

Witney Town Council

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2018



CITIZEN OF THE
YEAR
NOMINATIONS OPEN
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WWI
COMMEMORATIONS
IN PICTURES

CHRISTMAS
COMPETITION
OUR WINNERS



Citizen Of the Year 2018 Awards



The search is on to find Witney's Outstanding Citizen of the year 2018. 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.

Anyone thinking about nominating a deserving individual as Witney's Citizen of the Year, or for any of the other awards has until 31st December to submit their details.

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 February next year.

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.

Please call 01993 704379 or email info@witney-tc.gov.uk or download a form directly from <http://www.witney-tc.gov.uk/citizen-of-the-year-and-the-civic-reception/>

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WWI Centenary Events in pictures



***Poppy Mile:
Newland Memorial***



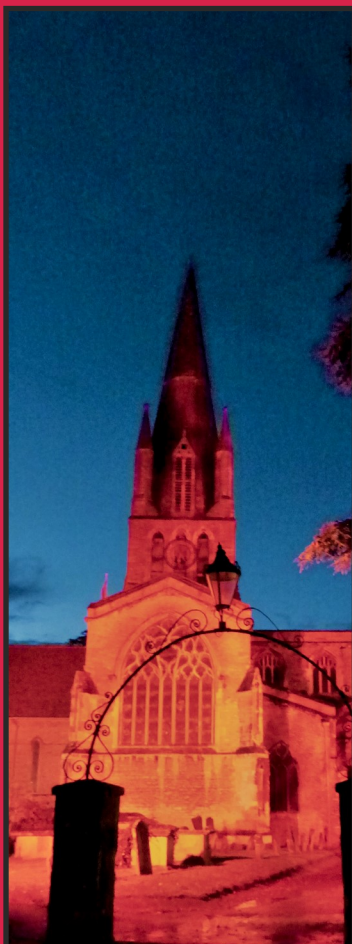
***Poppy Mile:
The Corn Exchange***

***Poppy Mile:
Royal British Legion Poppy Bed***



***The Centenary
Memorial***





*St Mary's
turns red*



*WWI Exhibition
in the Corn Exchange*



*Best Dressed Window
winner—The Shake Shop*



Armistice Centenary Dinner



*RAF Freedom
Parade*



*Royal British Legion
Service of Remembrance*



*Afternoon Tea and
performances*

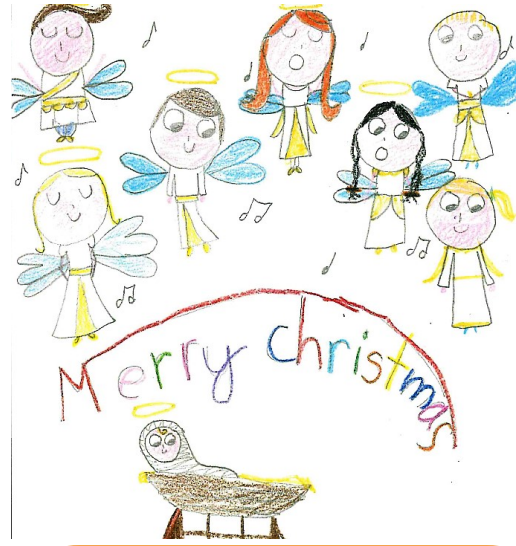


Dedication of the Leys Centenary Memorial

Christmas Competition Winners



***Advent Fayre Poster
Hannah, age 11
The King's School***



***Mayor's Carols Poster
Sophia, age 9
The King's School***



***Christmas Light
Daisy, age 10
Madley Brook CP School***



***Christmas Card
Isabel, age 5
Madley Brook CP School***

This year our winners have been invited on to the stage at the Christmas Light switch on , where they will be presented with their prizes by Witney Town Mayor, Councillor Brenda Churchill.



WITNEY IN BLOOM RESULT

Witney's first In Bloom competition award in 4 years was presented in September. The town, which has not entered the competition since 2014, won a silver award.

Witney in Bloom is a fun project with some great, diverse groups and volunteers united by the desire to enhance the way the town looks and improve the perceptions of residents and visitors alike.

The project is headed up by a working party chaired by Cllr, Howard Chirgwin.

While flowers and plants are central to the campaign, you don't have to be green fingered to contribute. Tidying, litter picking and general smartening up are also crucial in presenting Witney in the best light!

