

Over 70s Christmas Gift - Tuesday 2 December 2014 10.00am - 4.00pm Civic Hall, Carlile Street.

Since 1949, elderly residents of Meltham have received a Christmas treat due to the kindness of Sir William Ramsden who resided at Dudd House, Wessenden Head Road, Meltham until 1894. Despite moving away from the area, Meltham remained firmly in his heart and on his death in 1929, he left a gift of £500 to Meltham UDC in trust for the elderly people of Meltham. The Council provided the first Old Folks Treat in 1949 with tea, cakes and organ music. The original fund has long since run out but the Town Council have always decided to uphold this tradition by offering a Christmas Gift to residents aged 70 and over.

A token amount of £2.50 is paid to all over 70 year olds and more recently, the Town Council have served coffee, tea, mince pies and biscuits to try and make more of this old-time tradition. We are aware that £2.50 is not a great amount of money these days but the sentiment behind it is to give a little something back to our older residents at Christmas time. Please do come along and collect your gift, have a drink and something to eat and meet up with friends for a pre-Christmas natter. Also, if you know someone who can't attend, for whatever reason, let the Clerk know.



We look forward to seeing you on the 2nd!

Christmas lights switch-on, Saturday 6 December 2014

9.30am to 12 noon in the Church Hall - Coffee Morning in aid of the Christmas lights.
10am until 4pm in the Carlile Institute - Craft Fair and Santa's Grotto (from 12pm)
4pm in St Bartholomew's Church - School children singing
4.15pm in St Bartholomew's Church - Carol Service
5.00pm Lights Switch on outside church
7pm - Family Disco and the Final of the "Meltham's Got Talent Contest" in the church hall, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets available at The Flower Box, Crossroads Shop, The Waggon & Horses, Café 33 and the Church Hall.

Helme Ladies Carol Service - 11.30am - Tuesday 9 December at Christ Church, Helme

Meltham and Meltham Mills Band Concert - 7.30pm Wednesday 10 December at
St Bartholomew's

Sunday 14 December - 4pm - Carols in the Park

This annual Christmas event is a must for everyone in village, young and old alike. This Christmas get together is set in the beautiful surroundings of the Robert Ashton Memorial Park at Meltham Mills. Come along and sing Carols by candle light and enjoy a glass of mulled wine.

Probus Carol Service - 11.00am - Wednesday 17 December
at St Bartholomew's

Meltham Churches Together - Carol Singing at Morrisons
- Friday 19 December at 6pm

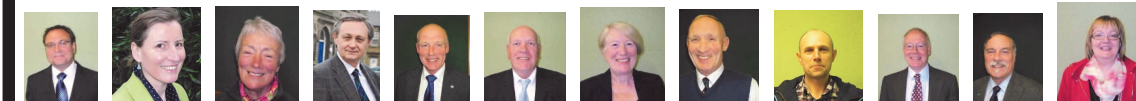


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Do you want to make a difference in your local community?



Why not become a councillor for Meltham Town Council?

By becoming a councillor you can:

- Represent the views of people in your community.
- Have an impact on decisions that affect the lives of those around you, for example you can comment on local planning applications or give your support to community groups in the parish.
- Have a say on how money is spent to benefit people in Meltham, Helme and Wilshaw.

Being a Town Councillor isn't a full time job. The likelihood is that you will need to attend a meeting no more than once a week and these are usually held on Monday evenings. Working as a councillor is done on a voluntary basis. There is no salary involved but the benefits are that you get the chance to influence decisions taken to improve services in the area in which you live.

Proposed devolution

Kirklees has agreed to devolving powers to create a more local form of governance. This is likely to have an impact on the way that Meltham Town Council carries out its work. Larger community forums may be established with representation from Parish and Town Councils, business and youth communities, local schools, faith communities, the police, the fire service and others.

You don't need to be politically motivated to be on Meltham Town Council. You can stand as an independent councillor if you like, although you may also approach one of the political parties to stand on their behalf if you wish to do so.

How do I find out more about being a local Town Councillor?

If you're interested in obtaining more information about how your local parish or town council works, why not have a look at the Meltham Town Council's website to see what the Council does: www.melthamtowncouncil.gov.uk. You can find out about the dates and times of meetings and see what goes on and maybe speak to your local councillors to find out just what is involved.

Meet the councillors on Tuesday 2 December at the Civic Hall - 10.00am to 4.00pm and on Monday 15 December at the Town Hall at 7pm.

When does all this happen?

Elections to the Parish and Town Councils take place every four years and the next one will take place in May 2015.

Nomination packs, giving further information about standing for election, will be available from Electoral Services from mid February 2015 - see contact details below:

Electoral Services
Kirklees Council,
3 - 5 Albion Street,
Huddersfield,
HD1 2NG
Tel: 01484 221650

Email: electoral.registration@kirklees.gov.uk

**Let us know
what you think**



Recent success story - Meltham Town Council agree to install a state of the art CCTV system for the village centre.

YOUR Members of Council

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Councillor's Corner



Town Mayor, Edgar Holroyd-Doveton, is now well into his 270 mile Charity Challenge Walk (taken in 21 stages over several months). Last report had him passing Malham, in the Yorkshire Dales. He should be into the south part of Northumberland by the beginning of December, tackling the rest of Northumberland and the Scottish borders around Christmas time. The Mayor's charities this year are in support of the Meltham Walkers are Welcome organisation (see their guided walks, listed opposite) and the St Bartholomew's Carillon Appeal. Donations on his walk will go to these charities. You can donate to the Mayor's charity challenge directly at the Town Hall, (cheques payable to Meltham Town Council), or if you have a PayPal account, use the Town Council's email address: melthamcouncil@btconnect.com and click on Send Money.

