

Recap of Summer Events

Beer Festival

The Beer Festival was held in the grounds of Meltham C of E School over the Easter weekend and was a great success, with visitors enjoying live music, beer, wine, soft drinks and food from local businesses.

Thank you to the sponsors, volunteers and everyone who worked so hard to put on this event. A donation of £1,500 was made to the school as a thank you for use of their land



Picnic in the Park

Once again, the weather in August was kind to us, and we had a fabulous event in Robert Ashton Memorial Park. Thanks to all of the stall holders, musicians, Valley Bowmen, David Brown Tractors and everyone who attended, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

WelcomeFest

A launch event for WelcomeFest 2024 was an absolute triumph. Held at the Fourth Fiend Tapouse on a very warm day, it ignited the

excitement for this upcoming music festival and raised £260 for The Welcome Centre, an organisation dedicated to assisting those in need in the local region.

The evening featured four outstanding local acts that had the crowd dancing and cheering. As the anticipation for WelcomeFest 2024 builds, planned for the 17th and 18th of August in the picturesque surroundings of Meltham, music fans can look

forward to a unique experience and brilliant line up of top talent, while knowing they will be supporting two essential causes: The Meltham Foodbank and The Welcome Centre. Stay tuned for more details in the New Year, as this festival promises to be a unifying celebration of music and community spirit.



Meltham Walkers are Welcome Celebration

Meltham WAW celebrated their 10th Anniversary, with 2 guided walks and a social event at the Carlile Institute, which included a slideshow and presentations by Mayor Richard Noon and Chairman Brian Keighley, plus a glass or two of fizz!

Telephone Boxes Refurbishment

Meltham Town Council commissioned the refurbishments of the grade two listed Wilshaw telephone box and the Helme defibrillator telephone box.

We used local expert John Ford to do the work and as you can see by the before and after photos, he has certainly done a fantastic job!

While the Helme telephone box stands as a potentially life saving tool and focal point for the village, it is also a great example of how all the Helme residents pulled together to raise funding for the defibrillator, which was also match funded by the Holme Valley Community Responder Scheme. This was all facilitated by Paul Nielsen and Sophie

Birkhead.

The use of the Wilshaw one is going to be a little bit different...

Sprouting from an idea by local resident Chris Sinclair, the Council are looking at converting this phone box into an artwork gallery, where local artists and photographers can contact the council and have their work displayed inside at no cost for the pleasure of passers-by.

It has even attracted radio coverage, as Chris took part in an interview along with one of the facilitators of the Helme phone box, Paul Nielsen. So please watch this space and social media as to how it progresses.