Witney's In Bloom group, run a well-established annual competition for schools (this continued even while the town was not entering the national competition) and this is now judged by members of the public at the Carnival. Community gardening groups tend beds across the town, but anyone can suggest their street

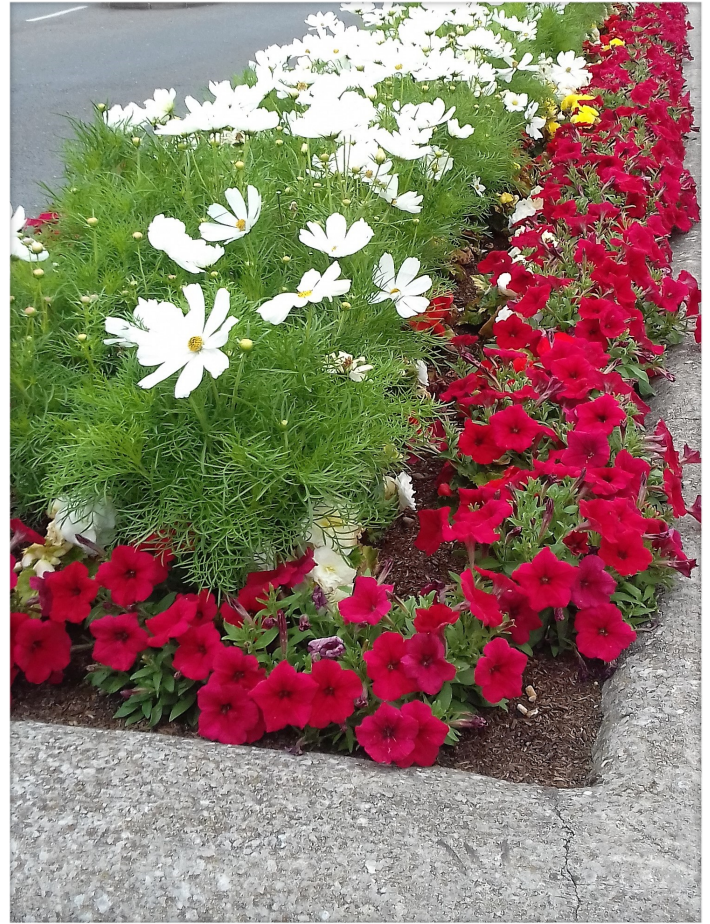
or estate for inclusion on the RHS judges' route in July each year. All you have to do is get gardening and make your outdoor space – no matter how big or small – stunning.

Business involvement is very important so if your pub has the best hanging baskets in town or a special hideaway garden, we want to know about it. If, as a business, you are too busy to beautify your own space why not contact us and offer some sponsorship? Maybe you could sponsor another area in the town you think needs looking after.

We believe that the enthusiasm and sheer power of the community when it comes together on a project has never been better demonstrated than it has this past eighteen months with the Poppy Mile project. This is exactly the kind of commitment and passion we hope to inject into the In Bloom competition to grab that gold!

Volunteers are welcome from all sections of the community. We guarantee we can find something for you to help with as we build on this year's silver award and focus on the elusive Gold that we know we can achieve. So don't be shy. Get in touch and let's make Witney the most beautiful town in the Thames and Chilterns!

Contact info@witney-tc.gov.uk and let us know what you would like to do.



COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2018/19

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	6pm	Tuesday	15 May 5 June*	26 June 17 July*	14 August 4 September 25 September*	16 October 6 November 27 November*	18 December 15 January 5 February*	26 February 19 March*	9 April 30 April
ESTATES MANAGEMENT	6pm	Monday	14 May	2 July	3 September	5 November	7 January	4 March	
SPORT & RECREATION	6pm		21 May	9 July	10 September	12 November	14 January	11 March	
COMMUNITY SERVICES	6pm		4 June	16 July	17 September	19 November	21 January	18 March	
POLICY & RESOURCES (& Personnel sub-committee)	6pm		11 June	23 July	24 September	26 November	28 January	25 March	
COUNCIL	7pm		25 June	6 August	8 October	10 December 17 December**	11 February	8 April	

Annual Council Meeting – Wednesday 15 May 2019

Annual Town Meeting – Wednesday 13 March 2019

NOTE: CHRISTMAS BREAK – Meetings will not be called between 17 December 2018 and 7 January 2019 unless deemed necessary

* Indicates main Planning Committee Meeting, remainder for plans

** Meeting on 17 December 2018 for budget purposes only

Witney Traffic Advisory Committee at 2.30pm – 5 June, 25 September, 8 January 2019, 19 March

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NEW PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT IS A HIT
Ralegh Crescent play area is now up and running and proving very popular, so why not drop by and see what the refurbishment looks like? The design was generated from a consultation exercise with local children last year and some of their suggestions now feature in the park.

The project, a joint partnership between West Oxfordshire District Council and Witney Town Council has resulted in a complete revamp and the park now offers challenging play equipment for all ages up to 12 years.



**The Mayor of Witney,
Town Councillors and
staff wish you a peaceful
and happy Christmas
and New Year**