Follow Edgar's progress and details of his walk on <http://www.edgarcharitywalk.com>



Clr Edgar Holroyd-Doveton, Town Mayor setting off on the second leg of his Charity Challenge Walk, near Hebden Bridge.

The Great British High Street Awards



Meltham is a brilliant place to live, work and enjoy your leisure time; many have known this for years, others are just beginning the journey of discovering what Meltham has to offer. It is a place full of community activities; from Meltham Memories, the Scarecrow Festival, Flower and Vegetable show, weekly coffee mornings, Christmas lights, it still has a good quality high street with a butchers, bakers, florists, newsagents, cafes, library, Post Office, pubs and some excellent eateries to cater for a range of tastes. (We just need a greengrocers!) This is all a culmination of years' of effort, strategic direction and leadership from Meltham Town Council and those countless people who have an idea, get stuck in and deliver it and those who get involved and help deliver these great initiatives and turn them into terrific success stories.

This, we all know is brilliant and Meltham now has the latest jewel in its crown in the Carlile Institute and the Community Post Office. That project is a trailblazer, and as time passes, it will be used as a model in other areas, it will be celebrated for what it is and what it will (all being well), achieve.

At the beginning of September, 3 judges from a

government-run competition called 'The Great British High Street' visited Meltham, spoke with business owners, met the team behind the Carlile Institute and the Post Office and left impressed; they stayed so long they nearly missed their train back to London. On the back of this visit, Meltham, for all the reasons mentioned above; was shortlisted in the final 3 in the 'village' category – up against Broxburn and Uphall in West Lothian and Earl Shilton in Leicestershire. The winner Broxburn received a share of £50,000 and business mentoring. On this occasion we were not successful but we have an opportunity to apply again next year. For next year, let us have your thoughts, experiences and sing the praises of Meltham on Facebook and Twitter, just use the hashtag #GBHighStreet and #Meltham in your musings. Window stickers, banners and fliers are being circulated; Meltham will be showcased in a national publication aimed at those who are 10 steps behind us, providing them with information and guidance to emulate Meltham and how great it really is. Meltham has so much to offer, take a step back and look at how fortunate we are to live in this place we call home.

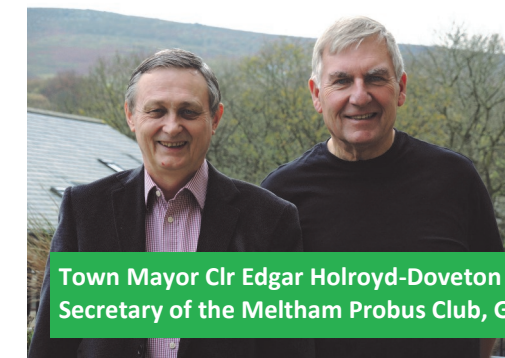


Meltham Probus Club

Probus Clubs can be found worldwide. Its name suggests what it is: a forum for retired **PRO**fessionals and **BUS**inessmen (and women). The Meltham Probus Club is very active and has regular meetings inviting speakers to give talks on a wide range of subjects. In Meltham, the Probus Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. They meet in the Liberal Club at 10.30 am. Each Probus Club is autonomous and members of each club elect their own committee. Clubs can be mixed, or be specifically men or women only. The Probus Club in Meltham is an all-male affair, while nearby Holmfirth is a mixed gender club.

Recent meetings in Meltham have included the topic 'Journey through Africa' and 'Victim Support'. The Town Mayor, Edgar Holroyd-Doveton recently gave a talk on 'The British in India'. The club also arranges outings to places of interest such as Liverpool (which included a cruise on the Mersey), a Bowls competition, and a visit to the National Space Centre. It also hosts special lunches and evening dinners throughout the year.

If you are interested in joining, you can contact local secretary, Graham Smith, on 01484 851390 graham.smith646@hotmail.co.uk



Town Mayor Cllr Edgar Holroyd-Doveton with the Secretary of the Meltham Probus Club, Graham Smith

Remembrance Sunday



Poppy Sellers Outside Morrisons

Remembrance Sunday, held on the second Sunday in November, is the day on which we remember all those who have given their lives in wars and conflict. On this day, people across the country pause to reflect on the servicemen and women who have lost their lives. The National Service of Remembrance is held at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, where Prime Ministers and the Queen attend; however local services are also held in each village, town and city at the same time. On Remembrance Day in Meltham, there is a parade from Carlile Street to St Bartholomew's Church, led by the Meltham Mills Band and the local British Legion Branch. Town Council members march in procession and attend the church service that follows. There is an open invitation for all members of the public to take part.

In the weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday, the familiar poppy sellers, organised by the British Legion, are out around the town raising funds. Last year the national Poppy Appeal raised an amazing £39 million. This is used to provide care to anyone who has previously served, or is currently serving, in the British Armed Forces. It supports bereaved families of service personnel, wounded servicemen and women, younger veterans who may be seeking employment and housing, and elder veterans who may need age-related care.

The Remembrance Sunday Parade 09/11/14



PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2015

Sunday 18th January – 4.5 mile
Meltham Meander

Sunday 15th February – 3.5 mile
Wilshaw Wander

Sunday 15th March – 5 miles
Meltham Way (part)

ALL WALKS ARE FREE AND START AT
10AM
MEET AT CARLILE STREET CAR PARK,
MELTHAM

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
AFTER AT
WAGGON AND HORSES, MELTHAM

For more information visit our website
www.walkingmeltham.com/route
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Find us on Facebook at Meltham Walkers
are Welcome

