

The Meltham Christmas Committee Presents MELTHAM'S

with CASH PRIZES

Registration & Auditions in the Carlile Institute on **Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th of October from 9am until 4pm and Thursday 30th and Friday 31st from 2pm until 8pm.**

There will be 3 age groups: Children - 5yrs to 10yrs; 11yrs to 15yrs (Registration fee £5 per person)

Adults – 16yrs and above. (Registration fee £10 per person), Groups - £5 per person.

Registration forms with rules of entry available at: All Meltham Schools; The Waggon & Horses; Crossroads Shop; The Flower Box & Cafe 33.

THE FINALS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON **SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER** with the Xmas Lights switch on



Remembrance Sunday - 9 November 2014



Come and join members of Meltham Town Council on **Sunday 9 November 2014** for the Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday procession and free service.

Meltham and Meltham Mills Band will be leading the procession from the car park behind the Carlile Institute, Carlile Street setting off at 10.15am. A church service follows in St Bartholomew's Church, Meltham at 10.30am.

**Wear your poppy with pride!**

Fancy a cuppa?

Drop in at one of the Church Hall Coffee Mornings - every Saturday 9.30am til 12.00pm.

- 20th September - Oxfam
- 27th September - Meltham Pre-school
- 4th October - Christian Aid
- 11th October - Gilbert & Sullivan Society
- 18th October - Women's Institute
- 25th October - Church Hall
- 1st November - St Bartholomew's Church
- 8th November - Helme Church
- 15th November - Cricket Club
- 22nd November - No coffee in church hall Gilbert & Sullivan Show
- 29th November - St Bartholomew's Church
- 6th December - Christmas Lights Switch on coffee morning and the finals of "Meltham's Got Talent" later in the evening
- 13th December - Scouts
- 20th December - Catholic Church



Get in touch, come along to our meetings, let us know what you think about your Town Council.



Meltham Mercury

Meltham Town Council's Newsletter - September 2014



Meltham Carlile Institute - YOUR new Post Office opens



Many of you reading our Spring issue of the Mercury will have been excited by the article on the future of the Carlile Institute and perhaps some were thinking 'pie in the sky!' and 'wonder how long that will take?' Well here we are, with the ownership of the Carlile having passed from Kirklees Council to the Meltham Carlile Community Interest Company (CIC). A major programme of work has been completed and the opening of a splendid new Post Office for the community, which secures improved Post Office services in Meltham for a long term future. Both the property and the Post Office are now owned by the residents and the Community. This has been no mean feat as a huge amount of work has been achieved since March by eager volunteers, demonstrating what can be achieved with the will and leadership from individuals with the best interests of the community at heart. That leadership has been provided by the new Trustees of the CIC who rallied to the call in January of this year. They have been led by the energy and vision of both Richard Noon and Clr Charles Greaves. This is a true



Town Mayor Clr Edgar Holdroyd-Doveton cuts the ribbon with Business Manger Ivar Smethurst

The Carlile Institute is to be renamed Meltham Carlile Community Hub as it will provide the home for a wide range of activity and events as well as the Post Office. Discussions are taking place to hopefully provide a new home for the Library and the Town Council. The refurbished Jubilee Room is now capable of hosting a wide range of community activities and events. Residents interested in holding an event may contact Pam Murgatroyd by emailing [bookings@carlileinstitute.co.uk](mailto:bookings@carlileinstitute.co.uk).

The new Post Office offers the same wide range of services as the old Post Office, an important point to note is that this is your Post Office, every penny you spend in it will have a positive impact on our local area. We are asking you all to continue to renew your Car Tax at the Post Office, buy phone top-ups, collect post, send post and visit us frequently to make sure that you are accessing the best offers available at your Post Office. The Community Hub is also home to a satellite branch of Café 33 and offers a retail facility too.

There is of course a lot more work to do, with plans to refurbish the Civic rooms at the rear of the building including new toilets and kitchens. Also works to the annex to provide work space for small businesses on 'easy in easy out' terms and a new disabled lift to improve access throughout the building. Simply watch this space and we'll keep you updated, or pop in to have a look around and speak to your Trustees, their contact details are on the website: [www.carlileinstitute.co.uk](http://www.carlileinstitute.co.uk)



Let us know what you think



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## Councillor's Corner



Councillor Pat Maxfield

### Why I love Meltham

I was born 65 years ago at number 4 Helme Lane and have always been very passionate about my home town Meltham. Having three generations of my family in the graveyard I am one of the few who meet the Meltham criteria of being 'born and bred' here. Although the village of Meltham has now grown into a thriving township I feel so proud to say that the original village outlook remains the same.

I have so many memories of my childhood, including gas lamps in the house and the gas man walking up Red Lane lighting the street; at Christmas time, the Meltham and Meltham Mills Brass Band and the church choirs would walk the streets during the night on Christmas Eve; being so glad that I was the youngest in the household and therefore always the first to go in the tin bath in front of the fire. I remember the Highfield estate being built and my parents having to provide a reference before we could be allocated a house. What luxury to have a modern kitchen and bathroom.

