skill. Our next session is at the Advent Fayre in the Corn Exchange on Sunday 26th November and we will host another in January. We need 15,000 poppies by November 2018, so there will be lots more opportunities to join us for tea, cake and crafting!



Lyn Jones of Witney Embroidery Club helping Chairman of the WWI working party, Cllr Chris Holliday and his wife Lisa, tackle crochet.

As part of our Heritage Open Day at Tower Hill Cemetery we produced two new leaflets. The first, a Heritage Walk takes visitors round the cemetery, and highlights facts and points of interest from graves and buildings to inscriptions and views. The second uncovers the flora and fauna to be found there. Both are available free from the Town Hall. We also have copies of a new Lower Windrush Valley walks leaflet.



## FANCY A WALK ?



## New 213 Bus Route

West Oxfordshire Community Transport recently added a new route to their service. The 213 bus runs from Monday to Friday every hour at 55 minutes past the hour which means that throughout the morning on weekdays the estates are covered half hourly.

**213** Witney Town Service Timetable Operated by West Oxfordshire Community Transport Ltd (01993) 630124  
Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)

Service Number	213	213	213	213	213
Notes					
WITNEY, Market Square	08:55	09:55	10:55	11:55	12:55
Quarry Road	09:02	10:02	11:02	12:02	13:02
Farmers Close (via Eastfield Road)	09:06	10:06	11:06	12:06	13:06
Woodgreen School	09:10	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10
Madley Park Estate	09:13	10:13	11:13	12:13	13:13
Manor Road	09:17	10:17	11:17	12:17	13:17
Wadards Meadow	09:20	10:20	11:20	12:20	13:20
Market Square	09:27	10:27	11:27	12:27	13:27

Following refurbishments for Burwell Recreation Ground, The Leys and most recently the Oxlease play area, Witney Town Council wants to continue to make improvements to your play areas. Before that happens, we want to know what you think.

We only have a certain amount of money so we won't be able to use all your ideas at every play area but we will think about it very carefully and you can help us to prioritise by filling in our online survey. We have to think about the ages of those using the play areas, how much things cost to buy and take care of, available space and how safe they are and how easy they are for everyone to use.

If you want to tell us about more than one play area please fill in a different survey form for each one.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QSZRNBW>

Give us your feedback

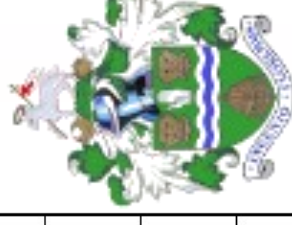
## Witney Town Council Play Area Survey



# Council & Committee Meetings 2017/18

## COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2017/18

	6pm	Tuesday	9 May 30 May*	20 June 11 July 1 August*	22 August 12 September 3 October*	24 October 14 November 5 December*	19 December+ 9 January 30 January*	20 February 13 March 3 April*	24 April 15 May
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	6pm	Monday							
ESTATES MANAGEMENT	6pm		16 May	3 July	5 September	31 October	16 January	20 March	
SPORT & RECREATION	6pm		22 May	10 July	11 September	6 November	22 January	26 March	
COMMUNITY SERVICES	6pm		5 June+	17 July	18 September	13 November	29 January	2 April	
POLICY & RESOURCES (& Personnel sub-committee)	6pm		12 June	24 July	25 September	20 November	5 February	9 April	
COUNCIL	7pm		26 June	7 August	9 October	4 December 11 December**	19 February	23 April	



**Annual Council Meeting** – Wednesday 9 May 2018

**Annual Town Meeting** – Wednesday 14 March 2018

**NOTE:** CHRISTMAS BREAK – Meetings will not be called between 13 December 2017 and 2 January 2018 unless deemed necessary

\* Indicates main Planning Committee Meeting, remainder for plans  
+ Sequence changed due to Public Holidays etc.

\*\* Meeting on 13 December 2017 for budget purposes only

Witney Traffic Advisory Committee — 9th January 2018 & 27th March 2018 in the Corn Exchange

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