When my husband and I started our family over forty years ago we were extremely poor and I learned that there was always a neighbour or friend who would share cooking tips with me. It is amazing what you can cook with something as simple as potatoes and onions. I also learned that Meltham was an ideal place to entertain my children without it costing me a penny and all of us having the 'best time ever'. Meltham has not really changed: look around you. There are walks around the countryside, woods to play imaginative games e.g. finding the gruffalo. Great reservoirs and rivers, where you can enjoy a picnic and with imagination you can almost feel you are on the coast. There are many community events taking place every day, the library, church coffee mornings, the sports and social club, the recreation ground and the Skate Park, to name but a few. Great schools and churches help our children develop and grow besides nurturing and supporting our older residents. The town centre has changed very little and we still have a good range of shops, cafes' and restaurants' which cater for most needs.

I share this because life in Meltham has shaped my life and made me the person I am today.

## Marking the way to walk in Meltham



Meltham Walkers are Welcome have recently purchased 300 new Waymarker Signs using a grant received from Meltham Town Council. The new signs will be displayed on all 10 of the walking routes that can be found on the Walking Meltham website at [www.walkingmeltham.com](http://www.walkingmeltham.com).

Members of the Meltham Walkers are Welcome committee received training from Kirklees Rights of Way Officer Andy Gardner on the correct fixing of the signs prior to positioning the first of the signs on a path leading from Knowle Lane towards Meltham Mills reservoir in Windy Bank Wood.

During the following months all 10 routes will have the new way-marker signs positioned to assist anyone walking the routes even if they don't have a map.



New Walking Meltham  
Waymarker signs being  
positioned



### Weekend 2014 - another great success



This year the annual 1940's Wartime Weekend saw record numbers of visitors and massive support from everyone within the town. Hundreds turned out to enjoy the wide range of events which were the result of many months of careful planning and preparation by the organising committee.

Many of the activities took on a French theme to celebrate the Grand Depart in Yorkshire including 'Le Tour de Bières et Festival de Saucisse' in St. Bartholomew's Church. Performances included Kirklees Youth Jazz Orchestra, Meltham & Meltham Mills Brass Band, Greater Manchester Police Band and Jump, Jive and Swing in Meltham C of E School and the wonderful singing by Meltham C of E Primary children's choir. The Town Mayor of Meltham, Edgar Holroyd-Doveton took the salute during the parade through the town. More information and photos are available on [www.melthammemories.co.uk](http://www.melthammemories.co.uk)

### Lights Out in Meltham 100 years anniversary of World War 1

*'The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime.'* Sir Edward Grey 3 August 1914.

Many people in Meltham responded to the invitation from the British Legion to turn off their lights between 10pm and 11pm on 4 August 2014, exactly 100 years later – leaving only a single light or candle as a symbolic act of reflection and hope. Candles were lit across the UK to remember each and every one of the more than 1 million Service men and women who gave their lives in World War I.

First world war  
100 years on



### The future of Meltham Library



On Thursday 14th August a public meeting was called by Cllr Edgar Holroyd-Doveton and members of the Meltham Library Readers group to discuss the future of Meltham Library. The meeting was in response to the statements by Kirklees Council that all libraries, other than the main Huddersfield and Dewsbury libraries, were under threat of closure. Edgar and the group, prior to this announcement, had already been working on a plan to save the Library in Meltham. A document Edgar wrote became the basis of discussion, which included asking for continued support from Kirklees for all the main library services, a paid member of staff, and the provision of a study space for students, as well as computers and a children's reading area. It is hoped that the Library will be re-housed in the

community-owned Carlile Institute. This will make its rental and heating costs much lower than they presently are in the Town Hall. Over 70 local residents attended this initial meeting, with several volunteering to be on a steering committee and a wider Library Supporters Group. The steering group's remit is to manage the changes in the library and build a wider supporters group, to enable the Meltham Library to be saved, it needs the active support of the community. The steering group has already met once and is actively planning the next steps to save the Library services. If you would like to be a Library supporter, or participate on the steering group, please get in touch by emailing [val@melthamlibrary.com](mailto:val@melthamlibrary.com).



### YORKSHIRE DAY 2014

Meltham was represented this year at the 29th annual Yorkshire Day civic gathering. Cllr Edgar Holroyd-Doveton, in his capacity as Town Mayor of Meltham, and his wife, Suzanne, were proud to attend the ceremony, held this year in South Kirkby and Moorthorpe. The Yorkshire Society holds the event on 1st August in a different place in Yorkshire each year. About 200 Town Mayors and Lord Mayors from across the county marched, dressed in their civic robes and chains, from Minsthorpe College, through the town. Everyone wore a white rose corsage, and the Oughtibridge Brass Band accompanied the procession. At All Saints Church, the "Yorkshire Declaration of Integrity" was read, affirming the founding of Yorkshire in 875 AD as the Viking Kingdom of Jorvik. The declaration asserts the ancient boundaries of the kingdom: "That Yorkshire is three Ridings and the City of York, with these Boundaries of 1139 years standing; That the address of all places in these Ridings is Yorkshire; That all persons born therein or resident therein and loyal to the Ridings are Yorkshiremen and women; That any person or corporate body which deliberately ignores or denies the aforementioned shall forfeit all claim to Yorkshire status."

